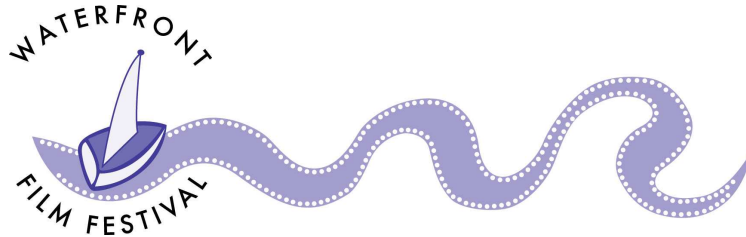


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Honorary co-chairs selected for Oscar Night® America party
Waterfront Film Festival brings 'Hollywood' to Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids, Michigan, Jan. 15, 2012 – WSNX radio host Nicole Hughet and Grand Rapids-based visual artist, Gretchen Minnhaar, will serve as the honorary co-chairs for the Oscar Night® America Party, celebrating the annual awards show Feb. 26.

As one of only 50 such official parties sanctioned nationwide by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, guests to Oscar Night® America in Grand Rapids will walk the red carpet, dodge or pose for paparazzi, sip champagne, taste some of West Michigan's best cuisine, mingle with friends, see celebrity guests, listen to live music and enjoy the Oscars presentation on large screens. Attendees also will receive exclusive swag bags, as well as the same Academy Awards® program and poster issued in Hollywood.

"This undoubtedly is one of the most fun-filled nights of the year, and I love being involved in this capacity," said Hughet, who brings the latest entertainment news and does her best to keep the boys in check on 104.5's The Morning After show. "The Oscar party is always a great celebration, and this one comes with so much style and glitz that you really become part of the big show at the Kodak Theatre."

Billy Crystal will host the 84th Academy Awards®, which airs at 8 p.m. on ABC affiliate WZZM TV-13.

Tickets for the Grand Rapids gala are \$65 to \$125 at www.waterfrontfilm.org .

The star-studded event starts at 5:30 p.m. at The Goei Center, 818 Butterworth St. SW, in Grand Rapids. Buy tickets or a table for friends or colleagues. A portion of the cost for each entry is tax deductible.

Co-chair Minnhaar paints through the eye of an architect, appreciating all that the cityscape can offer. Her contribution to Grand Rapids arts and culture is extensive and includes programming the annual Chiaroscuro Film Series, which screens for free at the UICA from January through April. The international film series, which this year carries the theme “Humor Around the World”, is a collaborative effort that looks to attract and inspire young film enthusiasts.

“The Waterfront Film Festival and Chiaroscuro Film Series share the common goal of bringing independent films to West Michigan, and I was delighted to be asked to be an honorary co-chair of this wonderful event,” Minnhaar said.

Stephanie Webb, reporter and co-host of WZZM’s “Take Five & Co.”, will emcee Oscar Night® America, which will include an array of enticing auction items. This year’s gala promises to be more exciting than the last and is hosted for the fourth year by the volunteer-run Waterfront Film Festival.

The festival has been rated one of the Top Five Film Festivals in the world by SAGIndie in the Screen Actors Guild Magazine, and was said to be “deservedly becoming a leading film festival” by former MGM Vice President Jay Froberg.

Tickets to Oscar Night® America are \$65 per person (two drink tickets included); \$125 for a VIP ticket that includes open bar access, swag bag, and reserved seating; and \$1,000 for a VIP Table of 10.

For further ticket information, including purchases, and other Oscar Night® details, please visit [waterfrontfilm.org](http://www.waterfrontfilm.org) <<http://www.waterfrontfilm.org/>>

About Waterfront Film Festival

Now in its 14th 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. WFF is committed to education and features seminars designed to encourage the next generation of actors, writers and directors. For more information on the 2012 festival, scheduled for June 14-17, visit www.waterfrontfilm.org