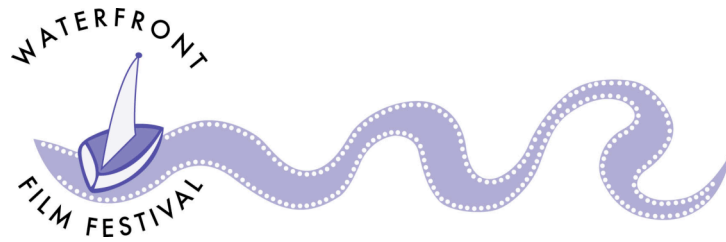


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Waterfront Film Festival offers summer preview

South Haven, Michigan, May 16, 2013 – Waterfront Film Festival announces today three films set to screen at venues this summer in South Haven, Mich., representing an eclectic and powerful cinematic mix of stories that will surprise, delight and even make you jump.

Waterfront Film Festival, which will be held in South Haven June 13-16, is finalizing the programming schedule of more than 70 features and film shorts.

The first three films to be announced, listed below, come from Magnolia Pictures, a long-time partner of Waterfront Film Festival.

- “Muscle Shoals”, acquired during the recent 2013 SXSW Film Festival, exposes the much under-told story of Muscle Shoals, a unique town in Alabama and home to some of the greatest music ever recorded. Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Percy Sledge, Gregg Allman, Clarence Carter, Etta James, Alicia Keys, Bono and others bear witness to Muscle Shoals’ magnetism, mystery and why it remains influential today.
- “Blackfish”, a Sundance Film Festival favorite, tells the story of Tilikum, a notoriously aggressive Orca Whale that killed three people while in captivity. Director Gabriela Cowperthwaite uses shocking footage and emotional interviews to present a convincing case against keeping these wild animals for human entertainment.
- “V/H/S/2”, a follow up to the critical and fan favorite late-night horror film “V/H/S”, chronicles the search for a missing student. Two private investigators break into a house to discover a collection of chilling VHS tapes. Viewing the shocking contents of each cassette, they realize the terror of the unexpected.

Magnolia Pictures has a long and strong history of releasing indy hits, including successes like 2009’s “Humpday” and “Food Inc”, 2011’s “Magic Trip” and “I Melt with You”, as well as last year’s “Take This Waltz” and “Jiro Dreams of Sushi”.

The films were announced during a welcoming event hosted by The South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce, the South Haven Tribune and attended by South Haven Mayor Bob Burr.

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 available at www.waterfrontfilm.org in late May.

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.

The annual Opening Night Celebration on June 13 will be held at South Beach where revelers will gather for live music, a beer garden and food, surprise celebrity guests and a film screening under the stars beginning at dusk.

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 and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/#!/WaterfrontFilm.