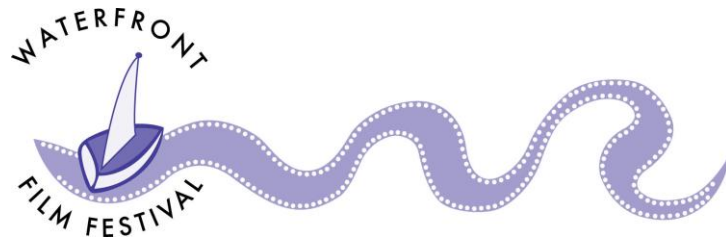


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Waterfront Film Festival wins arts grant

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs awards festival \$14,000

South Haven, Michigan, May 12, 2014 – Waterfront Film Festival has earned a \$14,000 arts grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The council issues grants to organizations each year as a way to “encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity in Michigan.”

Independent filmmakers and thousands of people who appreciate fine filmmaking convene annually to enjoy Waterfront Film Festival, which brings nearly 80 independent films, filmmaker panels and lively mixers to the scenic Lake Michigan shoreline for four days each June.

The 16th Annual Waterfront Film Festival will be held June 12-15 in South Haven, Michigan.

“The MCACA is an essential partner in statewide promotion of the arts. With its committed staff and dedication to grant administration, regional art and culture gatherings like Waterfront Film Festival have a greater reach and effectiveness. We are honored to be awarded by the council and to have their continued partnership in the viability of the festival,” Waterfront Film Festival Co-founder Dori DePree said.

Waterfront Film Festival is a non-profit organization that relies on grants and donations to continue its programming. There are many opportunities to get involved, including various sponsorships that come with VIP perks, volunteer opportunities, and a variety of day and weekend passes that offer access to film and other fun festival weekend events. For more information, please visit www.waterfrontfilm.org

About Waterfront Film Festival

In its 16th year, Waterfront Film Festival celebrates independent film and filmmakers in a non-competitive environment. Located along the Michigan lakeshore, WFF is one of the leading destination film festivals in the Midwest, regularly hosting Midwest premieres of Academy Award-winning and nominated documentaries. Recognized as a top five film festival, WFF is a non-profit event committed to creating a “middle coast” venue for independent filmmakers while further enhancing the cultural draw of West Michigan. For more information on the coming festival June 12-15 in South Haven, Mich., visit www.waterfrontfilm.org, “like” us on Facebook at facebook.com/waterfrontfilm and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/waterfrontfilm.