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HONOLULU RAINBOW FILM FESTIVAL 2010 FULL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Film Festival Starts THURSDAY, MAY 27TH

HONOLULU, HI (May 11, 2010) - The full schedule of the 2010 Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival (HRFF) was announced today. Film dates, times and details are below and can be found at www.RainbowFilmFestival.org. The 21st annual HRFF runs from May 27-30 at the Doris Duke Theatre, Honolulu Academy of Arts.

Thursday, May 27

Translatina

Luis Felipe Degregori Caso 2009 | Peru | 93 min.
Thursday, May 27 - 4:00 PM

A 93-minute documentary about issues faced by the Latin American trans population. Diverse testimonies narrate the fight for survival in a society where the stigma of being trans brings along indifference and physical and psychological violence. Reality is counteracted with dreams and aspirations of the trans population, which lacks State policies capable of recognizing and protecting them. Aimed at showing a more complete view, the documentary takes testimonies from different Latin American trans organizations, as well as from the State actors and civil organizations. Translatina shows that the violence exercised towards trans population is as hard as the absence of recognition towards them.

Plays with Short: *You Can't Curry Love*

Reid Waterer 2009 | India, United States | 23 min.

Vikas, a handsome East Indian from London, has been obsessing about his straight boss for years. But when a business trip sends Vikas to New Delhi and he meets adorable Sunil (Bollywood Soap Actor), everything changes for him. Amazed by Sunil's sweetness and India's beauty, his initial disgust at the transfer turns into a dream. Then when a request to return to London inevitably arrives, Vikas must make the most painful decision of his life. A crowd-pleasing, east meets west, boy meets boy, love story... including a Bollywood dance number, of course!

Violet Tendencies

Casper Andreas 2010 | United States | 90 min.
Mindy Cohn, actress, will be in attendance
Thursday, May 27 - 7:00 PM

She's Manhattan's most fabulous fruit fly! At 40, Violet (Mindy Cohn), is the racy, fun-loving belle of the ball. She spends her nights as royalty, but when the party ends, she always heads home alone. While her co-worker, Riley, struggles with his boyfriend, Markus, going baby-crazy, and her roommate, Luke, tackles monogo-mania, Violet's romantic life remains as one big bellyflop. Realizing that she is at a certain age and still single, Violet is at a crossroad. Considering Violet's lifestyle and career, in the fast pace of high fashion PR, Riley suggests she seek out a straight male version of herself -- the mythical fag stag. While glamorous guru, Salome, advises otherwise, "To nab a man," she insists, "Violet must abandon her gay boys." When Violet arrives home from yet another disastrous date to find Luke has organized a gay sex party in her bedroom, she decides Salome may be right! In order to get a prized man of her own, Violet strikes out on a hilarious quest to change the woman she is. Chasing love and lust at all costs, she may find them in the most unlikely of places.

Plays with Short: **Public Relations**

Gianna Sobol 2009 | United States | 17 min.

Two worlds collide when a miserable Hollywood assistant and her sexy New York counterpart finally meet each other after a lengthy phone friendship. Both escape their bad bosses to a wild night in Hollywood and find that they both have more to share than just conversations. Public Relations is a funny, fresh take on growing up - and going after what you really want.

Friday, May 28

Dzi Croquettes

Tatianna Issa, Raphael Alvarez 2009 | Brazil | 98 min.

Friday, May 28 - 11:00 AM

The Dzi Croquettes - A Brazilian theater group that changed the course of the entertainment industry forever. Their political and social importance was a turning point in theatre during a military dictatorship regime in Brazil (1964-1978). Through talent, irony and humor they confronted the Brazilian government and its violent dictatorship. They were banned and censored by the military regime and yet revolutionized the gay movement worldwide, changing theater and dance language to an entire generation. Their history embraces Brazilian pop culture of the 1970's and 1980's, including the violent years of dictatorship in Brazil, the sexual revolution, the beginning of the AIDS era and, above all, the enormous legacy that would remain unforgettable to every single person that had the opportunity to see their work. This documentary captures each precious moment with interviews from Liza Minnelli to onstage and offstage footage of how Dzi Croquettes reshaped the roles of gender in society. "Dzi Croquettes were revolutionary men who showed the world that men can be both masculine and feminine!" - Liza Minnelli

Plays with Short: **All About Your Mother**

Jin-young Jung 2009 | South Korea | 25 min.

A young gay Korean couple, Ju-hyeong and In-su, living together in the fast pace city life, encounter a surprise visit from family. In-su's mother, unknowing of her son's sexuality, decides to pay a surprise visit to her son. Instead of her own son greeting her upon arrival, she is left to spend one day and one night with his lover.

