



### **Maggie Coulombe opens studio in Whalers Village**

Kā'anapali, MAUI (June 30, 2011) - Maggie Coulombe, one of Hawai'i's premier couture fashion designers, will open her second Maui studio at Whalers Village Fine Shops & Restaurants over the Fourth of July weekend. A champagne toast is scheduled at sunset on Saturday, July 2, to mark the store's soft opening. Coulombe's original studio is located at 505 Front Street in Lāhainā.

Maggie Coulombe Studio will be located on the main level next to Swarovski and near the beach entrance. The opening of Maggie Coulombe Studio complements Whalers Village's collection of quality, one-of-a-kind global brands including Tori Richards, Tommy Bahama, Coach, and Louis Vuitton. Whalers Village is open daily from 9:30 am – 10 pm.

A Toronto native, Coulombe is known for her eclectic style and ability to create one-size-fits-all dresses as if tailored to each customer. Her designs often feature transitional fabrics including silk, cashmere and linen.

Since opening on Maui, Coulombe has built a loyal following. Fashionistas from as far as Dubai, Russia, China, Tokyo, and London seek her designs. Over the years, Coulombe has dressed celebrities on and off the red carpet. Among them are Paris Hilton, Nicole Richie, Halle Berry, Teri Hatcher, and Lindsey Lohan. Coulombe's designs have been featured in *Elle*, *InStyle*, *Glitter Japan*, *Glamorous Japan*, *Lid*, *Modern Luxury*, as well as, *US weekly* and *Lifestyle*.

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Coulombe studied fashion apparel design at Ryerson University in Toronto and graduated with the “Designer of the Year Award” in 1990. In 1995, she fell in love with Maui restaurateur Louise Coulombe (partner/owner of Pacific O, I‘o, Feast at Lele and O‘o Farm) and relocated to Maui.

**About Whalers Village Fine Shops & Restaurants:** Recognized as Maui’s premier oceanfront shopping destination, Whalers Village Fine Shops & Restaurants is part of the master-planned, award-winning Kā‘anapali Beach Resort and hugs the famed three-mile long strip of Kā‘anapali Beach. Set on 8.5 tropical acres, diverse, carefree, and sophisticated at once, the three-level open-air village comprises 111,857 square feet of retail space with a vibrant variety of shops and restaurants and offers a world-renowned whaling museum, cultural crafts and entertainment, and dynamic annual celebrations. Open daily from 9:30 a.m. until 10 p.m., it’s the place to shop, dine, and play. Visit [www.whalersvillage.com](http://www.whalersvillage.com) for more information.

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