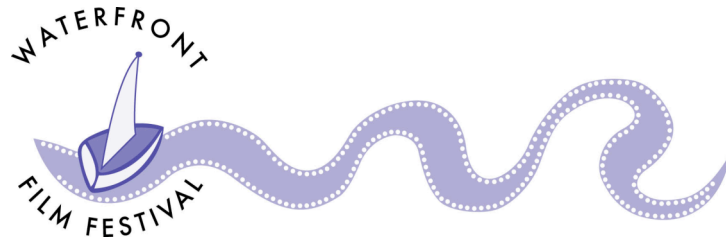


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Waterfront Film Festival wins arts grant

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs awards festival \$15,000

South Haven, Michigan, April 11, 2013 – The Waterfront Film Festival has received a \$15,000 boost from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Grants are awarded to organizations each year as a way to “encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity in Michigan.”

Independent filmmakers and thousands of people who appreciate fine filmmaking convene annually to enjoy Waterfront Film Festival, which brings more than 70 independent films, filmmaker panels and lively mixers to the scenic Lake Michigan shoreline for four days each June.

The 15th Annual Waterfront Film Festival will be held June 13-16 in South Haven, Michigan.

“We very much appreciate the ongoing support of MCACA, both for its monetary contribution to the festival and for its constant validation of our efforts to bring independent film to Michigan, its residents and the region,” Co-founder Dori DePree said. “Without this type of support, the programming of a large-scale quality festival would be nearly impossible to achieve.”

Waterfront Film Festival is a non-profit organization that relies on grants and donations to continue its programming. There are many opportunities to get involved, including various sponsorship levels that come with VIP perks, advertising in the printed program, volunteer opportunities, and a variety of day and weekend passes that offer access to film and other fun festival weekend events. For more information see www.waterfrontfilm.org

About Waterfront Film Festival

Now in its 15th 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 event committed to creating a “middle coast” venue for independent filmmakers while further enhancing the cultural draw of West Michigan. For more information on the coming festival, June 13-16 in South Haven, Mich., visit www.waterfrontfilm.org. Please “like” us on Facebook at facebook.com/WaterfrontFilm and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/#!/WaterfrontFilm.