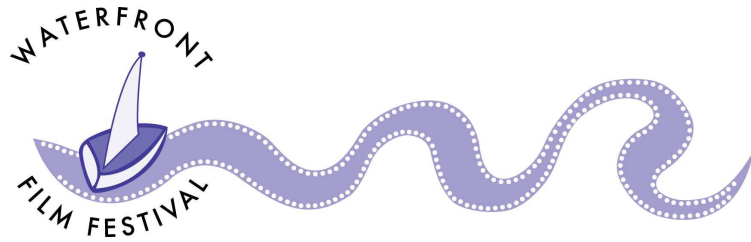


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Waterfront Film Festival hosts Oscar Night® America *Glamorous event includes special guests, auction and Academy Awards®*

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 16, 2012 – Waterfront Film Festival hosts West Michigan's only Academy-sanctioned celebration of Hollywood's biggest night on Feb. 26 with Oscar Night® America at The Goei Center.

As one of only 49 official parties in the nation, the celebration starts with a red carpet walk, the flash of paparazzi and a champagne welcome. Attendees will enjoy live music from Delilah DeWylde & The Lost Boys while having the opportunity to bid on a series of amazing auction items, including recreational outings, professional sporting events and culinary getaways.

Oscar Night® America tickets are \$65 and VIP tickets are \$125, which includes a champagne greeting, music, food, open bar, VIP swag bag, official commemorative Oscar® poster and official Academy Awards® show program, as well as reserved seating. Tables are \$1,000 and provide an entourage of 10 with all the perks of individual VIP tickets at a \$250 savings.

The doors at The Goei Center, 818 Butterworth St. SW, open at 5:30 p.m. and the live broadcast of the 84th Academy Awards® shown on multiple big screens via ABC affiliate WZZM TV-13 begins at 8 p.m.

Food stations throughout the evening will include delicious offerings from renowned establishments including Butch's Dry Dock and The Curragh of Holland, White House Bistro and Restaurant Toulouse of Saugatuck, Respite of Douglas, Fennville Station of Fennville, Tavern on the Square, El Barrio Mexican Grill and YoChef's Catering Co. of Grand Rapids, Anything Goes Catering of Grand Haven, and Mia & Grace Bakery Bistro of Muskegon.

Slated to be in attendance are:

- Brian Vander Ark, musician/writer and actor, best known as lead vocalist for The Verve Pipe currently touring as an acoustic duo with Jeff Daniels.
- Hopwood DePree, member of the Michigan Film Office Advisory Council and producer of the soon-to-be-released *What's Wrong with Virginia*, written by Academy

Award winner, Dustin Lance Black, and starring Academy Award winner, Jennifer Connelly, and Academy Award nominee, Ed Harris.

- Marcia Fishman, executive director for Screen Actors Guild Detroit and member of the Michigan Film Office Advisory Council
- Gretchen Minnhaar, Grand Rapids-based visual artist, Chiaroscuro Film Series president and Oscar party honorary co-chair
- Nicole Hughet, 104.5 WSNX's The Morning After radio host and Oscar party honorary co-chair
- Stephanie Webb, host of WZZM's "Take Five & Co" and Oscar party emcee
- Michele DeSelms, WXMI FOX 17 news anchor and Oscar party red carpet arrivals host

Oscar Night® America tickets are available at www.waterfrontfilm.org. A portion of each ticket purchase is eligible for a tax deduction as a donation to a charitable organization.

About Waterfront Film Festival

Now in its 14th year, the 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, scheduled for June 14-17, visit www.waterfrontfilm.org