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Boston Asian American Film Festival to Host Special Guest Appearances

with directors Bertha Bay-Sa Pan, Jeff Chiba Stearns, Minh Duc Nguyen, Byron Q, and Michael Kang; and actors Kimberly-Rose Wolter, Tina Chen and James Hong.

Boston, MA, Tuesday, November 1, 2011 —The Boston Asian American Film Festival (BAAFF), a production of the Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW), will host notable directors and actors throughout the festival, November 10-13. They will all be present for post-screening question and answer sessions.

On BAAFF's Opening Night at the Brattle Theatre, Director Bertha Bay-Sa Pan ("Face," "Fighting Fish") will be joined by Golden Globe and Oscar nominee, Tina Chen ("The Hawaiians," "Three Days of the Condor"), who plays a supporting role in Pan's newest feature, "Almost Perfect" alongside Kelly Hu and Edison Chen. Jeff Chiba Stearns, Director of "One Big Hapa Family," Minh Duc Nguyen, Director of "Touch," and Byron Q, Director of "Bang Bang," will also be present for a question and answer session at each of their respective screenings. Director Michael Kang ("The Motel," "West 32nd") of BAAFF's Closing Night feature, "Knots," will also be in attendance along with writer/leading actor, Kimberly-Rose Wolter for this East Coast premiere.

In BAAFF's Spotlight Event, legendary actor James Hong ("Seinfeld," "Kung Fu Panda," "Blade Runner") will offer his insights of Hollywood and his more than 50 years of acting experience. There will also be a question and answer session for this event.

The festival includes 24 films and videos, 7 screening events; 1 special lecture; 4 venues; and 13 co-presenting partners. The most current information and list of activities are also available at: BAAFF.org

BAAFF's program with film talent in attendance:

Thursday, Nov. 10, 8PM @ Brattle Theater. "Almost Perfect"
Q&A with Director Bertha Bay-Sa Pan and Actor Tina Chen
Boston Premiere

Friday, Nov. 11, 7PM @ MIT. "James Hong: Behind the Scenes Secrets of Hollywood"
Q&A with James Hong

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2PM @ Paramount Theater. "One Big Hapa Family"
Q&A with Director Jeff Chiba Stearns

Saturday, Nov. 12, 6:30PM @ AMC Boston Common. "Touch"
Q&A with Director Minh Duc Nguyen

Saturday, Nov. 12, 9:00PM @ AMC Boston Common. "Bang Bang"
Q&A with Director Byron Q

Sunday, Nov. 13, 4:30PM @ AMC Boston Common. "Knots"
Q&A with Director Michael Kang and Writer/Actor Kimberly-Rose Wolter
East Coast Premiere

Film talent are available for press interviews. Please contact Susan Chinsen, (617) 548-0623, schinsen@gmail.com, or Yvonne Ng, (617) 426-5313, writeyng@gmail.com.

Sponsors for the festival currently include Tufts Medical Center, Lev Kia of Framingham, Sun Life Financial, Jet Blue, Rule Boston, Massachusetts Cultural Council and Boston Cultural Council. Media sponsors are Xfinity and MNET. Community co-presenters for the festival are Asian American Resource Workshop, Boston Asian American Students' Intercollegiate Conference, National Association of Asian American Professionals Boston and Kollaboration Boston.

About Boston Asian American Film Festival

The Boston Asian American Film Festival (BAAFF) empowers Asian Americans through film by showcasing Asian American experiences and serving as a resource to filmmakers and the Greater Boston Community. BAAFF is a program of the Asian American Resource Workshop.

About Asian American Resource Workshop

The mission of the Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW) is to work for the empowerment of the Asian Pacific American community to achieve its full participation in the U.S. society.

AARW is a member-based organization that seeks to document the diverse Asian Pacific American histories, experiences, and social conditions. Our resource and activities are used to respond to current Asian Pacific American issues and to promote Asian Pacific American identity.

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