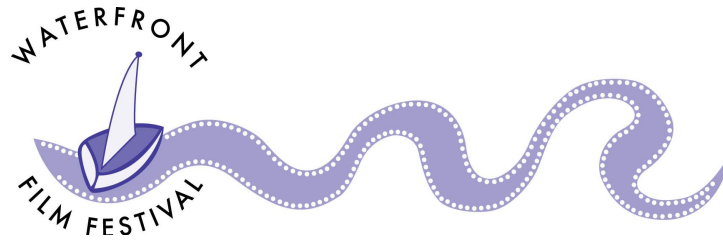


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## Waterfront Film Festival selections showcase top talent

**Saugatuck, Michigan, June 8, 2012** – Some of the film industry's most talented actors and quickly rising stars will can be seen in the more than 70 unforgettable films screening during the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Waterfront Film Festival, June 14-17 in Saugatuck, Mich.

Many of the films' directors, writers, producers and actors will be in attendance, some staying in town through the weekend to attend discussion panels and screenings. The notable lineup includes:

- “Virginia” (Midwest Premiere)  
Academy-Award winner Jennifer Connelly (“A Beautiful Mind”, “Requiem for a Dream”) and Academy-Award nominee Ed Harris (“Pollock”, “Radio”) star in this touching drama about a disturbed mother and her long-running affair with a high profile sheriff running for political office. Cast also includes Yeardley Smith, Emma Roberts, Toby Jones and Carrie Preston. Written and directed by Academy-Award winner Dustin Lance Black (“Milk”, “J. Edgar”)  
Special Engagement Screening – Saturday June 16 at 9 p.m.
- “Free Samples” (Midwest Premiere)  
Jess Weixler (“Teeth”, “Peter and Vandy”) and Jesse Eisenberg (“The Social Network”, “Zombieland”) star in this hilarious comedy about a law-school dropout who fills in as a server at her friend's ice cream truck, doling out free samples to locals and oddball friends alike. Cast includes Jason Ritter and Halley Feiffer.  
Friday June 15 at 11:30 a.m. | Sunday June 17 at 7 p.m.
- “Butterfly Rising” (Midwest Premiere)  
Tanya Wright (“True Blood”) writes, directs and stars in the moving drama about a young women who enters an unlikely friendship while on a journey to escape grief after the death of her brother.  
Friday June 15 at 9 p.m. | Saturday June 16 at 11:30 a.m.

- “Shouting Secrets” (Midwest Premiere)  
Tyler Christopher (“General Hospital”, “Out of the Black”) and Chaske Spencer (“Twilight” series) star in this thoughtful drama about a successful Native American writer who must face a return to the reservation after the publication of a novel that sells out his family.  
Friday June 15 at 9 p.m. | Sunday June 17 at 2 p.m.
- “It's in the Blood”  
Lance Henriksen (“Aliens”, “Terminator”) stars in a terrifying psychological thriller about a father and son stranded in the wild as they confront the horrors of their past to escape with their lives.  
Friday June 15 2 p.m. | Saturday June 16 at 11 p.m.
- “Dorfman”  
Eliot Gould (“American History X”, “MASH”) plays the father in this romantic comedy about drab Deb Dorfman, uprooted from suburbia and transformed by adventures in newly revitalized downtown Los Angeles.  
Friday June 15 at 7 p.m. | Sunday June 17 at 9 a.m.

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.

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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