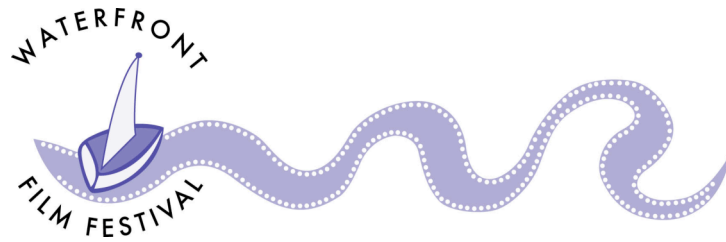


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Waterfront Film Festival to open 2013 event with high-energy performers

South Haven, Michigan, May 30, 2013 – Waterfront Film Festival welcomes high-energy jazz/blues pianist and exuberant stage performer Andy Frasco as the headline act for its annual Opening Night Concert and Movie, held this year at 6 p.m. on June 13 at South Beach in South Haven, Mich.

Frasco, a 24-year-old Southern California native, was recently named musician of the year at the Sundance Film Festival. He has traveled the world displaying his rare blend of technical mastery and euphoric, genre-bending compositions. Hot off a European tour in support of his second album, Frasco is best known for the songs “Lie to Me”, “Mr. Ego” and “It’s Been a Struggle”.

Frasco will be accompanied by his full band and preceded on stage by an eclectic mix of performers. The Opening Night celebration will treat revelers to live music, a beer garden and food, surprise celebrity guests and a film screening under the stars beginning at dusk.

An accompanying performer and celebrity guest for the evening will be actress and songstress E.G. Daily, who is known for her hit songs ranging from the ’80s including “Say It, Say It”, “Love in the Shadows” and “Mind Over Matter.” As a successful actress, she is well known for starring in movies (“Pee-wee’s Big Adventure”), and for providing recognizable voices for many animated characters, including in “Rugrats”, “Babe: Pig in the City”, and “The Powerpuff Girls”.

Waterfront Film Festival, which will be held in South Haven June 13-16, will announce the full schedule for more than 70 features and film shorts in the coming days.

Independent filmmakers and thousands of people who want to celebrate the art of movie making convene annually at Waterfront Film Festival to enjoy quality independent film, filmmaker panels and lively mixers along the scenic Lake Michigan shoreline. Tickets and passes for the festival will be made available at www.waterfrontfilm.org.

Visitors to Waterfront Film Festival will have four new venues to enjoy; Michigan Theatre, Listiak Auditorium, the AV Auditorium at South Haven High School and the screening room at Foundry Hall.

Other new attractions for Waterfront Film Festival's debut in South Haven include a Youth Showcase, which will screen five films made by area high school students followed by a collection of independent short films for kids. The event is free of charge and is supported in part by a generous grant from the Michigan Council on Arts and Cultural Affairs. The event will be held Saturday June 15 at 9 a.m. in the Listiak Auditorium.

As a retro-sidebar , Waterfront Film Festival introduces the Flashback Film Series with appearances from female leads E.G. Daily ("Pee-wee's Big Adventure"), Christine Elise ("Child's Play 2") and Kristin Minter ("Cool As Ice").

For more information on Waterfront Film Festival, including volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, please visit 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, "like" us on Facebook at [facebook.com/WaterfrontFilm](https://www.facebook.com/WaterfrontFilm) and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/#!/WaterfrontFilm.