Leading Ladies

Daniel Beahm 2009 | United States | 102 min.

Friday, May 28 - 2:00 PM

The Camparis are a family of women in which everyone knows her place. Sheri (Melanie LaPatin, Choreographer - FOX's *So You Think You Can Dance*), is the larger-than-life, overbearing stage mom. Once a young and beautiful ballroom champion, Sheri now lives vicariously through her youngest daughter, Tasi, the darling of the local amateur ballroom circuit. Sheri's oldest daughter,

Toni, is Tasi's practice partner, the wallflower who must quietly support them all. Until, upon meeting a new friend, Toni begins to bloom in all areas of her life including her sexuality. The only consistent man in the life of the Campari women is Cedric, Tasi's flamboyant dance partner and Toni's best friend. Like a dance routine with all its intricate details, this movie has it all, from Benji Schwimmer, FOX's Season 2 winner of *So You Think You Can Dance*, in his first featured movie role, to sexy and seductive scenes. Where else would you find a large scale musical number done in a grocery store that's hot enough to melt all its products, yet reminiscent of a fine Broadway musical. Find out what happens and learn to "Let Love Lead."

Plays with Short: **Evelyn Everyone**

Kylie Plunkett 2009 | Australia, New Zealand | 17 min.

Evelyn Everyone is stuck, single and lonely. On her thirty-third birthday, she makes a final bid for love in the online world of "Second Life." But as Eve, the sexy femme fatale, immerses herself in this unreal L-World cyber world, she begins to realize that her fantasy lover is not who she initially imagined. As Eve's world is turned upside down, and inside out, she realizes that this is her opportunity to grab a second chance at not only love, but life.

Children of God

Kareem Mortimer 2009 | Bahamas | 103 min.

Friday, May 28 - 5:00 PM

Set against the backdrop of a nation grappling with violent homophobic crime and offering a scathing examination of the underlying hatred for gays rampant in Caribbean societies, *Children of God* tells the stories of three very different individuals: Lena, the conservative, deeply religious wife of a secretly gay firebrand pastor; Romeo, a handsome young black man hiding his sexuality from his close-knit and loving family; and Jonny, the questioning gay white artist conflicted and creatively-blocked in search of himself. All three escape to the spectacular, beautiful and tranquil island of Eleuthera and each one having a different reason for avoiding current circumstances. Soon, their disparate worlds collide in unexpected and affecting ways. This uncommon portrayal of love, loneliness, tolerance, secrets and self-acceptance takes viewers on a poignant multifaceted journey that is enlightening, courageous, and disquieting all at the same time, and which shocks to the very core with its startling conclusion.

Plays with Short: **The Golden Pin**

Cuong Ngo 2009 | Canada | 15 min.

Set in Canada's multicultural Milieu, Long, an avid Vietnamese Canadian swimmer, finds himself struggling between the expectations of his Asian family and the demands of his heart. His father wants him to marry soon, but his mother, haunted by a past romance, hopes her son will stand up for what he believes. Told with great honesty and compassion, *The Golden Pin* asks the question, "Is love more powerful than fate?"

City of Borders

Yun Suh 2009 | United States | 66 min.

Berlin International Film Festival - Teddy Audience Award

Yun Suh, director, will be in attendance

Friday, May 28 - 7:45 PM

In the heart of Jerusalem stands an unusual symbol of unity that defies generations of segregation, violence and prejudice: a gay bar called Shushan. *City of Borders* goes inside this vibrant underground sanctuary on the East/West border of the Holy City, where people of opposing nationalities, religions and sexual orientations create a community among people typically viewed as each other's "enemy." *City of Borders* follows the daily lives of the Israeli bar owner and four Israeli and Palestinian patrons as they navigate the minefield of politics, religion and discrimination to live and love openly. Set against the construction of the separation wall between Israel and the

Palestinian territories and the struggle for a gay pride parade in Jerusalem, these four inter-woven stories reveal the contradictions and complexity of the struggle for acceptance.

Double-Feature with Documentary: **The Time of Our Lives**

Arlei Patterson 2009 | United States | 52 min.

Arlei Patterson, director, will be in attendance

"The Time Of Our Lives" is a documentary of the Honolulu Hamburger Mary's, beginning in the late 70's. It is a fun depiction of the 15-year run of the lively bar and grill in the heart of Waikiki. It takes you back to the 70's and 80's through still pictures, video, interviews and disco music. The creative characters will reveal to you the rhythm of the night.

