



TALKSTORY ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF *THE TEMPEST*

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Honolulu, HI – **TalkStory Productions**, a Hawaii film and television production company, proudly announces the launch of *THE TEMPEST*, a big screen adaptation by director Julie Taymor.

Long considered one of Shakespeare’s greatest works, this version of *THE TEMPEST* will star Oscar winner Helen Mirren in the lead role of Prospero (renamed Prospera for this adaptation). Other notable stars include Oscar winner, Jeremy Irons, along with Djimon Hounsou, Russell Brand, Alfred Molina, Ben Wishaw and Felicity Jones. Geoffrey Rush and Christopher Eccleston are also in negotiations to join the stellar cast.

Julie Taymor is best known for her Broadway adaptation of the Tony award winning musical *THE LION KING*. For the silver screen, Taymor has also directed the feature films *ACROSS THE UNIVERSE* and the Oscar winning *FRIDA*.

Local company TalkStory Productions has teamed up with Chartoff Productions and Artemis Films to produce this project on Lanai and the Big Island. Shooting is scheduled to begin in November. Miramax is slated to distribute the film. “We’re very excited to bring a production of this extraordinary caliber and talent to Hawaii,” said Executive Producer Jason Lau. “Mirren, Irons and Rush are Oscar winners as well as producer Robert Chartoff, composer Elliot Goldenthal, costume designer Sandy Powell, and film editor Françoise Bonnot.”

About TalkStory Productions

TalkStory Productions LLC ("TSP") is a Hawaii based independent production company. As the parent company for theatrical film and television projects, TSP finances, develops, and produces films in various popular and profitable genres, including young adult comedies, family films, suspense-thrillers, sci-fi, and action-adventures. TSP focuses on original and quality entertainment that has well-defined domestic and international markets. TSP is a Qualified High-Tech Business under the Performing Arts section, and its projects include “Beyond the Break”, a cable TV series for The N, which was filmed entirely on the Westside of Oahu, the movies “Aztec Rex” and “Heatstroke” for the SciFi Channel, and “Cook and the Goldsteins” the 2007 trailer for the Hawaii International Film Festival (HIFF). For press information, please contact John Ching (808) 447-9380, john@talk-story.com, or www.talk-story.com.