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iPOP at the Hawaii International Film Festival

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The 24th annual **Louis Vuitton Hawaii International Film Festival** certainly knows how to bring out the crowds from around the globe! It might be the parties, which included a nightly happy hour atop the Sheraton overlooking Honolulu -- not to mention a private reception at the Governor's Mansion, hosted by Governor Lingle herself. Some might even speculate that for most filmmakers, like director **Jason Dasilva** ("**Lest We Forget**"), a week on Waikiki Beach is far more enticing than being locked in an editing room in New York. iPOP, however, believes it's the vast and varied selection of films that brings people together on the island of Oahu, since that's about all anyone talked about at the many gatherings offered by the festival, a few of which we've highlighted here.



Zhang Shaojun, director of "**Sentimental Remembrances of the Lute**", along with producers **Johnson Choi** and **Feng Qiao**, network at a media event the morning after opening night.

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Director **Helen Grace** ("**Winner Takes All**") and producer **Suzanne Grace Piper** ("**Roomate from Hell**") enjoy the view and the warmth of Waikiki Beach.

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Jessica Yu, director of "In the Realms of the Unreal", spends some quality time with her daughter Esme Salzman at the Outrigger Waikiki.

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Juan Gerard, writer/director of "Cuba Libre" with writer/producer Letvia Arza-Goderich, before the Hawaii premiere of their film, which stars Harvey Keitel and Gael Garcia Bernal.

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Post-production manager Michelle McConville and producer Darren Goldberg of "Blackballed: The Bobby Dukes Story", which stars Rob Corddry of "The Daily Show" in his first leading film role.

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"To You, Sweetheart, Aloha" directors Mercedes Coats and Leo Chiang flank their subject and star Bill Tapia, the legendary 94-year-old Hawaiian ukulele master.

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Lori Okimura and Lynn Okimura, director/ animator of "Funetics", enjoying a LVHIFF reception.

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The gang from "Public Access: Episode 04 of 05" -- producer Bret Bajema, director Lon Takiguchi, and producer Brian Sakamoto. Their film was so popular (and so full of shock value) that a sold-out Halloween screening was added.

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Director Jason Dasilva ("Lest We Forget") and Ann Marie Fleming ("The Magical Life of Long Tack Sam"), enjoy cocktails at the Governor's Mansion as Variety's Ken Eisner waves hello to iPOP in the background.

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Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle welcomes a lucky group into the governor's mansion for a reception that included traditional Hawaiian music and all the sushi you could eat.

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Chuck Boller, executive director of the Louis Vuitton Hawaii International Film Festival, celebrates another successful year with Jeffrey Portnoy, president of the board of directors.



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Director/cinematographer Amanda Micheli ("Double Dare") and husband Eric Shank on a windy Honolulu night.

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The bartenders could barely keep up as they served cocktails on the beach to thirsty festival-goers at the awards ceremony reception.

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