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HAPA in Concert
at 2013 Big Island Film Festival "Best of the Fest," Monday, May 27

For immediate release

KOHALA COAST, HAWAII—The dynamic musical duo HAPA, acclaimed as “the Simon and Garfunkel of Hawai‘i,” will take the stage for Big Island Film Festival’s “Best of the Fest” concert at The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai‘i on Monday, May 27, 2013.

Among the top-selling and most enduring acts in contemporary Hawaiian music history, HAPA has been described by Al Rudis in the Long Beach Press-Telegram as “a musical storm.” The soulful singing of Ron Kuala‘au and stirring guitar strings of Barry Flanagan combine to create what Rudis calls “music with beautiful melodies, soaring harmonies and sweeping rhythms that is immediately captivating... And between the vocal gems are haunting instrumentals. Hearing HAPA's music, the listener might feel if the Hawaiian Islands could be turned into a movie, this would be its soundtrack.”

Ten-time Nā Hōkū Hanohano award-winners, HAPA has been heard in countless national TV shows and feature films, and was showcased in a PBS documentary hosted by Peter Fonda. Fresh from the recording studio, Flanagan and Kuala‘au are currently on tour, performing 25+ shows spanning both coasts in many of the most prestigious venues in the country.

Tickets for “Best of the Fest” with HAPA can be purchased online at

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 as well as no-host bar, gourmet pupus and other movie snacks (no coolers please).

Best of the Fest includes:

- Silent Auction to benefit Fisher House at Tripler Army Medical Center, 5-7 p.m.
- HAPA Concert, 5-7 p.m.
- Audience-voted Best Feature and Best Short Films of BIFF 2013, 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 23-27. 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 or call (808) 883-0394.

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