

"A Deeper Shade of Blue" Brings Greatest Surfing Story Ever Told to U.S. Cinemas This March

NCM[®] Fathom Events, New World Distribution & Hawaiian Airlines Present Dazzling One-Night Event Featuring Musical Performance from Jack Johnson and Discussion with Icons of Surfing Culture in Select Theaters on March 28

CENTENNIAL, Colo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Riding a wave of praise as the "greatest surfing story ever told," filmmaker/director Jack McCoy's "A Deeper Shade of Blue" will barrel into movie theaters nationwide this spring in a special one-night event presented by NCM[®] Fathom Events, New World Distribution and Hawaiian Airlines. Broadcast to select U.S. cinemas on Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. local time, the groundbreaking film will be preceded with a special welcome from the red carpet premiere in Hawaii with music by Kaukahi featuring Jack Johnson. Following the film, McCoy will be joined by world-renowned surfing legends as they discuss the evolution, the culture and the impact of surfing from its beginnings to today's billion-dollar-a-year global industry. Panelists include Kathy Kohner, the inspiration for movie and TV's "Gidget," and legendary surfing sensations Jamie O'Brien, The Marshall Brothers, Derek Hynd, Marti Paradisis, Terry Chung, Jordy Smith, Tom Wegener and Teachupoo big wave rider Manoa Drollet. Audiences will also be treated to a screening of the McCoy-produced music video for Sir Paul McCartney's exclusive soundtrack contribution, "Blue Sway."

Tickets for "A Deeper Shade of Blue" are available at participating theater box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com. For a complete list of theater locations and prices, visit the NCM Fathom Events website (theaters and participants are subject to change). The event will be broadcast to nearly 350 select movie theaters across the country through NCM's exclusive Digital Broadcast Network.

McCoy, producer of epic surfing films for the last 40 years, has created his most iconic picture yet with "A Deeper Shade of Blue," which explores the epic nature of the sport, its roots, the history of surfing culture, and the technology of the surfboard. It also describes how two female surfers played a largely significant role in surfing's rise to worldwide fame — Hawaiian Princess Kaiulani, who resurrected surfing in the late 1800s, and Malibu surfing legend Kathy Kohner aka "Gidget," who brought surfing to the masses in the late 1950s. The film also features the Queen of Makaha, Rell Sunn, who was the first female lifeguard in Hawaii and started the Women's Professional Surfing Association.

"It's an incredible honor to bring my latest love letter to the sport and culture of surfing to the big screen," said McCoy. "With so many fellow surfers, musicians and fans contributing their passion to this unique story, it's going to be an unforgettable night."

Surf enthusiasts will dive in as they experience McCoy's innovative videography that captures stunning underwater imagery using an underwater jet ski. The film brings together surfers and surfboard builders across the history of surfing from the beginnings in Hawaii to the wave pools and tow-assisted big wave riding of today. Featured surfers share their stories, waves and magical connection to a common culture that's rooted in the Hawaiian tradition of Aloha and is now a global phenomenon.

Set to inspire surf fanatics and non-surfers alike, "A Deeper Shade of Blue" is driven by an exhilarating soundtrack that includes Foo Fighters, Coldplay, Paul McCartney and Youth, Kaukahi featuring Jack Johnson, Iggy Pop, Sheila Chandra, Powderfinger, Coryell Auger Sample Trio, Children Collide, BigB, Angus and Julia Stone, Gabrella Roth, and many others.

"I first saw Jack's work when it was sent to me by a friend of mine, the Producer Chris Thomas, and I was blown away with the stunning spectacle of Jack's work," said Sir Paul McCartney. "Now that I've gotten to know him, I enjoy what he does even more and value greatly his contribution to the world of surfing."

"'A Deeper Shade of Blue' will give audiences a front-row seat to the world's oceans in all their glory, with some of the biggest waves, fearless surfers and eye-opening stories from the entire history of surfing," said Dan Diamond, senior vice president of NCM Fathom Events.

Director Jack McCoy's 25 film credits, including "Storm Riders," "Occy," and "Blue Horizons," have made him a star in the surf world. For more information about "A Deeper Shade of Blue," visit www.adeepershadeofblue.com.

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