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**HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS WORLD PREMIERE OF
*BARBARIAN PRINCESS***

Q'orianka Kilcher stars in the inspiring true story of Hawaii's Princess Ka'iulani

WHEN: Friday, October 16 at 8 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 p.m.)
Hawaii Theatre

FILM: BARBARIAN PRINCESS

TICKETS: \$25 (\$5 discount for HIFF and Hawaii Theatre members) and \$15.
Prices include service fees.
Tickets sold by telephone at (808)528-0506, online at www.hawaiitheatre.com and in person at the Hawaii Theatre Box Office: Tuesday thru Saturday; 9AM- 5PM and 2 hours prior to any scheduled show at 1130 Bethel Street, Honolulu, HI 96813-2201; Corner of Bethel & Pauahi Streets, Downtown/Chinatown.

Honolulu –Island Film Group, Matador Pictures and Trailblazer Films today announced the world premiere of [BARBARIAN PRINCESS](#) starring Q'orianka Kilcher at the 2009 [Hawaii International Film Festival](#) (HIFF) on Friday, October 16, at the historic Hawaii Theater in Honolulu at 8:00 p.m. Based on the inspiring true story of Hawaii's Princess Ka'iulani, *BARBARIAN PRINCESS* also stars Barry Pepper (*Flags of Our Fathers, The Green Mile, Saving Private Ryan*), Will Patton (*A Mighty Heart, Remember the Titans, Armageddon*) and Shaun Evans (*Being Julia, Cashback*). The HIFF world premiere takes place on Princess Ka'iulani's birthday.

Set in 1888, *Barbarian Princess* is a breathtaking romance about an unlikely heroine and her unwavering fight to defend the independence of her people. Written and directed by Marc Forby, *BARBARIAN PRINCESS* was filmed on location in Honolulu at ['Iolani Palace](#), home of the Hawaiian Monarchy, and in Norfolk, England.

“Hawaii's demise as a nation is the great untold story of colonial America,” said Forby. “The facts are mind-boggling. I’m honored to tell the story through such a touching, romantic epic.”

Tickets for the HIFF world premiere of *BARBARIAN PRINCESS* will be available exclusively from the Hawaii Theatre Box Office, by telephone at (808)528-0506 and through www.hawaiitheatre.com. Immediately following the premiere screening, the filmmakers and cast members will share their insights in an exclusive question and answer period. For ticket information, please visit www.hiff.org.

In addition, the [Honolulu Symphony Orchestra](http://www.honolulusymphony.com) will present the world premiere of the *Princess Ka'iulani Suite* on Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18, 2009 in Honolulu. The *Princess Ka'iulani Suite* was composed by Academy Award-winning English composer Stephen Warbeck for the *BARBARIAN PRINCESS* film soundtrack. Warbeck, who won the Oscar® for *Shakespeare In Love*, is also celebrated for his music in films such as *Mrs. Brown, Billy Elliot, Captain Corelli's Mandolin* and *Charlotte Gray*, and for the British television drama *Prime Suspect*. Honolulu Symphony principal conductor Maestro Andreas Delfs will lead the world premiere of the *Princess Ka'iulani Suite* as part of the celebration of Hawaii's 50th Anniversary of Statehood. Tickets are on sale now at (808) 792-2000 and www.honolulusymphony.com.

The drama of *BARBARIAN PRINCESS* begins as the Kingdom of Hawaii is on the verge of civil war. An heir to the throne, Princess Ka'iulani is forced to flee. She arrives in Victorian England where she must adapt to a new life with an English family. Princess Ka'iulani falls in love with the rebellious and sweet-natured Clive, played by Evans. Her love is tested when news of the overthrow prompts her return to Hawaii to fight to save the monarchy.

Island Film Group's Ricardo Galindez and Roy Tjioe, Matador Pictures' Nigel Thomas (*The Wind that Shakes the Barley*) and Lauri Apelian, and Trailblazer Films' Marc Forby, produced *BARBARIAN PRINCESS*. The film is being marketed worldwide by Los Angeles-based ContentFilm International.

“This is a powerful, epic story about the strength of a young woman who is forced to choose between the love for her country and the love of a man,” said Tjioe. “It's steeped in American and Hawaiian history, and filled with passion and determination. It's very exciting to be a part of this film, which has attracted an award-winning cast and crew.”

“The title *BARBARIAN PRINCESS* is intended as an ironic juxtaposition meant to capture the interest of people who know nothing about the history of Hawaii. What moviegoers around the world will learn from this film is that Princess Ka'iulani was an intelligent, beautiful and powerful defender of the Kingdom of Hawaii,” said Galindez.

“When the American press saw Princess Ka'iulani in person, they were stunned to realize that she was anything but barbaric and specifically noted this in the newspapers,” said Tjioe. “Her story is heroic and tragic, and we wanted to share her role in Hawaii's fascinating history with the rest of the world.”

For more information on *BARBARIAN PRINCESS*, visit www.islandfilmgroup.com.

Festival information

Established in 1981, the Hawaii International Film Festival is dedicated to the advancement of understanding and cultural exchange among the peoples of Asia, the Pacific and North America through the medium of film. HIFF is the premier international film event in the Pacific and has won the praise of governments, filmmakers, scholars, educators, programmers and film industry leaders throughout the world. For the discovery and exhibition of Asian and Pacific features, documentaries and short films in the nation, it is a primary source. The festival has premiered such movies as ONCE WERE WARRIORS, THE PIANO, SHINE, SHALL WE DANCE, Y TU MAMA TAMBIEN and CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON. Plus, DEPARTURES, a Japanese film, had its U.S. premiere at HIFF in 2008, won the HIFF Audience Award and then went on to win the 2009 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film.

HIFF's major sponsors include: Regal Entertainment Group, Starwood Hotels & Resorts Hawaii, Halekulani, Hawaii Tourism Authority and The VILCEK Foundation.

The 2009 Hawaii International Film Festival will be held October 15-25 at the Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Cinemas. For more information please visit our website at www.hiff.org <http://www.hiff.org/>.

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