



**About the Artist, Edgy Lee**

EDGY LEE is a fifth generation Hawaii-born producer - filmmaker. Her most recent feature film, "The Hawaiians - Reflecting Spirit", received rave national reviews and currently broadcasts on PBS (American Public Television). The film looks at Hawaii's indigenous culture and their understanding of ecosystems oriented to sustainability; how the future of Hawaiians and other native cultures impact others. The film was presented at the opening of the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of the American Indian in Washington DC.

Edgy also produced two films on methamphetamine in unprecedented prime time simulcasts (eleven television stations through out the State of Hawaii) and continues to produce short films on various social issues. Other feature documentary work includes the award winning "Waikiki In the Wake of Dreams" and "Paniolo O Hawaii ~ Cowboys of the Far West".

Veteran Los Angeles Times film critic, Kevin Thomas, wrote "What Lee has done in irresistible fashion is a splendid example of the enduring power of the traditional documentary. The kind that brings alive an unfamiliar world in a straightforward manner that is as entertaining as it is informative."

Other films include, "Papakolea, Story of Hawaiian Land", recipient of the prestigious Silver Award from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Independent Program. In 1999

Edgy produced a CD with His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, a compilation of rare traditional Tibetan music performed by Tibetan artists living in exile around the world, with narration by Rev. Abraham Akaka and chant performed by Kumu John Lake.

Classically trained in piano and violin, Edgy left Hawaii to study fine art at the San Francisco Art Institute. Living in California, she began modeling for the Nina Blanchard Agency and for the next fifteen years, appeared in numerous television commercials, series & feature films including The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson and as co-host of the children's series, "Bill Cosby's Picture Pages". In 1987 she began to independently produce and write. As an in-studio record producer, she worked with the late, famed Jamaican "Godfather of Reggae" Joe Higgs; The Wailers, and other artists. She has also composed music

with jazz legend Wayne Shorter (CBS Records) and film composer, Joseph Vitarelli.

Edgy's latest project is scheduled to launch in Fall 2007. It is the Pacific Network, an Internet network of nine channels designed as a "Native Hawaiian portal to the world"; a nexus for gathering and distributing news, entertainment, educational programs, event listings and interactive media.

#### SAMPLING OF AWARDS & HONORS

2005 Molokai Film Festival Aloha Filmmakers Visionary Award

2005 Ten Who Made a Difference, Honolulu Star Bulletin

2004 Pacific Business News Leadership Award, Non profit category

2003 Honolulu City Council Award for Outstanding Community Service

2002 New York International Independent Film & Video Festival - Best Cinematography

2002 New York International Independent Film & Video Festival Best Editing

2002 Chicago International Film Festival Gold INTERCOM Plaque

2001 HVCB Literary Award

2000 HVCB Kahili Award, Best in Show Award

2000 HVCB Broadcast Media Category

1998 Chicago International Film Festival, Silver INTERCOM Plaque

1998 Chicago International Film Festival, Individual Achievement,

#### Writing

1995 National Educational Media Network Silver Award

1994 Corporation for Public Broadcasting Silver (Independent

#### Programming)

1993 CINE Golden Eagle (Papakolea - Story of Hawaiian Land)