

JANUARY



Welcoming 2026 with anew



Hau'oli Makahiki Hou

We hope you enjoyed a holiday season filled with making memories with loved ones. We surely closed out 2025 that way!! Mahalo to all who came out to support HFA at our Pau Hana Event held at Moani's Waikiki. From Producers to background artists, the film community enjoyed mingling with hosted pupus, drink specials, live music, and many won early christmas presents from our raffle donations. Special mahalo to our lovely host, Cheryl Ho, our entertainers Johnny Helm & Pukz in the City, all of our volunteers (we couldn't do it without you) & to our venue partner, Moani's Waikiki.

Despite being a tough year, YOU showed up to reconnect and unite. YOU survived 2025 and now it's time to bring all of our hard work in uniting the industry, working with legislators and unions to advocate for better policy to support an industry we love and depend on. Don't forget to sign up to become a member and stay updated with important announcements regarding the upcoming legislative session starting on January 21st. We will be holding several events leading up to Opening Day.

Pau Hana Gallery

Legislative Session Begins January 21st:

Info Series: Understanding the Bills

RSVP to join us for Session 2 of our HFA Info Series. A focused, in person briefing designed to help our community better understand the upcoming 2026 Hawai'i Legislative Session and what it means for our local film and television industry.

Date & Time: Saturday Jan 10th, 4PM – 8PM
Location: University of Hawai'i West O'ahu
Free Parking, Food provided (no alcohol),
Limited Seating, & Tour the state of the art
Academy for Creative Media facility

Transport Option: Skyline's Keone'ae Station serves the UHWO campus with a 5min walk to the campus. For those coming from town parking is available at the Kahauiki (Middle St) or Halawa Stations

General Membership Meeting: Sunday January 18th 3:00PM

We are proud to host our first HFA General Membership meeting via zoom just before the busy legislative year ahead. Become a member for updates, sign up is FREE.

Become a member

Casting Workshop: Sunday January 25th

As a member, you are able to join events and workshops curated by HFA. Stay tuned for this event with Hawai'i's principal Casting Directors Katie Doyle & Rachel Sutton.

Hawai'i Industry News:

A look ahead, Current Productions:

- Netflix's Season 2 of "Untamed" will film on O'ahu and Hawai'i Island
- Netflix's new action comedy with headliners Jason Momoa & Andy Samberg will start production in February
- Sony Pictures' "Jumanji", confirmed to be the final installment of the reboot has started filming in LA and will film on O'ahu in March
- Acclaimed Native Hawaiian Writer / Director Christopher Kahunahana will begin production on his film, Hotel Street this month

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Info SERIES

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2026
UNDERSTANDING THE BILLS**
SESSION 2 OF 4

**SPEAKERS FROM THE
HFA BILLS COMMITTEE & KAPOLEI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026 4:00-8:00 PM UH WEST O'AHU

**A FOCUSED, CLASSROOM-STYLE BRIEFING ON UPCOMING FILM & ENTERTAINMENT
LEGISLATION AHEAD OF THE 2026 HAWAI'I LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

***TOUR THE ACADEMY FOR CREATIVE MEDIA**

- PREPARE FOR WHAT BILLS ARE COMING
- HOW THEY IMPACT LOCAL FILM JOBS
- HOW TO GET INVOLVED AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

**FOOD PROVIDED | NO ALCOHOL | LIMITED SEATING
REGISTER REQUIRED**

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ZIPPY'S

Member Spotlight: Antonio Agosto

Founder / Director, Visionize Media



Antonio J. Agosto is an award-winning film director, photographer, and creative leader based in Hawai'i. A proud Samoan and South Pacific creative, his work centers on visual storytelling that bridges culture, music, and human connection.

As Co-Founder and Director of Visionize Media and Founder and Director of Talent Relations at Visionize Talent Group, Antonio leads projects spanning film, photography, social media, and artist development. His creative work has been published across books, magazines, and print media, and his films have supported music artists, brands, educational institutions, nonprofits, and global tours.

Antonio's career has taken him worldwide, documenting stories across the Pacific, the continental United States, Asia, Europe, and beyond. Whether directing music videos, managing tours, or capturing behind-the-scenes moments, his approach blends intention, efficiency, and cultural respect.

Grounded in experience and driven by curiosity, Antonio believes in building sustainably, leading with sincerity, and creating work that lasts beyond trends. His work reflects a commitment to honoring stories—especially those rooted in the Pacific—while expanding opportunities for creatives on a global stage.

Do you want to be featured next?



Each month, HFA shines a light on one of our incredible members making waves in Hawai'i's film and creative industries. And now we want to feature you next!

If you'd like to be highlighted in our next newsletter and across HFA's socials, send us your bio and a professional photo to social@hawaiiifilmalliance.org. Tell us about your journey, recent projects, or what inspires your work in Hawai'i's growing film community.

We want to get to know you and can't wait to celebrate your story!

Strengthening our Hawai'i Film Alliance

Our goal is to unify our industry so we can move forward with shared purpose and greater efficiency. We're taking on different aspects of the work—from legislation to infrastructure—to create lasting impact.

There are many ways to be a part of this movement. Becoming a member to receive a copy of our monthly newsletter is one way to stay informed and lend your support. You can also volunteer to join our committees.

- Communications/Social Media
- Website & IT
- Media
- Events

Each committee plays a vital role in shaping the future of film in Hawai'i. If one of these speaks to you, we'd love to have you onboard.

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Share your industry photos!

Whether you're on set, in class, behind the scenes, in the writers' room, or working post, we want to see your world. Help us showcase the incredible talent and hustle happening across Hawai'i's film industry.

Submit your photos to be featured on our website, social media, and future newsletters.

- Send your high-res images to socials@hawaiiifilmalliance.com
- Your name & role
- Project name (if applicable)
- Location
- Any credits you'd like included

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