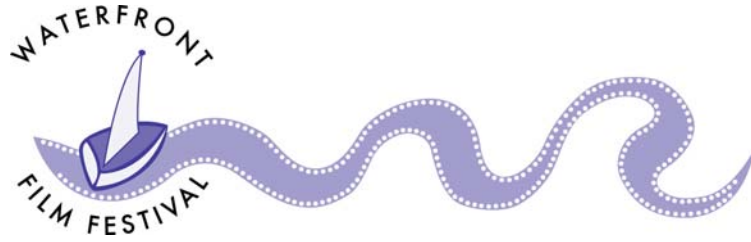


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Oscar® Experience announces special guest

Celebrate in style with a special guest, delicious food and the Academy Awards®

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 20, 2013 – Long held as one of the best culinary events of the year, Oscar Experience is honored to announce as special guest Paul Caravelli of the new ABC reality series “The Taste”.

Caravelli must remain mum about the outcome of the Tuesday night program, but can talk about the thrill of having his spoon chosen in a blind taste test among celebrity chef judges Anthony Bourdain, Nigella Lawson, Ludo Lefebvre and Brian Malarkey.

“The Taste” is in its first season, and Caravelli is one of the remaining chefs from the original cast of 16 chosen in a nationwide search.

Waterfront Film Festival hosts Oscar Experience, West Michigan’s only Academy-sanctioned celebration of Hollywood’s biggest night on Feb. 24 at The Goei Center.

As one of only 46 official parties in the nation, the festivities begin with a red carpet walk, the flash of paparazzi and a champagne welcome. Attendees will enjoy the stylings of soundscape design artist DJ Todd Ernst while having the opportunity to bid on a series of tantalizing auction items, including celebrity-autographed memorabilia, recreational outings, professional sports events, and culinary getaways.

Oscar Experience tickets are \$65 and VIP tickets are \$125. VIP tickets include 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 85th Academy Awards®, hosted by Seth McFarlane, will be shown on multiple large screens via ABC affiliate WZZM TV-13 at 8 p.m.

Stephanie Webb, host of WZZM's "Take Five & Co.", will be the Oscar Experience party emcee.

Food stations throughout the evening will include delicious offerings from renowned establishments including Phoenix Street Grill of South Haven, Fennville Station and Palazzolo's Gourmet Ice Creams of Fennville, The Hickory Pit of Saugatuck, El Barrio Mexican Grill of Grand Rapids and Holland Cakery of Holland. Drinks will feature a selection from West Side Brewing and Fenn Valley Winery. The Old Harbor Inn of South Haven is this year's sponsor for the notorious Ice Bar.

About Waterfront Film Festival

Now in its 15th year, Waterfront Film Festival celebrates independent film and filmmakers in a non-competitive environment. Located on the shores of Lake Michigan, 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 artistic draw of West Michigan. For more information on the 2013 festival, scheduled for June 13-16 in South Haven, MI, visit www.waterfrontfilm.org.