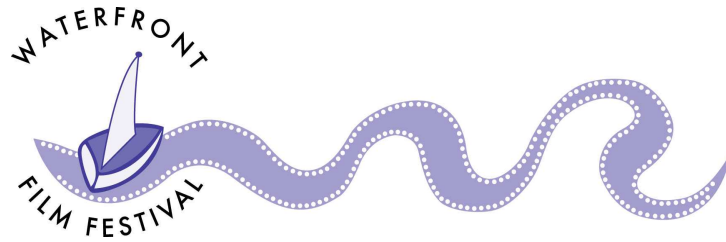


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‘Virginia’ to show at Waterfront Film Festival

Saugatuck, Michigan, April 25, 2012 – Tickets go on sale today for “Virginia” at the 14th Annual Waterfront Film Festival in Saugatuck, Mich. June 14-17. Filmed locally, the movie is written and directed by Academy Award-winner Dustin Lance Black and produced by TicTock Studios.

The film, starring Jennifer Connelly and Ed Harris, is about a single mom who is struggling to raise her teenage son in a gossip-fueled small beachfront town. Complications arise when her two-decade-long affair with the local married sheriff threatens to derail his newly announced political campaign.

“Virginia”, loosely based on experiences from Black’s childhood, opens with a platform release in New York, Los Angeles and select cities beginning mid-May, and will have a Special Engagement screening in Saugatuck at 9 p.m. on Saturday June 16.

Filmmakers and some members of the cast are scheduled to be in attendance. Tickets are available at waterfrontfilm.org. More than 16,000 people congregate each year in Saugatuck, Michigan for the four-day event to watch selections from more than 80 dramas, comedies and documentaries.

“In the past, I’ve describe my untraditional childhood to people and they’d say that it sounded so dark,” Black said of the film. “I would tell them that it was actually a lot of fun. I got to do a lot of things that other children never got to do because the rules were so different.”

Black is known for his screenplays “Milk” and “J. Edgar”, Connelly starred in “House of Sand and Fog”, “Blood Diamond” and “Requiem for a Dream”, and Harris starred in “A Beautiful Mind”, “Pollock” and “Radio”.

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.