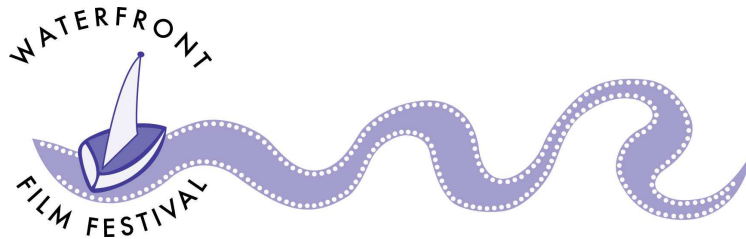


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Tickets on sale for 2012 Oscar Night® America party

Celebrate Hollywood's big night in grand style

Grand Rapids, Michigan, Dec. 12, 2011 – Walk the red carpet, pose for the paparazzi and sip some bubbly – it's the only way to celebrate the most exciting night in show business. And it can be done right here in West Michigan, at the region's exclusive Academy-sanctioned Oscar Night® America party.

Tickets for the gala event, from \$65 to \$125, are on sale now at www.waterfrontfilm.org.

The starlit evening is Sunday Feb. 26 at The Goei Center, 818 Butterworth St. SW, in Grand Rapids. Buy tickets or a table for friends and colleagues, either of which would make a stunning holiday gift package.

All proceeds are in support of the non-profit Waterfront Film Festival, and a portion of the ticket price is tax deductible.

Attendees to Oscar Night® America will experience the 84th Academy Awards® on big screens in a buoyant atmosphere tailor-made for A-listers. In addition to the red carpet entry and champagne toasts, the evening includes access to multiple bars, specialized food stations, exclusive swag bags, live music, celebrity guests and the same Academy Awards® program and poster that celebrities receive in Hollywood.

"Oscar night is one of the most glamorous evenings of the year, and to be chosen by the Academy to host one of only 50 Oscar Night® America parties in the country is a great way for Waterfront Film Festival to celebrate the art form we practice and want to share," said Dana DePree Minter, WFF co-founder. "Our guests come dressed for the part and the décor of the evening is suited to match the mood and experience of the actual Hollywood affair."

The 2012 Academy Awards presentation will be hosted by Billy Crystal. The Oscar Night® America party kicks off at 5:30 p.m., and the Academy Awards air on ABC affiliate WZZM TV-13 beginning at 8 p.m. The evening's emcee will be, Stephanie Webb, Co-Host/Reporter of WZZM's "Take Five & Co."

Last year's gala was successful in raising more than \$15,000 for the volunteer-run Waterfront Film Festival, held each June in Saugatuck to promote and support independent film.

The festival has been rated one of the Top Five Film Festivals in the world by SAGIndie in the Screen Actors Guild Magazine, and was said to be "deservedly becoming a leading film festival" by former MGM Vice President Jay Froberg.

Tickets to Oscar Night America are \$65 per person (two drink tickets included); \$125 for a VIP ticket that includes open bar access, swag bag, and reserved seating; and \$1,000 for a VIP Table of 10. For tickets purchased before Dec. 31, the guest will receive the added gift of a Waterfront Film Festival poster.

For further ticket information, including purchases, and other Oscar Night details, please visit waterfrontfilm.org

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. WFF is committed to education and features seminars designed to encourage the next generation of actors, writers and directors. For more information on the 2012 festival, scheduled for June 14-17, visit www.waterfrontfilm.org.