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## **Waterfront Film Festival Announces Student Filmmaker Showcase**

SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN – The Waterfront Film Festival is proud to announce its line up for the Student Filmmaker Showcase to be held 9:00 AM Saturday, June 12 at the Saugatuck High School (401 Elizabeth Street).

The showcase provides Michigan high school and college students an enhanced opportunity to enter their amateur films in the Waterfront Film Festival thanks to an \$850 grant by The Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland area. The showcase is also sponsored by Kodak. Ben Stone, Kodak Regional Account Manager, is expected to be in attendance.

"It's really exhilarating to see more and more students making films in the West Michigan area," said festival co-founder Hopwood DePree. "We're happy to provide a forum for them to showcase their works, and to possibly walk away with a \$1,000 film grant. There's a deep talent pool in Michigan, and we are doing everything we can to help promote it." **DePree promises even more exciting news at the showcase press conference to be held at ??? on ???.**

The student showcase lineup is as follows:

**This is Not a Chocolate Factory**

Director: David Ruck  
Grand Valley State University  
(18 min. / color)

No, this documentary isn't about the Love Canal, but it is about the same company and the devastating impact its waste disposal practices had on the White Lake Community in Muskegon County, Michigan.

**Bowling for a Dream**

Directors: Ranju and Sanjit Majumdar  
U.S.A. (7 min. / stop-motion)  
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MIDWEST PREMIERE  
A man must avoid his daily grind by escaping into his dreams.

**Animated in Paris**

Director: Hillary Leben  
The Art Institute of Chicago  
(13 min. / color)  
Through a combination of animation and video, this film tells the story of Hillary's week in Paris by herself.

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**Cut Off From Life**

Director: Travis Nyhof  
Parchment High School  
(3 min. / color)

This depicts what could happen as a teen struggles through life and falls into depression and drug use.

**Frame Rate**

Director: Andrew Laurich, Amanda Sardone  
University of Michigan  
(12 min. / color)  
Marvin and Kathy both search for what's right in front of them: each other

**Buford the Bull**

Director: David Patton  
Grand Valley State University  
(11 min. / color)  
A quirky comedy about the rituals of cow mating and the social delicacies of country life.

**Little Big Man**

Director: Fritz Statler  
Hackett Catholic Central High School  
(8 min. / color)  
A documentary that takes a look at the many different perspectives on how the dean of students authority is effected by his lack of height.

**Family Portrait**

Director: Kristin Ojaniemi  
Grand Valley State University  
(9 min. / color)  
A story about a six-year old boy who lives in a family lacking love and compassion.

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