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Seminars at Waterfront Film Festival Offer Inside Views & 2009 Screenplay Winner, Marc Prey is Announced

People interested in the Filmmaking Industry can get hands on Information

Saugatuck, Michigan, June 5, 2009 – The Waterfront Film Festival offers seminars that give anyone interested in the industry an opportunity to hear from people in the filmmaking profession. These seminars are scheduled on Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13. Industry professionals will speak on their individual topics and audience members will be able to ask questions and get valuable feedback. This is one area of the festival that offers a way for people to listen and learn about popular filmmaking topics and participate in invaluable discussions.

Waterfront Film Festival Seminar Schedule:

A Conversation with Emmy Award Winner Yeadley Smith

Spend an hour with talented show business veteran Yeadley Smith who won a primetime Emmy for her celebrated work as "Lisa Simpson" on FOX Television's "The Simpsons". Seminar date and time is Friday, June 12 at 1:00 PM

Cash Back: Making Your Movie in Michigan

Offering up to a 42% cash back rebate on movie making investments, the state of Michigan has quickly become one of the top new places in the world to make films. Find out how to get involved and make the most of Michigan by participating in this successful new program. Seminar date and time is Saturday, June 13 at 12:00 PM

Docs That Rock

Join a power house line-up of documentary filmmakers as they discuss their passion for documentary filmmaking and the journeys they took to bring their stories to the screen. Featuring Academy Award winning documentarian, Sue Marx. Seminar date and time is Friday, June 12 at 3:30 PM

The Life of a Filmmaker

Nowadays filmmakers need to do it all. From finding or writing a winning screenplay, to casting great actors, locking down the financing, directing, producing and getting the film out to the world, the life of a filmmaker can sometimes seem like an impossible dream. Hear from this group of filmmakers how they were able to find success and get it done. Seminar date and time is Saturday, June 13 at 4:00 PM

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The Waterfront Film Festival is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2009 Waterfront Screenplay Competition is "The River" by Michigan screenwriter, filmmaker and practicing attorney, **Marc Prey**. "The River" is a heartfelt drama that touchingly and unexpectedly interweaves the stories of a disillusioned former cop turned cab driver and his elderly female passenger.

As a writer, Marc has previously seen three of his screenplays produced, including the Hallmark Channel movie ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS (2007), starring Gail O'Grady, and the award-winning independent short film DAMAGED GOODS (2006). Marc is a previous winner of the prestigious PAGE International Screenwriting Award and placed as a runner-up in both the Slamdance and Scriptapalooza contests. In addition to his work in the film arena, Marc has achieved success as a journalist (THE ANN ARBOR NEWS), cartoonist (THE PREZ), songwriter and playwright, and is a published, award-winning author of both fiction and nonfiction.

Today, Marc serves as "of counsel" to a Troy, Michigan, law firm and is co-owner of a small production company, Moving Pictures Entertainment, L.L.C. He also served as a film industry advisor to the legislature's Speaker of the House, Andy Dillon, during the drafting of the State of Michigan's 2008 film incentives legislation, and was appointed by Governor Granholm to the Michigan Film Office Advisory Council.

Visit www.waterfrontfilm.org for a complete schedule of seminars, films, venues and times.

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.

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