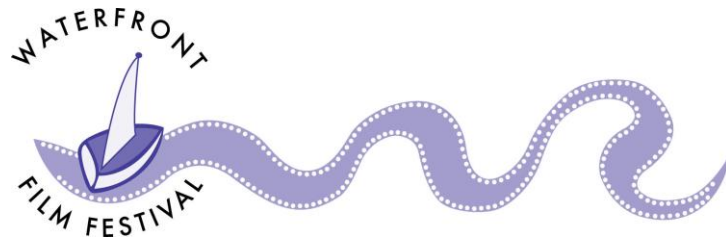


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## **‘Bachelorette’ contestant Bradley Wisk to perform at Waterfront Film Festival’s opening night**

*Array of music, surprise celebrity guests generate excitement in South Haven*

**South Haven, Mich., June 5, 2014** – Acclaimed operatic tenor and current contestant on ABC’s hit TV show “The Bachelorette” will be in attendance and will perform live during the Opening Night Summer Homecoming Party at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Waterfront Film Festival.

Wisk, who studies under the late Basso Giorgio Tozzi at Indiana University’s school of music, is hailed by critics and has been described as having “an alluring rich color and exceptional spinning stratospheric top notes.”

He brings to life Edgardo in Lucia di Lammermoor, Rodolfo in La Bohème, Pinkerton in Madama Butterfly, Roméo in Roméo et Juliette and Il Duca di Manotova in Rigoletto, as well as standards by Frank Sinatra and multitude of genres including Broadway, Classical-Crossover, Latin Pop, Neapolitan Songs and Adult Contemporary.

The festivities begin on South Beach (Water Street and Monroe Boulevard) at 6 p.m. Advance tickets are \$10 at [www.WaterfrontFilm.org](http://www.WaterfrontFilm.org) and at the ticket office, 503 Quaker Street in South Haven. Gate entry the day of the event will be \$12.

Wisk, who will perform one song and be available for photos and to sign autographs, will share the stage with Tony Ferrari, a California-based musical artist who kicks off his summer and fall international tour during the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual celebration of independent film in South Haven, Mich.

“The level of talent and the mix of musical styles at this year’s opening night party are certain to create a high level of energy on South Beach, providing a great kickoff for Waterfront Film Festival in its 16<sup>th</sup> year,” festival co-founder Dori DePree said.

The 22-year-old Ferrari’s recently released album “Gentleman” ranked within hours of release on the Top 50 Pop Albums chart on iTunes. Inspired by legends Sam Cooke, Marvin Gaye and Al Greene, Ferrari brings a youthful yet classy presence to the stage.

Among his new tunes is a song called “South Haven Girls”, which he wrote upon reflection of his time at Waterfront Film Festival last year. His new music video for the track will be filmed during the outdoor live performance at Waterfront Film Festival’s Opening Night Summer Homecoming Party, offering the chance for spectators to be in the video, including some who may be featured on stage and on screen.

Opening music acts will include Alexis and Valentiger, each of which has a significant following. Alexis represents a rare breed in the world of live music, with a sound that rides between retro electro pop and smoky lounge and jazz. Valentiger is a throwback in Americana that unearths and reinvents the sounds of the ’60s while drawing on contemporary ideals and experiences.

Visit the Festival website [www.WaterfrontFilm.org](http://www.WaterfrontFilm.org) to view the schedule, read about the films, watch trailers, and purchase tickets and passes. Of the 34 feature films screening at this year’s fest, 21 are Midwest premieres and 13 are Michigan premieres.

**About Waterfront Film Festival**

Now in its 16th year, Waterfront Film Festival celebrates independent film and filmmakers in a non-competitive environment. Located along the Michigan lakeshore, 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 committed to creating a “middle coast” for independent filmmakers while further enhancing the cultural draw of West Michigan. For more information on the festival June 12-15 in South Haven, Mich., visit [waterfrontfilm.org](http://waterfrontfilm.org), “like” us on Facebook at [facebook.com/WaterfrontFilm](https://facebook.com/WaterfrontFilm) or follow us on Twitter [@waterfrontfilm](https://twitter.com/waterfrontfilm).