



## 48 OFFICIAL SELECTIONS for Big Island Film Festival at The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i

For immediate release

KOHALA COAST, HAWAI'I, the Big Island—Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, the Big Island Film Festival at The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i (BIFF) has announced its 48 Official Selections, to be screened May 22-26, 2014. The "talk story" film festival is a celebration of narrative films and filmmaking, with free family films at The Shops at Mauna Lani, daytime movies and nightly double features for grown-ups with no-host bar and pupus, plus "meet-the-stars" celebrity social events and more at The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i.

On Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m., BIFF's Grand Opening at The Shops at Mauna Lani will include a free sampler of short films, and a chance to welcome filmmakers to the Island. Celebrity guests Portia Doubleday ("Her," "Carrie" and "Youth in Revolt") and Jackson Rathbone ("Jasper" in the "Twilight" series) will appear in person, to give fans a chance to show their aloha.

By special arrangement with Warner Brothers, "Sophia Grace and Rosie's Royal Adventure" will be presented at The Shops at Mauna Lani Center Stage at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 23. The brand-new film stars British cousins, Sophia Grace Brownlee and Rosie McClelland, Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award Winners and frequent guests of The Ellen DeGeneres Show. In the movie, to be released May 20 on DVD, the girls are Ellen's special correspondents, sent to cover the coronation of a new queen.

Other notable BIFF Official Selections include the time-travel mystery-thriller "Time Lapse," the intense and intimate portrait of homelessness, "3:13," drama "Pretty Rosebud," about an ambitious career woman whose unorthodox choices unravel her carefully constructed world, and comedy "Welcome to the Lucky Country" a laughable look at an Australian reality show.

Contenders from Hawai'i include Leo Woolford's acclaimed "The Haumana," which chronicles the journey of a new Kumu Hula and his high school men's hālau, with choreography by Robert Cazimero, Lanakila Casupang, Maelia Loebenstein-Carter and Kaipo Hale. From the Big Island, "Bullitt and the Curse of the Blood Ring" is the next chapter of the continuing island action-adventure, produced, acted, and directed by Kona filmmakers Richard Gonzalez and Rockwood.

The Official Selections for BIFF 2014 are: 3:13
BULLITT and the Curse of the Blood Ring Butterfly Dreams
Courting Chaos
Day For Night
Druid Peak
Great

Helen Alone

Horse for Sale

If We Were Adults

Light Me Up

Limit

Little Girl's War Cry

Lost Island of the Firewalkers

Makua Charley

Meet Anna

Mirror

Missing Child

No More Aloha

One Weekend

Poison Apple

Posey

**Pretty Rosebud** 

Prinsesa

Ravi & Jane

Rise Again

Rose, Mary and Time

Shadow

Sheltered Love

Solace

Sophia Grace and Rosie's Royal Adventure

Suka

Suriname Gold

Take a Deep Breath

The Bathroom Attendant

The End

The Haumana

The Haunting of Heather

The Honey Maple Morgan

The Maury Island Incident

The New Neighbors

The Pimp & The Rose

Time Lapse

**Tuesday Morning** 

We Are Enemies

Welcome to the Lucky Country

**Wolf Summer** 

Zone 7

A limited number of ballots will be given to audience members during each screening. Votes are tallied at the end of the festival, to determine the Audience-choice Feature and Short to be screened at Best of the Fest on Monday, May 26. Best of the Fest also includes a silent auction to benefit Fisher House at Tripler Army Medical Center, and exciting concert by award-winning Hawaiian musical artist WILLIE K.

The Big Island "Talk Story" Film Festival is a celebration of independent narrative films and filmmaking, taking place May 22-26. Major sponsors include The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i and The Shops at Mauna Lani and Hawai'i Tourism Authority/Hawai'i County CPEP. For complete schedule information and tickets, visit <a href="https://www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com">www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com</a>.

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