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## **'Clark Little Gallery Haleiwa' Grand Opening on February 26**

*Award-winning wave photographer celebrates the opening of his first Hawaii gallery*

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*Haleiwa, Hawaii (Feb 10, 2011)* — Clark Little has a rare talent for capturing some of nature's most beautiful moments, often risking his safety in the process. The award-winning photographer, who brings a unique perspective to the magnificence of our ocean's waves through shorebreak photography, today announced the grand opening of his first gallery in Hawaii, Clark Little Gallery Haleiwa.

Although the gallery recently opened its doors in January, the official Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 5:00-9:00 p.m., during the monthly *Haleiwa Art Walk*. The public is invited to celebrate an evening full of art, live music, food, giveaways, a raffle, and a silent auction of Clark's work to benefit the Kokua Hawai'i Foundation, Maui Ola Foundation and Waialua High School. Clark will be on hand during the evening to talk and sign books. Food and beverages will be provided by Lulu's Waikiki, Primo Beer, Barefoot Wine, Waialua Soda Works and smartwater.

The elegant 1,000-square foot gallery, designed by Hawaii fashionista Deb Mascia (Mu'umu'u Heaven), is situated in the center of Haleiwa town, just minutes away from the beaches where Clark captures most of his powerful images. On exhibit are a wide variety of open and limited editions, comprised of underwater seascapes, turtles in the surf and Little's signature shorebreak waves on mediums including glossy prints, giclee canvas, plexiglass, and aluminum. These presentations showcase the breathtaking photographs' naturally brilliant and impressive colors.

Not to be missed are three photographs recently honored by the prestigious *Windland Smith Rice International Awards*, one of which garnered the *2010 Oceans Photography Award*. Clark was also one of six photographers from around the world awarded the distinction of *Highly Honored Photographer of Endangered Species* for his photography of the endangered Hawaiian green sea turtles. These winning images can be viewed at the gallery before they are exhibited at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC from mid-April to September, 2011.

Clark Little Gallery Haleiwa is located on the North Shore of Oahu in the Haleiwa Town Center, 66-165 Kamehameha Highway, Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712. For more information call 1-808-626-5319 or visit online <http://www.ClarkLittle.com>

### **About Clark Little**

Clark Little was born in Napa, California in 1968. Two years later, a move to the North Shore of Oahu, Hawaii dramatically changed his future. In the 80's and 90's he made his name as a pioneer of surfing the Waimea Bay shorebreak.

In 2007, Clark discovered his ability and passion to capture the extraordinary beauty of the shorebreak when his wife asked him for a picture to decorate a bedroom wall. With the confidence of an experienced surfer, Clark jumped in the ocean and started recording the beauty and power of Hawaiian waves. "Clark's view" is a unique and often dangerous perspective of waves from the inside out, captured in photos for all to enjoy from the safety of dry land.

In just four years, Clark has gained national and international recognition for his shorebreak wave photography with appearances on national television shows "Good Morning America," "Inside Edition," "The Today Show," and "ABC World News Now." Clark's work has been featured in many publications including *National Geographic*, *Nikon World*, *Paris Match*, *La Vie*, *Sierra*, *Geo*, *Nature's Best Photography*, *PhotoLife*, *Rangefinder*, *Stern-View*, *Surfer's Journal*, *Surfer Magazine*, *Surfer's Path*, *Hana Hou (Hawaiian Airlines)* among others.

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