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*KOHALA Live in Concert  
at 2012 Big Island Film Festival "Best of the Fest," Monday, May 28*

For immediate release

KOHALA COAST, HAWAII—GRAMMY® award-winning producer Charles Michael Brotman, with Rupert Tripp Jr. and Charlie Recaido are the celebrated acoustic trio “Kohala,” headlining the Big Island Film Festival “Best of the Fest” Concert at The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai‘i Plantation Estate, Monday, May 28, 2012.

A blend of folk, island and jazz, reflecting the beauty of the Big Island’s Kohala region, the talented guitar trio has performed for enthusiastic audiences around the world and produced eight albums. Brotman’s slack key song “Hapuna Sunset” was included in the acclaimed soundtrack of Oscar nominee “The Descendants.” He has won multiple Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards and Hawaii Music Awards and his recordings have reached #1 on the Billboard World Music Chart. Charles composes, records, and produces from his Lava Tracks Recording Studio in Kamuela, Hawaii, and is the President of Palm Records.

“Kohala was with us for the very first Big Island Film Festival,” said Executive Director Leo Sears, “And we’ve been eager to get them back ever since. Their music is ageless, timeless, and every song tells a story without words. It’s perfect for this event in this beautiful place.”

Tickets can be purchased on line at [www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com](http://www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com). Best of the Fest tickets are \$40 at the door (\$30 kama‘āina) and \$35 in advance (\$25 kama‘āina), \$10 keiki 6-12. Some chairs will be available and food and beverages for purchase (no coolers please).

Best of the Fest includes:

- Silent Auction to benefit Fisher House at Tripler Army Medical Center, 5-7 p.m.
- KOHALA Concert, 5:30-7 p.m.
- Audience-voted Best Feature and Best Short Films of BIFF 2012, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- Best of the Fest is also a fundraiser for Hawai'i Island Food Basket.

The Big Island "Talk Story" Film Festival is a celebration of independent narrative films and filmmaking, taking place May 24-28, 2012. Major sponsors include The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i and The Shops at Mauna Lani and Hawaii Tourism Authority/Hawai'i County CPEP. For complete schedule information and tickets, visit [www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com](http://www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com) or call (808) 883-0394.

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