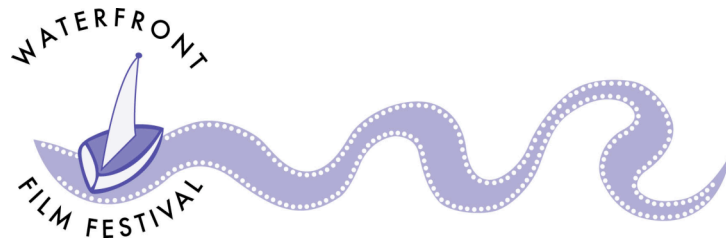


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Waterfront Film Festival announces lineup featuring Midwest premieres

Tickets on sale today at waterfrontfilm.org

South Haven, Michigan, May 12, 2014 – Among the 34 feature films set to screen at Waterfront Film Festival, June 12-15, are 21 Midwest premieres and 13 Michigan premieres, including award-winning documentaries and star-studded narrative features.

Waterfront Film Festival has a tradition of showcasing films to the Midwest that go on to great success, including “Man On Wire”, “March of the Penguins”, “Queen of Versailles”, and “Napoleon Dynamite”, and last year’s “Muscle Shoals” and “Blackfish”, to name a few.

“Waterfront’s selection committee has been working hard to put together a fun, diverse lineup of fantastic films that will offer something for everybody. Many film directors and actors will be traveling to West Michigan to show their new movies at the festival and meet the audiences. This is always my favorite time of year as Waterfront Film Festival is a perfect kick-off to summer,” Waterfront Film Festival Co-founder Hopwood DePree said.

Below are short descriptions of just a sampling of films to show at the 16th Annual Waterfront Film Festival.

- **“Whitey: United States of America v. James J. Bulger”** (Midwest Premiere) – Oscar-nominee Joe Berlinger’s latest documentary film begins when James “Whitey” Bulger is arrested and follows his trial while exploring the man and the corruption that plagued Boston for years. Entertainment Weekly’s “Summer Movies To See” 2014. OFFICIAL SELECTION, SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL.
- **“Wild Canaries”** (Midwest Premiere) – In this hilarious mystery starring Emmy Award nominee Jason Ritter (“Parenthood”) and Alia Shawkat (“Arrested Development”), a Brooklyn couple suspects foul play when their rent-controlled

neighbor suddenly drops dead. GRAND JURY AWARD NOMINEE, SXSW FILM FESTIVAL.

- **“Sister”** (Midwest Premiere) – Starring Academy Award nominee Barbara Hershey, Reid Scott, John Heard and Illeana Douglas, this poignant family drama follows a well-meaning brother who takes in his delinquent sister. OFFICIAL SELECTION, TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL.
- **“Love Child”** (Midwest Premiere) – A shocking documentary on the first fatality attributed to “internet addiction.” A young couple in Seoul, Korea, allow their newborn baby to starve to death while they devote their lives to raising a fictional child in an online fantasy world. GRAND JURY PRIZE NOMINEE, WORLD CINEMA DOCUMENTARY, SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL.
- **“Cas & Dylan”** (Midwest Premiere) – Academy Award winner Richard Dreyfuss stars as an aging doctor who inadvertently winds up on the lam with an “anything-but-normal” 22-year-old girl (Tatiana Maslany) in this comedic drama directed by Jason Priestley. CANADIAN GENIE AWARD WINNER, BEST ACTRESS IN LEADING ROLE.

Tickets and passes for Waterfront Film Festival can be purchased at www.waterfrontfilm.org, at the festival office, 503 Quaker Street in South Haven, and at a pair of venues during festival weekend.

Many of the films set to screen in South Haven will have producers, actors, directors and writers in attendance and participating in Q&A sessions following each screening. The full schedule of nearly 80 films – including documentaries, dramas, comedies and film shorts – are available at www.waterfrontfilm.org.

For more information on Waterfront Film Festival, including [volunteer](#) opportunities, please visit www.waterfrontfilm.org. Go to the Films & Tickets menu to read synopses, watch trailers, review the schedule and purchase your tickets. For flexibility in movie selections, purchase a pass! Tickets can be picked up at the Festival Office, 503 Quaker Street. Passes will be available for pick up in the office beginning May 22.

About Waterfront Film Festival

Now 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.