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Waterfront Film Festival draws industry talent, celebrity guests to West Michigan

More VIP names announced as audiences buy tickets to interact with visiting artists at Q&A's and Networking Events

South Haven, Mich., June 9, 2014 – Waterfront Film Festival, June 12-15 in South Haven, Mich., will welcome dozens of filmmakers from around the country, including actors from TV and film who will participate in a unique networking seminar.

Each year, Waterfront Film Festival screens more than 70 films, drawing thousands of people who appreciate the art of movie making and dozens of established filmmakers who are available to talk about their projects and answer questions about the industry.

A special Networking Event will be held at **2:15 p.m. on Saturday June 14 at South Haven City Hall, 539 Phoenix Street**. The event will provide a chance to meet, ask questions and hear advice from celebrities and industry insiders; actors, directors, writers and producers. Tickets can be purchased online www.WaterfrontFilm.org or at the Festival Office, 503 Quaker, South Haven.

Some of this year's special guests are:

- Eddie Jemison is an actor with more than 60 credits who has worked with some of the biggest names in Hollywood. He is widely known for his role as Livingston Dell in the "Ocean's Eleven" series opposite Brad Pitt and George Clooney, as well as roles in "Bruce Almighty" opposite Jim Carrey and "The Informant" opposite Matt Damon. He comes to Waterfront Film Festival with his new movie "Coffee, Kill Boss" as well as "King of Herrings", for which he was the writer,

director and lead actor.

- Blake Robbins is an actor with over 55 credits and best known for playing Tom Halpert on the NBC hit “The Office”, as well as for his role as C.O. Dave Brass on the critically acclaimed HBO series “Oz”. He also appeared in the film “The Ugly Truth” opposite Gerard Butler. Additionally, Blake co-authored the book “Acting Qs: Conversations with Working Actors”. He is attending Waterfront Film Festival with “Sublime and the Beautiful”, which he directed and stars in.
- David Lascher is an actor with more than 30 credits, including the film “White Squall” and series regular roles in “Sabrina the Teenage Witch”, “Hey Dude” and “Blossom” among others. He is attending Waterfront Film Festival as the director of “Sister”.
- Christine Elise is an actor, director and writer with more than 60 credits, including her recent film “Bathing & the Single Girl”, which has been expanded and adapted into a full-length memoir, as well as for main roles in “Child’s Play 2”, and on TV hits “Beverly Hills 90210” and “ER”.
- Jay Froberg is the founder of ROAR, a major talent management company based in Beverly Hills, Calif. He and his company represent A-list talent including Chris Hemsworth (“Thor”, “The Avengers”), Liam Hemsworth (“The Hunger Games”) as well as the Grammy winning Zac Brown Band.
- Ron English is a world-famous artist who has played himself on “The Simpsons” and is known for his signature artistic creations of cultural touchstones, including the 2008 fusion of America’s 16th and 44th presidents “Abraham Obama” that is said to have actually influenced the Presidential election. English continues his support of Waterfront Film Festival with the design for the 16th annual festival poster, which he will be available to sign in person during the Opening Night Summer Homecoming! Party at 6 p.m. June 12 on South Beach.

Additional top talent attending the Festival includes:

- Jason Ritter is a Primetime Emmy Award nominee TV and film actor with nearly 80 credits, including in films “Freddie v. Jason”, “W.” “The East” and NBC’s hit “Parenthood”. He is at Waterfront Film Festival with his new film “Wild Canaries”.
- Melanie Lynskey is an award-winning actor with more than 55 credits during the last 20 years, including with Kate Winslet in their explosive film debut “Heavenly Creatures” directed by Peter Jackson, with George Clooney in “Up in the Air” and as Rose opposite Charlie Sheen on TV’s hit “Two and a Half Men”. She is at Waterfront Film Festival with her new movie “Chu and Blossom”.
- Bradley Wisk is a professional opera singer who was a contestant on “America’s

Got Talent” and is a current contestant on “The Bachelorette”.

Waterfront Film Festival has been ranked among the top five film festivals 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.

Many of the films set to screen in South Haven will have producers, actors, directors and writers in attendance and participating in Q&A sessions following each screening. 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).