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**"Hollywood's Magical Island – Catalina" will be featured at the
2004 WINE COUNTRY FILM FESTIVAL IN NAPA VALLEY**

By Julien Foreman

Blue Water Entertainment is very pleased to announce that the sensational documentary **"Hollywood's Magical Island – Catalina"** is one of the featured films Opening Night at the prestigious Wine Country Film Festival. The Wine Country film festival runs for three weekends from July 22-August 15, 2004 at various wineries throughout Napa Valley.

"Hollywood's Magical Island – Catalina" will screen July 22 at Sequoia Grove Vineyards, Rutherford, Napa Valley, followed by a screening of the nationally acclaimed documentary **"Festival Express"** which documents the legendary 1970 concert tour with The Grateful Dead, The Band, Buddy Guy, Traffic, and many others.

Greg Reitman, Filmmaker and founder of Blue Water Entertainment, Inc. spent four years making **Hollywood's Magical Island**, his first full-length feature documentary. Using a mix of 16mm film, old black and white still photographs, with interviews of islanders, historians and celebrities. **Hollywood's Magical Island** chronicles Catalina from the Wrigley era through the present day resurrection of Avalon as a center for art, sports, music, and entertainment.

Veteran character actor Peter Coyote narrates while among the cast of this 52 minute documentary includes Art Good, Founder of the Catalina Jazz Trax; the late bandleader Les Brown and his son, Les Brown, Jr.; Blues Festival organizer and marketing director of Fender Musical Instruments, Corp. Del Breckenfeld; oceanographer Jean-Michel Cousteau; surf guitar legend Dick Dale; actors Tony Dow, Gregory Harrison, Peggy Moran, and Oscar-nominated actress Kathleen Quinlan; historian's Kathryn Abbott, Larry Harris, Chuck Liddell and Patricia Anne Moore; tile artists Richard Keit and Mary Kennedy; veteran producer from Paramount Pictures A.C. Lyles; former Mayor of Avalon Bud Smith and the grand-daughter of benefactor William Wrigley, Jr., Ada Wrigley Schreiner.

The eclectic soundtrack includes the foot-tapping swing dance music of the late big band legend Les Brown, recording artists The Four Preps with their early 1960s hit single "26 Miles", Jimmy Buffett, Nina Simone, Blues legend Taj Mahal & Smooth Jazz artist Dave Koz. Dubbed by one critic "the Latin Hendrix" flamenco guitarist Omar Torrez, and Christopher Lennertz give an additional boost to the film's soundtrack with original upbeat compositions.

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Also included is Avalon's very own Roger Connelly whose band *The Blues Merchants* song, "The Rooster" is featured during the blues segment of the film, playing under Del Breckenfeld's interview that segues into a montage of images from past performances at the Catalina Blues Festival concerts.

Adding to the spotlight of the evening, Fender Musical Instruments Corp donated a custom handmade guitar carved by Tim Schimp at the Fender Museum with **"Hollywood's Magical Island – Catalina"** for the film's special screening at the Wine Country Film Festival. Other sponsors for the film's screening include The Avalon Hotel, Catalina Adventure Tours, Catalina Express, Steve's Steakhouse and the Zane Grey Pueblo Hotel. Throughout the festival, filmgoers will have an opportunity to enter a drawing to win the custom Fender guitar as well as a Catalina Island Getaway.

"Hollywood's Magical Island – Catalina" premiered last September to sold-out crowds and received rave reviews winning the "Audience Choice Award" at the Temecula Valley International Film and Music Festival co-sponsored by Fender Musical Instruments Corp. The film also screened at the Orange County Museum of Art as part of the Newport Beach Film Festival in April, and in May at the Pacific Palisades Film Festival.

Last January a special screening was held at the Avalon Theater for those involved in the making of the film. Wayne Griffin, President/CEO of the Catalina Island Chamber of Commerce, commented on the film saying "It is a beautifully crafted piece and visually superb. It gives terrific recognition and publicity for the Island."

"Hollywood's Magical Island – Catalina" has been accepted by the Big Bear Lake International Film Festival and will screen the weekend of September 17-23. The film is entered as a feature documentary at eight additional film festivals taking place over the next 6 months throughout California.

To see a trailer, and more information about the film, visit: www.bluewatercompany.com

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PHOTO CAPTION #1:

A special screening of **Hollywood's Magical Island** was held at the Avalon Theater last January. Pictured left to right: Executive producer Lenny Shapiro, Marketing Director of Fender Musical Instruments Corp. Del Breckenfeld, bluesman Roger Connelly, filmmaker Greg Reitman, actor Tony Dow and historian Chuck Liddell. *Photo by Julien Foreman*

PHOTO CAPTION #2:

Cover art for the film featuring the Casino mermaid.

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