

HAWAII

A Voice for Sovereignty

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*You are invited to a special screening of the award winning documentary film, **Hawaii – A Voice for Sovereignty** at 3 PM on Sunday, May 13 at the American Indian Community House, in New York City.*

The screening of the film coincides with the 11th session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, at the United Nations Headquarters. Following the film there will be a Q&A and informational briefing on the current situation in Hawaii. The event is open to the public and is free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

About the film...

***Hawaii – A Voice for Sovereignty** is an award-winning documentary film by photojournalist Catherine Bauknight that explores the culture of the Native Hawaiians and their connection to the land. At the forefront of the film are social, economic, and ecological issues that have developed in Hawaii since the takeover by the U.S. in 1893, revealed in interviews with grassroots indigenous people, scholars and authors. The documentary's goal is to raise awareness of the issues faced by the Hawaiian People, which threatens their ancient and environmentally sustainable culture. Bauknight hopes this film will help to bring about awareness and remedies for the injustices suffered by the Hawaiian People.*

Produced by: Othila Media Productions

Director: Catherine Bauknight

Length: 83 minutes

Website: *hawaiiavoiceforsovereignty.com*

Reviews...

"It is about time we had a serious documentary dealing with the exploitation of Hawaiian People and their culture." — *Robert Scheer, author and Editor in Chief of Truthdig*

"Catherine Bauknight has beautifully captured a timeless moment in the unending struggle of the Hawaiian people to restore their Sovereign Nation. Hawaii - A Voice for Sovereignty is a thought-provoking documentary that respectfully canvasses their journey, hopes and dreams." — *Kris Kristofferson*

"There are terrible truths America is just now beginning to understand about the forces of greed, deception and power. This is a beautiful film about a living Hawaiian people fully present with Aloha Spirit and Warrior Wisdom. A story, long overlooked, told in native voice that will open the hearts and minds of the world." — *Jay April, President of Akaku: Maui Community Television*

" Hawaii A Voice for Sovereignty, the documentary, is like having Queen Liliuokalani re-appearing in Washington, D.C. in 2009 with all her thousands of people that signed the petitions protesting the overthrow of their monarchy and the proposed 1898 annexation. I cahear them shouting to the U.S. congress, "we are still here asking and hoping for justice and equity" and he also adds, "Hawaii A Voice for Sovereignty allows the grassroots people of the "host culture" of Hawaii to express their need for acknowledgment and respect for their contribution in making Hawaii what it is today and what it can be tomorrow. Imua Hawaii Imua. We the people of the 'host culture' are still here " — *Al Harrington, Actor*

Awards...

2010, Best Environmental Film - The Red Nation Film Festival, Los Angeles

2010, Best Documentary Film - The American Indian Movement International (AIM) Film Festival

2010, The Allen Willis Documentary Award - Berkeley Video & Film Festival

2010, Mana Wairoa Award - Maori Film Festival, New Zealand

2009, Best Environmental Film - New York International Video & Film Festival

2009, Best Documentary Film - New York International Video & Film Festival

2009, Best Hawai'i Film - Maui Film Festival

June 2009, Premiere at Capitol Hill, Washington D.C

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