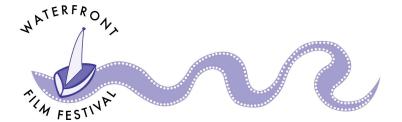
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Waterfront Film Festival partners with Project Accessible Hollywood

Festivals sponsor one-shot 60 second film contest

Saugatuck, Michigan, May 8, 2012 – Waterfront Film Festival and Project Accessible Hollywood are sponsoring a one-shot 60 second film contest open to anyone with a video camera, even if it's on their phone.

Celebrity judges will consider films made in a single continuous shot holding to the theme "What is Beauty?" with Saugatuck as a backdrop. Deadline for entry is June 13. For more entry details go to pahnationfest.org/Saugatuck.

The winner will be announced at the 14th Annual Waterfront Film Festival, and the winning entry will be shown during the outdoor screening at the Opening Night Party June 14.

PAHFest is one of many projects being shouldered by producer, director and writer Christopher Coppola, who will be at the festival June 14-17. The goal of PAHFest is to encourage everyday people worldwide to use the digital medium, and to share and celebrate their stories.

"PAH is looking for work that speaks from the heart, to the heart. Work that elevates the human spirit. Work that celebrates good will and connectivity while being uniquely your own," said Coppola, nephew to legendary director Francis Ford Coppola and brother to actor Nicholas Cage.

For tickets to the Opening Night Party, passes for the festival, or tickets to a Special Engagement screening of "Virginia", visit waterfrontfilm.org.

Waterfront Film Festival has been named in Screen Actors Guild magazine by SAGIndie as one of the top five film festivals in the world, alongside Sundance and Cannes. Waterfront Film Festival has premiered a long list of award-winning films in unique venues throughout Saugatuck's friendly and walkable resort setting. Thousands of independent film lovers, including dozens of actors, directors, writers and producers,

make the annual pilgrimage to the lakeshore for the more than 70 feature films, documentaries and shorts that have been meticulously selected for screening.

The Opening Night Party with headliner Beverly McClellan of "The Voice" kicks off at 6 p.m. at Coghlin Park, near the intersection of Culver and Griffith streets in Saugatuck. Advance tickets are \$10, and all proceeds go to benefit the non-profit organization. Other musical acts include Valentiger and Garrett Borns. Renowned artist Ron English will be on handing for poster signings.

Live music continues until sundown when the film projector starts up for an outdoor screening of "Shorts Spectacular", a collection of award-winning film shorts, including the winning one-shot 60 second film, all shown on a 50-foot inflatable movie screen.

Food and drinks for purchase will include a wide selection of drafts in the beer garden and a barbecue cookout by The Hickory Pit.

For exclusive access to film and music throughout the weekend, the Patron Pass can be purchased for \$500. It provides entry to Thursday's Opening Night Party, Special Engagement screenings, select VIP mixers and first entry for all films. Each Patron Pass also allows for a tax deduction of \$200.

The *FastPass* is \$300 and entitles the holder to first entry to all films, as well as admission to the Opening Night Party, Special Engagement screenings and exclusive entry to two VIP mixers. The Super Pass for \$200 allows the holder priority entry to all general-programmed films and admission to the Opening Night Party.

Day passes, \$70 for either Friday or Sunday, and \$75 for Saturday, also are available. Individual film tickets for \$10 will go on sale in late May when the full lineup of films is announced.

Purchases of passes can be made at <u>waterfrontfilm.org</u>, and beginning Memorial Day weekend passes and tickets will be available at the Waterfront Film Festival Summer Box Office in the Chemical Bank Building at 249 Mason Street in Saugatuck.

About Waterfront Film Festival

Now in its 14th year, Waterfront Film Festival celebrates independent film and filmmakers in a non-competitive environment. Located in Saugatuck, Mich., 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 volunteer-run, non-profit event committed to creating a "middle coast" venue for independent filmmakers while further enhancing the artistic draw of West Michigan. For more information on the 2012 festival, June 14-17, visit www.waterfrontfilm.org.

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