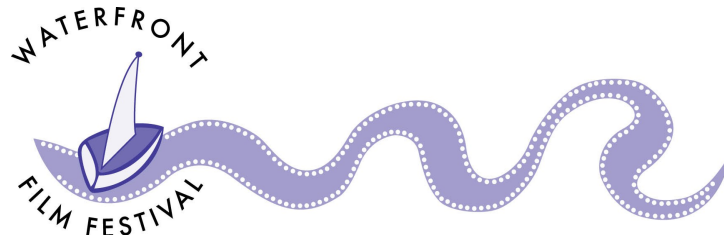


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# Waterfront Film Festival adds full day of outdoor music

*Entries for 60-second film contest extended to June 15*

**Saugatuck, Michigan, June 13, 2012** – Waterfront Film Festival has added a full day of Saturday outdoor music to its entertainment lineup. The inaugural event will kick off at noon in Wicks Park at the corner of Water and Mary Streets on the water.

The event will start with an actors' panel, followed by six live West Michigan music acts and a beer garden. Tickets are \$5 at the gate, and attendees can come and go to fit both music and movies into their day.

Waterfront Film Festival takes place June 14-17 in Saugatuck, Mich.

In its 14<sup>th</sup> year, Waterfront Film Festival has become known as “a laid back Sundance”, and has been named in Screen Actors Guild magazine by SAGIndie as one of the top five film festivals in the world, alongside Sundance and Cannes.

Actors on the panel include Tyler Christopher from “General Hospital” and “The Lying Game”, Christine Elise McCarthy from “Prom”, “Beverly Hills 90210” and “ER”, as well as Tanya Wright from “True Blood”, “The Handler” and “24”, with special surprise guests in audience.

The panelist will speak on topics presented by the moderator Hopwood DePree, co-founder of Waterfront Film Festival and producer for “Virginia”, and also answer questions from the gallery.

Music begins at 12:45 p.m. with folk singer/songwriter Ralston Bowles. He will be followed by classic rock from the Sookie Jones Band, “Big Tent Country & Western” from Jukejoint Handmedowns, the synth-pop of Alexis, indie pop from Karisa Wilson and family-friendly rap from Ryan Scott.

For the full lineup of films, to see film trailers and to purchase tickets visit <http://waterfrontfilm.org/>.

Entries for the one-shot 60 second film contest, sponsored by a partnership between Waterfront Film Festival and Project Accessible Hollywood, will close at 6 p.m. June 15. Celebrity judges will consider films made in a single continuous shot holding to the theme “What is Beauty?” with Saugatuck as a backdrop. For more entry details go to [pahnationfest.org/saugatuck](http://pahnationfest.org/saugatuck).

The winners will be announced during Waterfront Film Festival, and winning entries will be shown during the “Biker Chef Culinary Experience” 2 p.m. Sunday at White House Bistro. “Biker Chef” Christopher Coppola will offer the culinary demonstration as a fund raiser for Waterfront Film Festival and Project Accessible Hollywood. Tickets are \$35 at [waterfrontfilm.org](http://waterfrontfilm.org).

PAHFest is one of many projects being shouldered by Coppola, a producer, director, writer and educator. The goal of PAHFest is to encourage everyday people worldwide to use the digital medium, and to share and celebrate their stories.

“PAH is looking for work that speaks from the heart, to the heart. Work that elevates the human spirit. Work that celebrates good will and connectivity while being uniquely your own,” said Coppola.

The Opening Night Party with headliner Beverly McClellan of “The Voice” kicks off at 6 p.m. Thursday June 14 at Coghlin Park, near the intersection of Culver and Griffith streets in Saugatuck. Tickets are \$10. Other musical acts include Valentiger and Garrett Borns. Renowned artist Ron English will be on hand to sign posters.

For exclusive access to film and music throughout the weekend, the Patron Pass can be purchased for \$500. It provides entry to Thursday’s Opening Night Party, Special Engagement screenings, select VIP mixers and first entry for all films. Each Patron Pass also allows for a tax deduction of \$200.

The *FastPass* is \$300 and entitles the holder to first entry to all films, as well as admission to the Opening Night Party, Special Engagement screenings and exclusive entry to two VIP mixers. The Super Pass for \$200 allows the holder priority entry to all general-programmed films and admission to the Opening Night Party.

Day passes, \$70 for either Friday or Sunday, and \$75 for Saturday, also are available. Individual film tickets are on sale now at [waterfrontfilm.org](http://waterfrontfilm.org). Weekend passes and tickets also will be available at the Waterfront Film Festival Summer Box Office in the Chemical Bank Building at 249 Mason Street in Saugatuck.

#### **About Waterfront Film Festival**

Now in its 14th year, 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, June 14-17, visit [www.waterfrontfilm.org](http://www.waterfrontfilm.org).