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"Only the Brave" is filmmaker Lane Nishikawa's take on the sacrifices of the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Big Island hosts Hawaii Film Festival

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Though the Louis Vuitton Hawaii International Film Festival has mostly concluded on Oahu, the Big Island becomes the featured venue this week.

Screenings take place tomorrow through Friday at the Palace Theatre in Hilo, and Thursday through Sunday at the Aloha Theatre in Kona.

Four Hawaii filmmakers, including two from the Big Island, will attend sessions in both Hilo and Kona.

Lane Nishikawa, the director/writer of "Only the Brave," which tells the story of soldiers in the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II, will attend receptions Thursday in Kona and Friday in Hilo. He will take questions after his film screens.

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Eddie and Myrna Kamae will attend screenings of their film "Keepers of the Flame: The Legacy of Three Hawaiian Women" Thursday in Hilo and Saturday in Kona. "Keepers of the Flame" is a tribute to three Hawaiian women, Hawaiian historian and author Mary Kawena Pukui, dancer and chanter Iolani Luahine, and kumu hula and teacher Edith Kanakaole.

Also attending will be Cam Eason, Kealahou resident and writer/director of "True Love & Mimosa Tea," and Ryan Kawamoto, Pahoa resident and director of "Sand Island Drive Inn Anthem."

Eason's film is about a kahuna who brews a potion to bring two lovers together; Kawamoto's tells of tensions behind the counter of a drive-in.

Film festival movies this year include offerings from Japan, China, South Korea, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and the United States.

Tickets for each feature are \$7 in Kona, \$6 in Hilo, and will be available the day of the show. All-weekend Flash Passes are available in Kona for \$25. Call 322-2122.

For information call 937-7596 in Kona or 933-9772 in Hilo or visit www.hiff.org.

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