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## Waterfront Film Festival Not Just for Adults

SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN – Independent filmmakers and thousands of fans who appreciate their work will converge on this Lake Michigan community **June 12-15, 2003**, for the fifth annual Waterfront Film Festival – the only one of its kind in Michigan and the Midwest.

While most people connect independent film with terms like “edgy”, Waterfront organizers have also identified several opportunities for families to enjoy the festival together this year. A collection of shorts films tied together under the title “Kids Shorts” will be shown 8pm Friday evening and 11am Saturday morning in the American Legion Hall.

“People have asked us for so many years to add some things to the program that parents and children could enjoy together,” according to co-founder Hopwood DePree. “Our film selection committee worked really hard to track down some short films specifically for this purpose and I think people will like what they see.”

The program consists of nine animated and live action films including the World Premiere of *Making Friends* about a lonely clown who hopes to find true love. Other films include everything from aliens to elevator adventures to everyone’s favorite school day – picture day!

Academy Award nominated *Winged Migration* is another family friendly selection that is as educational as it is entertaining. Five crews of more than 450 people, including 17 pilots and 14 cinematographers, were necessary to follow a variety of bird migrations through 40 countries and all seven continents. The film covers landscapes that range from the Eiffel Tower and Monument Valley to the remote reaches of the Arctic and the Amazon. All manner of man-made machines were employed including planes, gliders, helicopters, and balloons. Numerous innovative techniques and ingeniously designed cameras allowed the filmmakers to fly alongside, above, below and in front of their subjects. The result is a film of staggering beauty that opens one's eyes to the ineffable wonders of the natural world. *Winged Migration* shows Friday at 6:30 pm and Sunday at 11:00 am at the Saugatuck Yacht Service.

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