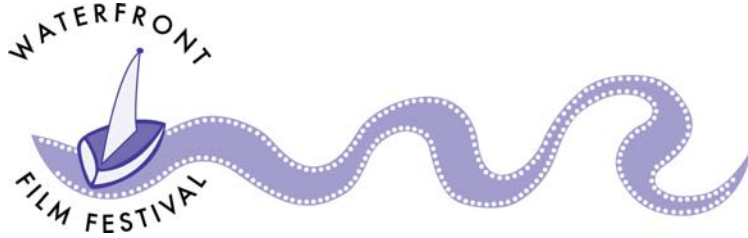


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Waterfront Film Festival Receives Two Arts Grants

Saugatuck, Michigan, March 26, 2008 – The Waterfront Film Festival has been awarded two grants in support of its annual film festival.

The Waterfront Film Festival, which is scheduled June 12-15, received a \$10,000 Challenge America Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts through its Challenge America Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Grant Program. The NEA program awards grants to small- and mid-sized organizations in support of projects that extend the performing arts to underserved populations. WFF, which was recently recognized as one of the world's "top five" film festivals in *Screen Actors Guild Magazine*, a national publication distributed to members of the Screen Actors Guild, was one of the organizations in Michigan to receive a 2008 grant.

The organization also received a \$13,500 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs in partnership with the NEA. MCACA serves to encourage and develop an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity in Michigan.

"The Waterfront Film Festival is honored to once again receive these two grants," said Dori DePree, one of the festival co-founders. "The fact that these two organizations continue to support our efforts helps validate Waterfront as a top-notch festival for independent films. As a 100-percent volunteer-based festival, we greatly rely on such kind contributions."

About Waterfront Film Festival

Now in its tenth year, the Waterfront Film Festival celebrates independent film and filmmakers in a non-competitive environment. Located in Saugatuck, Mich., WFF is one of the leading destination film festivals in the Midwest, regularly hosting Midwest premieres of Academy Award-winning and -nominated documentaries. It has been recognized as one of the top five film festivals in the United States. WFF is committed to education and features seminars designed to encourage the next generation of actors, writers and directors. For more information on the 2008 festival, which is scheduled June 12-15, visit www.waterfrontfilm.org.

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