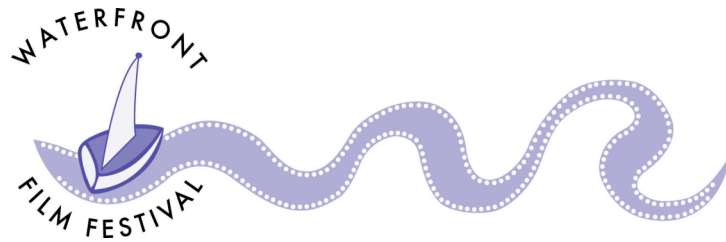


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## Actress Melanie Lynskey appearing at Waterfront Film Festival

*Award-winning performer to attend with Midwest premiere  
of 'Chu and Blossom'*

**South Haven, Michigan, June 3, 2014** – Melanie Lynskey, an accomplished film actress and TV favorite from many shows including the role of Rose on the hit show “Two and a Half Men”, will be in South Haven for the Waterfront Film Festival June 12-15 to attend the Midwest Premiere of her film “Chu and Blossom”.

Lynskey plays Miss Shoemaker in Charles Chu’s feature-length coming-of-age-comedy about a Korean foreign exchange student trapped in a small Southern town who forges an unlikely friendship with an oddball performance artist.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Waterfront Film Festival will be held June 12-15 in South Haven, Michigan.

In “Chu and Blossom”, Lynskey shares the screen with Alan Cumming, Academy Award winner Mercedes Ruehl, Annie Potts and Chris Marquette. Lynskey will participate in the audience Q&A at the 4:30p.m. Sunday, June 15 screening, which is being promoted as a unique activity to do on Father’s Day.

Among other honors, Lynskey earned a 1995 New Zealand Film and TV Award for her film debut in “Heavenly Creatures” alongside Kate Winslett, as well as a 2010 Critics Choice Award – Best Acting Ensemble for “Up in the Air” with Anna Kendrick and George Clooney. Lynskey has appeared in 61 episodes over a decade as Charlie Harper’s (Charlie Sheen) delightfully demented stalker in “Two and a Half Men”.

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.

The festival offers nearly 80 films, including documentaries, features and shorts, as well as social mixers, filmmaker panels and discussions, and live music.

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. Multiple celebrities are confirmed to attend and Emmy Award nominee Jason Ritter was recently announced. Visit the Festival website [www.WaterfrontFilm.org](http://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.

The festival has cemented its place in the industry as a showcase for Midwest premieres that go on to great success, including "Man on Wire", "March of the Penguins", "Queen of Versailles" and "Napoleon Dynamite", as well as last year's "Muscle Shoals" and "Blackfish".

This year's festivities begin at 6 p.m. June 12 with the Opening Night Summer Homecoming! Party on South Beach at Water Street and Monroe Boulevard. Advance tickets for opening night are \$10 at [www.WaterfrontFilm.org](http://www.WaterfrontFilm.org) and at the festival ticket office, 503 Quaker Street in South Haven. Gate entry the day of the event will be \$12.

Tickets and passes for films also can be purchased at [www.WaterfrontFilm.org](http://www.WaterfrontFilm.org), at the festival office, and at Michigan Theatre and at Foundry Hall during festival weekend.

#### **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](http://waterfrontfilm.org), "like" us on Facebook at [facebook.com/WaterfrontFilm](https://facebook.com/WaterfrontFilm) or follow us on Twitter [@waterfrontfilm](https://twitter.com/waterfrontfilm).