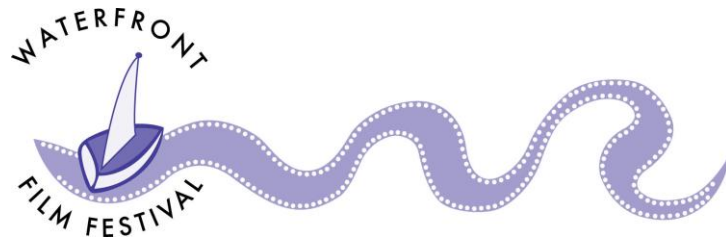


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Tony Ferrari to headline Waterfront Film Festival's Opening Night Beach Party

California native will debut new song "South Haven Girls" for music video

South Haven, Michigan, May 20, 2014 – Musical talent Tony Ferrari will kick off an international tour June 12, in South Haven, Mich. during the Opening Night Summer Homecoming Party at the 16th Annual Waterfront Film Festival.

The festivities begin on South Beach at 6 p.m. with live music including Tony Ferrari and special celebrity guests. Live music continues until sundown when the film projector starts up for a screening of award-winning and audience favorite short films under the stars on a 50-foot inflatable movie screen.

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 screen.

Advance tickets for Opening Night Summer Homecoming Party are \$10 at www.WaterfrontFilm.org, and at the Waterfront Film Festival Ticket Office at 503 Quaker Street. Tickets at the gate are \$12. All proceeds go to benefit the non-profit festival.

Party goers can enjoy the Beer Garden on the beach featuring specialty crafted drafts, wine, mixed drinks and BBQ. Visiting filmmakers and celebrity guests will be in attendance.

Waterfront Film Festival is ranked in the top five globally by SAGIndie, Screen Actors Guild Magazine, and during its 16-year run has become a Michigan Gold Coast destination for art and film lovers. The festival offers nearly 80 films, including documentaries, features and shorts, as well as social mixers and filmmaker panels and discussions.

Visit the Festival website 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, "like" us on Facebook at facebook.com/WaterfrontFilm or follow us on Twitter [@waterfrontfilm](https://twitter.com/waterfrontfilm).