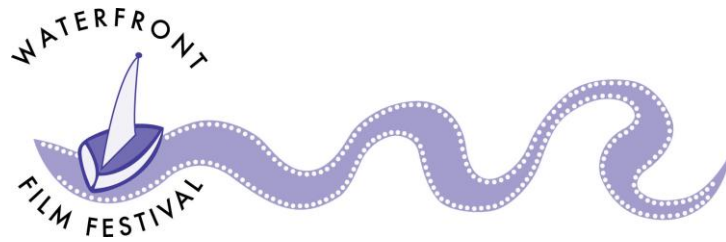


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## Emmy Award nominee Jason Ritter to attend Waterfront Film Festival

*Nonprofit celebrates 16 years of independent film on Michigan's Gold Coast*

**South Haven, Michigan, May 15, 2014** – Jason Ritter (“Parenthood”) will attend Waterfront Film Festival, June 12-15, in South Haven, Michigan with his new film, the light-hearted mystery “Wild Canaries”.

Ritter plays alongside Alia Shawkat (“Arrested Development”) and writer/director Lawrence Michael Levine in this hilarious film about a Brooklyn couple that suspects foul play when their rent-controlled neighbor suddenly drops dead.

A Grand Jury Award Nominee of the SXSW Film Festival, “Wild Canaries” will make its Midwest premiere at Waterfront and screen twice; Friday, June 13 and Sunday, June 15. Ritter will be in attendance at the June 15th screening. Tickets can be purchased at [www.WaterfrontFilm.org](http://www.WaterfrontFilm.org).

In the NBC hit show “Parenthood”, Ritter was nominated for a Primetime Emmy Award for his role as English teacher Mark Cyr, a sweet-natured good guy who gets a little too close to the mother of one of his students. He is the son of late actor John Ritter and actress Nancy Morgan, and has appeared in television and film since the age of 10.

Ritter will be one of the many actors and filmmakers in South Haven for the film festival, taking questions from the audience following the screenings of their films and participating in lively film industry seminars and Q&A panels.

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://www.facebook.com/WaterfrontFilm) or follow us on Twitter [@waterfrontfilm](https://twitter.com/waterfrontfilm).