



## Partner Update - *Special Update*

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We are delighted to bring you the following Partner Update dedicated to the Universal Studio movie that will soon be shot on the island of Bora Bora. In this Special Issue, we will provide you with exclusive updates and share with you details on this exciting movie.

Considered to be one of Universal's "big summer releases," the movie "Couples Retreat" undeniably represents a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness and to showcase our beautiful islands.

On behalf of our destination, mauru'uru roa!  
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### Universal Studios To Shoot Major 2009 Summer Release on the Island of Bora Bora

The island of Bora Bora and the St Regis Resort Bora Bora have been chosen as the backdrop for a Universal Studios' film titled "Couples Retreat" that will be shot in the islands of Tahiti.

Considered to be one of Universal Studios big summer film releases in 2009, the movie will help raise awareness of Tahiti and showcase the beauty of the islands. After scouting several possible locations throughout Polynesia, Southeast Asia and Central America, Universal Studios chose the island of Bora Bora and the St Regis Resort Bora Bora as the ideal location for the film.



Starring several well-known actors including Vince Vaughn, Jon Favreau, Jason Bateman and Faizon Love, the story follows four couples who travel to a tropical island resort. One couple arrives at the resort to solve their marriage problems while the other three couples are ready to enjoy themselves on the paradise island, but soon find out the couples' therapy at the resort is not optional.

Vaughn will produce the movie with Scott Stuber in a co-production between Wild West Picture Show Productions and Stuber Productions. Final cast deals are being negotiated and the film will go into production in late October and run through mid-November. Tahiti Tourisme's Los Angeles office has been working closely with the producers over the past few months from initial scouting through the current pre-production phase and will continue to assist Universal Studios throughout the filming process in the islands.

Tahiti Tourisme expresses sincere gratitude to all of the partners involved in the production, including the Government of French Polynesia, the Mayor and City Council of Bora Bora, the St. Regis Resort Bora Bora, Air Tahiti Nui, Air Tahiti, Polynesia Helicopters, Tahiti Nui Productions, Transit Sat Nui and the Tahiti Film Office.



*Peter Billingsley is the director for the Universal Studios production "Couples Retreat," starring Vince Vaughn and Jon Favreau as well as Faizon Love and Jason Bateman. Billingsley received an Emmy Award nomination in 2005 as co-executive producer on "Dinner for Five," with Jon Favreau. He was also the executive producer on the film "The Break-Up," with Vince Vaughn and Jennifer Aniston and recently executed production on Marvel Comics feature film "Iron Man," directed by Favreau. Billingsley served as a co-producer on the Artisan Entertainment classic "Made," starring Jon Favreau and Vince Vaughn, as well as Sony's recent science fiction movie "Zathura," directed by Favreau.*

*Vince Vaughn began acting in the late 1980's, appearing in small television roles before hitting the big screen. He has performed in several high-grossing Hollywood movies, including "Swingers" in 1996. Noticing him in that role, Steven Spielberg casted him in the big budget movie "The Lost World: Jurassic Park". This role gave him the exposure needed to become a movie star. Vince Vaughn has since his debut played in many movies, including "Old School" in 2003, "Wedding Crashers" in 2005, "Anchorman: The Legends of Ron Burgundy", "Starsky & Hutch" and "Dodgeball" in 2004, "The Break-Up" in 2006, which he co-starred with Jennifer Aniston and Jon Favreau, to name a few.*

*Jon Favreau is an accomplished director, writer and actor. He is best known for appearing in films including "Rudy" and "Swingers" and for directing "Iron Man." He made his breakthrough in 1996 as an actor-screenwriter with the film "Swingers," which was also Vince Vaughn's breakthrough role. In 2001, he made his directorial debut with another screenplay, "Made." In 2003, he finally scored his first success as director of the hit comedy "Elf," starring Will Farrell and Artie Lange. He also acted in several movies such as "Daredevil" in 2003, "Wimbledon" in 2004, "The Break-Up" in 2006 and "Iron Man" in 2008.*

*Faizon Love was born in Newark, New Jersey. Love made his screen break when director/actor Robert Townsend's assistant saw Love perform at a comedy club and recommended him for a role in the "Meteor Man." In 1995, he hit the big screen with co-star Ice Cube and Chris Tucker in the "Comedy Friday", and in 1997 with Martin Lawrence in the movie "A Thin Line Between Love and Hate." Love also featured in "The Replacements" where he met both Jon Favreau and Vince Vaughn. Most recently, he starred in "Wonderland" with Val Kilmer, Josh Lucas, Dylan McDermott and Kate Bosworth.*

*Jason Bateman is a Golden Globe-winning and Emmy Award-Nominated actor. After starring in several 1980's sitcoms, Bateman's most famous role was Michael Bluth on the sitcom, "Arrested Development." Since that show, he has also appeared in several Hollywood movies, such as "The Kingdom" and "Juno" in 2007, "Hancock" in 2008, "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story," and "Starsky and Hutch" in 2004. Bateman united with Vince Vaughn in 2006 for "The Break-Up". Jason Bateman was also awarded the Golden Globe in 2005 for "Best Performance by a Male Actor in a Comedy" for his work on "Arrested Development."*

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