Saturday, May 29

All Boys

Markku Heikkinen 2009 | Denmark, Finland | 72 min.

Saturday, May 29 - 11:00 AM

This documentary is a look at the rise and fall of the boy gay-porn industry in Eastern Europe/Prague, which exploded in the mid-1990s with companies such as Belami and directors George Duroy and featured director Dan Komar. The film exposes the production chain of East European boy porn through interviews, casting sessions, home life, and the effects the industry has taken on some of its rising stars who start at 18 years old and have a shelf life of approximately two years. Quick, easy money comes at a high cost in the long-run for the porn industry.

Plays with Short: **My Name Is Love**

David Fardmar 2008 | Sweden | 20 min.

Love, a young 20-year-old male, has made his decision. Tonight he's gonna let all those hidden feelings he's been having for all these years come out, and create a possibility to meet someone special. Enter Sebastian, a 28-year-old male, with a secret desire which is getting harder to deny. His girlfriend is out of town so the timing is perfect. An encounter between Love and Sebastian causes severe consequences when an innocent flirt soon turns into a dangerously liaison.

A Lower Power

Robert O'Geen 2009 | United States | 90 min.

Robert O'Geen, director; Tim Bland, writer/producer & Terri Freedman, actress, will be in attendance

Saturday, May 29 - 2:00 PM

Not everyone gets to watch a video of his conception--or wants to. Thibodeaux sure doesn't, but such openness is the exasperating norm for his free-love parents, Hank and Stormy, whose nest Thibodeaux can't wait to leave. Thibodeaux sets off to college seeking a sexless social life but his chastity strategies meet their match when he meets a hottie that unleashes his appetites. But what this young man thinks he wants collides with the hard reality of desire in the idiosyncratic, unrepentantly sexual comedy-drama, A Lower Power, a gay coming-of-age story where the coming of age isn't about being gay. Shot entirely in San Francisco, CA.

Plays with Short: **Steam**

Eldar Rapport 2009 | United States | 16 min.

Two men find themselves next to each other and trapped in a steam-room. Moving between anxiety, reflection and fear, two strangers try to make sense of their predicament. Heat increasing, they need to get out but can't find the door. What is this place and how did they get here?

My Normal

Irving Schwartz 2009 | United States | 118 min.

Saturday, May 29 - 5:00 PM

Natalie, a young lesbian from the Lower East Side, struggles to find a balance between her dreams of becoming a filmmaker and her lifestyle as a dominatrix. Her exotic looks and unconventional techniques make her one of the most desirable mistresses in the NYC underground. Natalie finally earns an internship on a movie set. But if everything she ever wanted is becoming a reality, why does her life feel like it's falling apart? Natalie realizes that the only way to turn her dreams into reality is to use her unique talents as a dominatrix to get exactly what she wants.

Plays with Short: **A Day At the Beach**

Veronique Courtois 2008 | United States | 3 min.

When Buffy Brad and Shapely Sally settled down to enjoy a sunny quiet California day at the beach, they could not have imagined how "spicy" their day would turn out to be! Politically correct seagull, gorgeous lifeguards and Brazilian music will be a perfect setting for love at first sight!

Is It Just Me

JC Calciano 2010 | United States | 93 min.

JC Calciano, director/writer; Michael Amato, producer & Nicholas Downs, actor, will be in attendance

Saturday, May 29 - 8:00 PM

Blaine is a typical young gay man looking for love... without much success. Enter "Xander," the man of his dreams. After meeting in an online chat room, they quickly fall for each other and start a virtual relationship. Before long, they decide to meet face-to-face for a coffee date. But in Blaine's world, nothing comes easy. He discovers he's been chatting with his new online boyfriend under his roommate Cameron's profile. The problem is, Cameron is a sexy go-go dancer--and that's the guy Xander is expecting to see. Blaine persuades his roommate to pose as him during the date until he can win over Xander with his wit and charm. It's Blaine's brain versus Cameron's brawn as love blossoms within this threesome.

Plays with Short: **Ajumma! Are You Crazy???**

Brent Anbe 2009 | United States | 26 min.

Brent Anbe, director/writer & cast will be in attendance

Billed as Hawaii's "First Kim Chee Comedy," the story follows three hopelessly romantic Ajummas (older ladies)--Judy, the lovable and innocent heroine; Susan, the gruff-tough one; and Amy, the sassy tart, who, fueled by their school girl hormones, go on a hilarious journey to try and meet Korean superstar, Michael Park. By tracking his every move, from stealing his itinerary, to breaking into his hotel room, and finally sneaking on to his music video set, these women will stop at nothing for their heartthrob.

