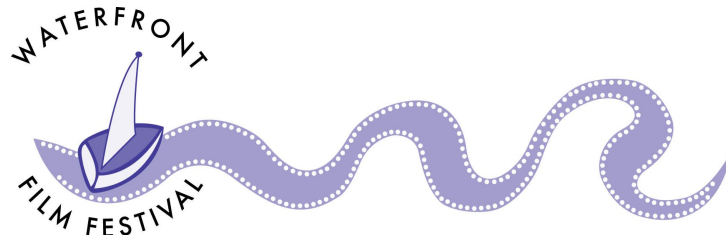


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## Waterfront Film Festival includes fun lineup for the family

**Saugatuck, Michigan, May 30, 2012** – Independent films tend to be more adult oriented, but this year Waterfront Film Festival includes a combination of fun, family friendly movies for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual event June 14-17 in Saugatuck, Michigan.

The lineup includes a heart-warming comedy about a superhero in training, a riveting documentary about wild horses and their new trainers and a series of lively and entertaining film shorts that the family can watch together.

- “Somebody's Hero” is about a New York City accountant who goes unnoticed by his boss and peers but somehow transforms into a much-needed superhero for the masses, despite having absolutely no super powers whatsoever. Preceded by family friendly film short “The Jester” – Screenings 9 a.m. Saturday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday.
- “Wild Horse, Wild Ride” is a stunning documentary about a handful of unforgettable characters who set out on a 100-day quest to each tame a wild mustang for a Texas competition. Preceded by “Tea for Two” – Screenings 11:30 a.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday.
- Shorts Spectacular is a collection of 10 award-winning short films that offer adventure, drama and comedy – Screenings 10 p.m. Thursday outdoors on the waterfront and 2 p.m. Sunday.

For the full lineup of films, to see film trailers and to purchase tickets visit <http://waterfrontfilm.org/>.

Waterfront Film Festival has been named in Screen Actors Guild magazine by SAGIndie as one of the top five film festivals in the world, alongside Sundance and Cannes. Waterfront Film Festival has premiered a long list of award-winning films in unique venues throughout Saugatuck’s friendly and walkable resort setting.

Thousands of independent film lovers, including dozens of actors, directors, writers and producers, make the annual pilgrimage to the lakeshore for the more than 70 feature films, documentaries and shorts that have been meticulously selected for screening.

The Opening Night Party with headliner Beverly McClellan of “The Voice” kicks off at 6 p.m. Thursday June 14 at Coghlin Park, near the intersection of Culver and Griffith streets in Saugatuck. Advance tickets are \$10. Other musical acts include Valentiger and Garrett Borns. Renowned artist Ron English will be on hand to sign posters.

Christopher Coppola, known to many as “Biker Chef”, will offer a culinary demonstration 2 p.m. Sunday June 17 at White House Bistro. Tickets for the fund raiser to benefit independent film projects are \$35 at [waterfrontfilm.org](http://waterfrontfilm.org).

For exclusive access to film and music throughout the weekend, the Patron Pass can be purchased for \$500. It provides entry to Thursday’s Opening Night Party, Special Engagement screenings, select VIP mixers and first entry for all films. Each Patron Pass also allows for a tax deduction of \$200.

The *FastPass* is \$300 and entitles the holder to first entry to all films, as well as admission to the Opening Night Party, Special Engagement screenings and exclusive entry to two VIP mixers. The Super Pass for \$200 allows the holder priority entry to all general-programmed films and admission to the Opening Night Party.

Day passes, \$70 for either Friday or Sunday, and \$75 for Saturday, also are available. Individual film tickets are on sale now at [waterfrontfilm.org](http://waterfrontfilm.org). Beginning Memorial Day weekend passes and tickets also will be available at the Waterfront Film Festival Summer Box Office in the Chemical Bank Building at 249 Mason Street in Saugatuck.

#### **About Waterfront Film Festival**

Now in its 14th year, 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. Recognized as a top five film festival, WFF is a volunteer-run, non-profit event committed to creating a “middle coast” venue for independent filmmakers while further enhancing the artistic draw of West Michigan. For more information on the 2012 festival, June 14-17, visit [www.waterfrontfilm.org](http://www.waterfrontfilm.org).

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