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**Bank of Hawaii Foundation presents 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival**  
**August 8-18 at Doris Duke Theatre**

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**Who:** Honolulu Gay & Lesbian Cultural Foundation (HGLCF)

**What:** 30th Annual Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival (HRFF30)

**Where:** Doris Duke Theatre

**When:** August 8 – 18 (full schedule below or at <https://hglcf.org/2019-program-guide/>)

**Why:** Highlighting LGBTQ representation in film to educate and raise awareness of the culture, arts, and life of these marginalized communities

**Media:** Event passes, screeners, and more photography available. Parking provided for press. Coordinate interviews with Brent Anbe. Thank you!

**Honolulu – June 25, 2019** – The Honolulu Gay & Lesbian Cultural Foundation (HGLCF) is honored to produce the 30th Annual Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival (HRFF30). It will be at the Doris Duke Theatre from August 8 – 18. There will be 22 screenings and panel discussions, culminating with a signature Red Carpet Gala on August 17.

There is a PRE-FESTIVAL kickoff pool party called “Paradise” on **Sunday, August 4, from 1 – 4 p.m.** at `Alohilani Resort. It’s free with an All-Access Pass, or \$30 donation, which includes a swag bag. You can take a break from swimming by visiting the Mr. Turk/ Trina Turk pop up clothing shop.

After the pool party, Hula’s Bar & Lei Stand hosts an After Party Xtravaganza **8/4 from 4 – 7 p.m.** featuring a drag queen show, a murder mystery xtravaganza that partygoers can help solve, and drink specials.

Also, there is a free public Actor’s Workshop on **August 17 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** at The Macy’s Special Events room at Ala Moana Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, across Liliha Bakery). Panelists will be actor Dennis Chun (Hawaii Five-O), actor Amy Hill (Magnum PI), comedian Alec Mapa, director/actor Hannah Pearl Utt (“Before You Know It”- which is screening in HRF), writer/actor Jenn Tullock (“Before You Know It”- which is screening in HRF), and filmmaker/actor Nick Neon (“Zero One”- which is screening in HRF). Brent Anbe will moderate.

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HRFF30 is presented by the Bank of Hawaii Foundation; legacy sponsor Hula’s Bar & Lei Stand; platinum sponsors Hawai`i Tourism Authority, Hawaiian Airlines, Honolulu Magazine, and Honolulu Museum of Art; and Red Carpet Gala venue and hospitality sponsor `Alohilani Resort.

HRFF30 Festival Director Brent Anbe sums up the festivities, saying, “In honor of our big 3-0 birthday we have our most colorful and fierce VIP delegates for you, Hawai’i, like: VH1’s RuPaul’s Drag Race All Stars DJ “Shangela” Pierce and Gia Gunn; HRFF alumnae and Filipino-American comedian Alec Mapa to emcee our Red Carpet Gala on Saturday, August 17 at ‘Alohilani Resort’s new Longboard Club; rising star actors including Hannah Pearl Utt, Jen Tullock, and Nick Neon; award winning filmmakers; and Hawai’i’s elite local film creators and talent!”

This year’s festival also marks the world premiere of “Shangela is Shook.” Shangela is the only contestant to compete on three separate seasons of the Emmy-award winning reality series RuPaul’s Drag Race. Her new stand-up comedy show is compiled from several performances on her 2018 global tour.

“Our society has made great strides in accepting the LGBTQ community and its richly diverse culture into the mainstream, but it’s so important to continue to advance this message. That’s the mission of the Honolulu Gay & Lesbian Cultural Foundation, and why we host HRFF every year. We’re excited to hit a milestone year, and we are looking forward to sharing our aloha with the community,” added HGLCF President Walter Kinoshita.

Tickets and All-Access Festival Passes at: [www.hglcf.org](http://www.hglcf.org)

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#### **FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Sunday, August 4

1 – 4 p.m. PRE-FESTIVAL kickoff - “Paradise” pool party at ‘Alohilani Resort

4 – 7 p.m. After Party Xtravaganza at Hula’s Bar & Lei Stand

Thursday, August 8

7:30 p.m. – 10:10 p.m. The Shiny Shrimps with Opening Night Reception and HI Shorts!

Followed by Q&A with filmmaker. Cast in attendance.

Friday, August 9

5 p.m. – 6:48 p.m. Just Friends

7:15 p.m. – 9:35 p.m. House of Hummingbird

Saturday, August 10

1 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Women’s/ Queer Shorts Showcase

3:15 p.m. – 5 p.m. Fireflies

5:30 p.m. – 7:10 P.m. Wild (Sauvage)

7:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. Gay Chorus Deep South. Followed by Q&A with cast member and performance by Gay Men’s Chorus of Honolulu.

Sunday, August 11

Noon – 1:45 p.m. The Garden Left Behind

2:15 p.m. – 4 p.m. José

5 p.m. – 6:50 p.m. Vita & Virginia - Women's Centerpiece  
7:15 p.m. – 9 p.m. Giant Little Ones - Men's Centerpiece

(August 12 – 14 no films)

Thursday, August 15

5:30 p.m. – 7:10 p.m. Tucked

7:30 p.m. – 9:25 p.m. Before You Know It. Followed by Q&A with filmmaker, producer, and cast.

Friday, August 16

Noon – 1:50 p.m. Tell It to the Bees

2:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Sorry Angel

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Follow Me/Deep in Vogue - followed by Q&A with Gia Gunn

7:30 p.m. – 9:50 p.m. Papi Chulo. Followed by Q&A with short filmmaker/star.

Midnight - Gia Gunn drag performance at Scarlet Honolulu, 80 S. Pauahi St.

Saturday, August 17

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Actor's Talk Story at Macy's Special Events Room (Free)

11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. APQFFA Shorts Showcase with 15-Minute Intermission

6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Red Carpet Gala at 'Alohilani Resort; Media/Red Carpet 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Midnight - Shangela drag performance at Scarlet Honolulu, 80 S. Pauahi St.

Sunday, August 18

Noon – 1:50 p.m. Men's Shorts Showcase

2:15 p.m. – 4:05 p.m. Rafiki

4:30 p.m. – 6:20 p.m. An Almost Ordinary Summer

7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Shangela is Shook (World Premiere)

10 p.m. – 2 a.m. After Party at Hula's Bar & Lei Stand

**About HGLCF:**

The Honolulu Gay & Lesbian Cultural Foundation was founded in 1997 as 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 presents the Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival annually in honor of Hawai'i LGBT pioneer Adam Baran. More at [HGLCF.org](http://HGLCF.org).

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