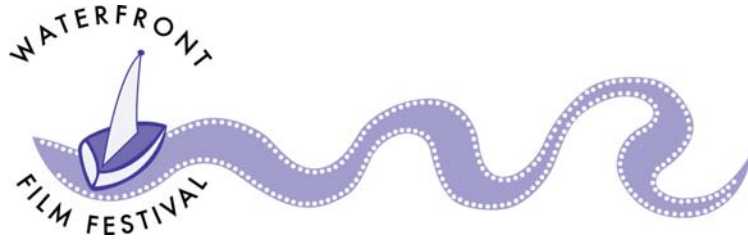


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Waterfront Film Festival Receives Art Grant

Saugatuck, Michigan, May 19, 2009 – The Waterfront Film Festival recently received a \$12,000 grant to produce and present the Waterfront Film Festival, June 11-14, 2009, in downtown Saugatuck. Independent filmmakers and thousands of fans who appreciate their work will converge on the Lake Michigan resort community of Saugatuck, Michigan to view more than 70 independent films and shorts at four different venues around town, as well as participate in interactive seminars.

The funds come from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The mission of the MCACA is to “encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity in Michigan.”

Dori DePree, one of the Festival co-founders, remarks, “The Waterfront Film Festival gives Michigan two things: an opportunity to see high-quality independent films and the chance to meet and mingle with the people who are part of the filmmaking process. And, as a 100-percent volunteer-based Festival, we greatly rely on the support of the MCACA.”

About Waterfront Film Festival

Now in its eleventh 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 also features seminars designed to encourage the next generation of actors, writers and directors. For more information on the 2009 festival, which is scheduled June 11-14, visit www.waterfrontfilm.org.

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