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HOLLYWOOD STARS COME OUT TO PLAY & SHINE
At Big Island Film Festival, May 24-28, 2012

For immediate release

KOHALA COAST, HAWAI'I, the Big Island—Big Island Film Festival invites fans and friends to come and meet celebrity guests during BIFF 2012, May 24-28 at The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i and The Shops at Mauna Lani. The 7th annual Festival honorees are Eloise Mumford ("The River") and David James Elliott ("JAG") who will appear in person at a special "Meet the Stars" gala for everyone on Friday, and receptions in their honor on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. (Ticket prices vary. See below)

Eloise Mumford, an NYU graduate, appeared on Broadway and played opposite Dennis Hopper in STARZ acclaimed series "Crash," before going on to guest star in "Law and Order SVU" and "Mercy." She stars in the new Dreamworks/ABC series "The River" and has leading roles in feature films, coming soon. Mumford's Reception & Salute is Saturday at The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Canadian-born actor David James Elliott is best known for his starring role in "JAG" and is currently featured on "GCB (Good Christian Belles)." An Ironman triathlete and long distance stand up paddle boarder, Elliott is always in demand for television roles and feature films. He has appeared in "Scoundrels," "Close to Home" (Jerry Bruckheimer), and in a recurring role in "CSI: NY." Elliott's Reception & Salute is Sunday at The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

On Monday, Memorial Day, BIFF's "Best of the Fest" grand finale will star the Big Island's own "Kohala" in concert, with GRAMMY® award-winning producer Charles Michael Brotman, whose song "Hapuna Sunset" which was featured on "The Descendants" sound track. Best of the Fest includes the Kohala Concert and Audience-voted Best Feature and Best Short Films of BIFF 2012, plus a Silent Auction to benefit the Tripler Army Medical Center's Fisher House for military families. It 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 to print-your-own-tickets from Ticket Derby, visit www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com or call (808) 883-0394.

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Highlights

Daytime movies, free family films, special documentaries, evening screenings, filmmaking workshops and other events are not shown—for complete schedule, ticket purchase and information, please visit www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com

Friday, May 25

5:00-6:30 p.m.

“Meet the Stars”

The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai‘i Kilohana Room (\$60 advance ticket required)

Saturday, May 26

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Reception & Salute to Eloise Mumford

The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai‘i - Wailana Gardens and Amphitheatre (\$35 advance ticket required)

Sunday, May 27

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Reception & Salute to David James Elliott

The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai‘i - Wailana Gardens and Amphitheatre (\$35 advance ticket required)

Monday, May 28

5:30 p.m. (doors open 4:40)

“Best of the Fest” featuring KOHALA in Concert

The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai‘i Plantation Estate

(Adults \$35, kama‘āina \$25, Keiki 7-12 \$10. \$5 more at the door)

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