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## **Waterfront Film Festival Now Accepting Screenplays for Annual Competition** *Submission Deadline is April 1, 2009*

**Saugatuck, Michigan, March 6, 2009** – The Waterfront Film Festival is again accepting entries to its annual screenplay competition.

The 2009 Waterfront Screenplay Competition, which is held as a part of the annual film festival in Saugatuck, Mich., is looking for original screenplays. The competition is open to all professional and non-professional screenwriters, regardless of where they were born or they currently reside, including members of the Writers Guild of America.

The first-place winner will receive a \$250 cash prize, a VIP all-access pass and lodging for the 2009 festival, as well as sponsor prizes. Additionally, the winner will meet with a literary agent or manager during the festival and will be introduced to industry guests at an exclusive party thrown in his or her honor to be co-hosted by the Writers Guild of America. All finalists will be invited and second and third place runner-ups will receive prizes.

Screenplays will be judged on merit and production criteria by a panel of industry professionals. A TicTock Studios executive will read the winning script and meet with the writer during the festival, which is scheduled for June 11-14. TicTock Studios is a fully financed and rapidly growing film and television production company with offices in Los Angeles and Michigan.

“Our screenplay competition is no longer an ‘indie-only’ contest – all genres and budgets are now welcome,” said Carrie Cook, co-chair of the screenplay committee. “What we are looking for is originality, a unique voice and a well-crafted story.”

For consideration, screenplays must be:

- Full-length original feature film scripts.
- The original work of the author and not previously purchased or produced.
- At least 75 and no more than 140 pages in length, typed in standard industry format and submitted in English.
- Must be in U.S. Motion Picture Industry Standard Screenplay format.

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For complete guidelines and an entry form, visit [www.waterfrontfilm.org](http://www.waterfrontfilm.org).

### **About Waterfront Film Festival**

Now in its eleventh year, the Waterfront Film Festival celebrates independent film and filmmakers in a noncompetitive 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. In 2007, SAGIndie recognized WFF as one of its top five film festivals. For more information on the 2009 festival, which is scheduled June 11- 14, visit [www.waterfrontfilm.org](http://www.waterfrontfilm.org).

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