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2006 Waterfront Film Festival Announces Premieres, Parties, Celebrities

SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN – Indie film “Napoleon Dynamite” had its’ Midwest Premiere two years ago at Waterfront Film Festival. It then went on gross over 46 million dollars at the box-office worldwide. So it’s no wonder that “Napoleon” Producer Jeremy Coon will be coming to Waterfront to showcase the Midwest Premiere of his latest film, “Sasquatch Dumpling Gang”. The film stars Justin Long (“Dodgeball”, and this summer’s upcoming hit “Accepted”) and Joey Kern (“Cabin Fever”) as two hilariously bizarre characters not unlike Napoleon. Both Long and Kern will be in attendance at the Fest as well. These are just three of the many celebrities set to join the fun at the eighth annual Waterfront Film Festival, June 8-11, in Saugatuck, Michigan.

With the festival kicking off in two weeks, FastPasses are selling quickly, and many sold-out shows are expected. Organizers and volunteers associated with the event are extremely enthusiastic to present another strong year of films with something to offer for everybody. This year’s festivities are sponsored by MGM, William Morris Agency, KODAK, The Screen Actors Guild, FOX, Svedka Vodka, and Spout.com.

“This is an amazing opportunity for people to see a wide variety of high caliber independent films that might not otherwise make it to this region,” said Co-Founder Hopwood DePree from Waterfront’s satellite LA office, “And you have the unique chance to talk to the director or stars when the movie is over. It’s fantastic! People love it!”

Last year, Waterfront Film Festival hosted the Midwestern Premieres of several films that went on to major success, such as “March of the Penguins” which went on to win the 2006 Academy Award for Best Documentary.

This year’s highlights include:

PITTSBURGH - A hilarious comedy featuring a star-studded cast. Jeff Goldblum is in love, and he is willing to make major career sacrifices in order to help his 30-year younger Canadian-born girlfriend obtain a work visa. This includes agreeing to star with her in a regional theater production, which he takes on with his trademark mania and enthusiasm. The mix of genuine documentary with outright self-parody improv makes *Pittsburgh* an uproariously funny and memorable experience. Starring Jeff Goldblum, Ed Begley Jr., Illeana Douglas, Moby **FREE OPENING 6/8 @ DUSK, 11:30AM 6/10**

THE AMATEURS - Sex sells. And two guys think they’ve found the road to riches and fame when they decide to make the world’s most innocent adult film. Everyman’s fantasy turns into a hilarious misadventure when they find they’re in way over their heads. Starring Jeff Bridges. **9PM 6/9; 11:30AM 6/11**

THE DESCENT – Don’t miss the Midwest Premiere of this soon-to-be BIG HIT! Sarah and her gal pals take an adventure into the unmapped caves in the Appalachian Mountains. What they discover changes their lives forever. Filled with astonishing cinematography, this film is a visually splendid horror thriller that delivers a roller-coaster ride of tension and fear. **9PM 6/10; 7PM 6/11**

THE GROOMSMEN – Midwest Premiere of Ed Burns’ new movie! There are problems too big to be solved over a couple of beers, but that doesn’t stop these groomsmen from trying. With hilarious performance from Jay Mohr and John Leguizamo, this gang of lovable knuckleheads is clearly caught between their youth and adult responsibility. **7PM 6/9; 11:30AM 6/10**

I-SEE-YOU.COM - An outrageous and racy comedy of a family's rise to fame as their teen son secretly wires the house with cameras – broadcasting their dysfunctional antics and most private moments over the Internet – inadvertently creating the world's first reality show and becoming a millionaire in the process. Starring Beau Bridges and Rosanna Arquette. **7PM 6/9; 2PM 6/11**

WORD PLAY - Bound to be a HIT! This engaging film introduces us to a pastime that has amassed over 50 million followers in the U.S. – crossword puzzles- and the people who love them. Intercut with meetings of crossword puzzle creators are interviews with celebrity crossword fanatics including Bill Clinton, Jon Stewart, the Indigo Girls, and Yankees' pitcher Mike Mussina, all of whom have a hard time getting through the day without their fix. **9AM 6/10; 4:30PM 6/11**

AURORA BOREALIS - Academy Award Nominee Juliette Lewis and Donald Sutherland give stellar performances in this emotional drama. Duncan (Joshua Jackson) is a seemingly lazy unemployable who suffers from comparisons to his older brother, a successful banker. One day, fate intervenes. But, just as Duncan discovers a solution to his immediate employment problem, new obstacles fill the void. **4:30PM 6/9; 11:30AM 6/11**

STANDING STILL – With an all star cast of who's who in young Hollywood that includes Jon Abrahams, Academy Award Nominee Amy Adams, Ethan Embry, Adam Garcia, Colin Hanks, Mena Suvari, James Van Der Beek and Lauren German, "Standing Still", reunites a group of college friends four years after their graduation. The friends take a trip down memory lane and relive the good times and the hard times and in the process learn new things about each other. Love, sex, friendship, fear, family, parenthood, and secrets show that these kids have a lot of growing up to do. Sometimes standing still and facing the past will allow you to go on with the future. **9pm 6/9; 2PM 6/10**

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SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sunday Night Live Comedy Show – featuring SHOWTIME'S VELCRO TROUPE.

OPENING NIGHT

The Festival kicks off at 6pm on Thursday June 8th with an outdoor street party, beer garden and concert open to the general public. The Waterfront Film Festival Concert By The Shore includes performances by VIP musical guests: Multi-platinum and dual Grammy Nominated Emerson Hart (lead singer, TONIC) and special guests. Experience the Beer Garden featuring Saugatuck Brewing Company and our very own Waterfront Ale by New Holland Brewing Company. Grab some burgers and brats at the Coral Gables BBQ. And at dusk enjoy a free outdoor screening of the hilarious new comedy "Pittsburgh" starring Jeff Goldblum .

HISTORY

The Waterfront Film Festival was founded in 1999, by a group of Midwestern-native entertainment industry professionals as a "middle coast" venue for impressive independent film. It is a non-profit, volunteer-run event.

LOCATION

Saugatuck, located midway between Detroit and Chicago is considered one of the top 20 arts destinations in the U.S. This charming early-1900's village is known as the "Art Coast of Michigan". Nestled in the beautiful white sand dunes of Lake Michigan and curled around an inland bay, its pristine beaches, quaint B&B's, diverse shopping, eclectic cuisine and energetic nightlife are all within easy access of festival venues.

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