Sunday, May 30**8: The Mormon Proposition**

Reed Cowan 2010 | United States | 90 min.

Sunday, May 30 - 12:30 PM

8: The Mormon Proposition exposes the Mormon Church's historic involvement in the promotion and passage of California's Proposition 8 and the religion's secretive, decades-long campaign against gay rights. The film takes place in California and Utah as Mormons, following their prophet's call to action, wage spiritual warfare with money and misinformation against gay citizens, doing everything they can to deny them of marriage and the rights that come with it. A film by Reid Cowan and narrated by Oscar Award Winning: Dustin Lance Black.

Plays with Short: Dyke Dollar

Laura Terruso 2009 | United States | 11 min.

In the 1990's, gay and lesbian activists began stamping their dollars to prove that they contributed to the American economy. This is the story of one of these dollars. A routine visit to a local convenience store turns out to be an adventure for Pete, a shy teenager who finds himself the unlikely "best bud" of a giant lesbian dollar bill named Evelyn. When Pete's best friend takes a liking to Evelyn, Pete must figure out a way to spend her in this irreverent teenage comedy.

Eyes Wide Open

Haim Tabakman 2009 | France, Germany, Israel | 90 min.

Cannes de Festival - Official Selection

Sunday, May 30 - 3:30 PM

Aaron, a respectable butcher in Jerusalem's ultra-orthodox Jewish community, is married to Rivka and is a dedicated father of four children. One day, he meets Ezri, a piercingly handsome twenty-two-year-old student, and falls in love with him. He begins to neglect his family and community life, swept away by his love and lust for Ezri. But guilt, torment and pressure from the community will catch up with him, leading him to make a radical decision...

Plays with Short: 306

Elliot London 2009 | United States | 10 min.

Eric Hays is a normal college student living in the wide-eyed city of Chicago and by night an in-demand rent-boy / male escort. He has it all, looks, brains, and a beautiful life. Duty calls and he must work tonight instead of waiting at home for his sweetie. This gorgeously shot and poignant story packs many surprises for the voyeur in us.

The People I've Slept With

Quentin Lee 2009 | United States | 90 min.

Wilson Cruz, actor & Quentin Lee, director will be in attendance

Sunday, May 30 - 6:30 PM

The People I've Slept With is a sex comedy about a promiscuous woman, Angela, who loves sex. She loves it so much she needs to make baseball cards of her lovers to help her remember whom she slept with. Angela finds herself with an unplanned pregnancy and left to figure out who the baby daddy is... NOW. Angela sets off on a quest with gay BFF Gabriel (Wilson Cruz) as she revisits her most recent sexual conquests highly likely to have impregnated her: 5-Second-Guy, Mystery Man, Nice-But-Boring-Guy, and Mr. Hottie. Along the comedic journey, Gabriel finally meets someone special, but is too scared to admit it and sabotages his own relationship. Heartbroken, he tries to win back the first guy he's ever really loved. Hoping for the best, Angela and Gabriel decide to plan a double wedding. Their philosophy, "If we plan it, the grooms will come."

Plays with Short: George & Brad In Bed

Jessica Sanders 2009 | United States | 5 min.

George & Brad In Bed profiles the endearing and comedic relationship between actor George Takei (Star Trek's Captain Sulu) and his husband and lifelong partner, Brad Altman. The two recently married after being together for 21 years. Interviewed in bed, the film is also an homage to John Lennon & Yoko Ono's "bed-in."

Festival Information

The 21st annual HRRFF, in memory of Adam Baran, is being held from May 27-30 at the Doris Duke Theatre, Honolulu Academy of Arts. Tickets go on sale Monday, May 17th.

The 2010 HRFF is supported by Aqua Hotels & Resorts and Continental Airlines.

Tickets go on sale May 17th, 2010. General tickets for the public are available for \$10, \$9 for seniors, students and military. The tickets can be purchased at the HIFF box office located at 680 Iwilei Rd, Suite 100, across from the Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Cinemas, online at www.RainbowFilmFestival.org, or by phone at (808) 447-0577.

For press-related inquires, please contact Joshua Nye at jstjosh@gmail.com.

The HGLCF is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to educate and raise awareness of the community at large about gay & lesbian culture, arts and lifestyle. HGLCF also works toward instilling a sense of pride and respect among the members of the Gay community, as well as to highlight the unique cosmopolitan ambiance of the city of Honolulu.

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