

WATERFRONT FILM FESTIVAL June 6-9, 2002 – Downtown Saugatuck, Michigan

Feature Films:

- ***Con Express**-ACTION- A routine customs inspection uncovers a shipment of weapons-grade gas and now there is a race against time to save an entire city from impending doom.
- ***Champion Blues**-DOCUMENTARY-Follow legendary blues singer Mickey Champion, from her roots in Louisiana to Los Angeles where she performed with Billie Holiday and taught Tina Turner a move or two.
- ***Diamond Men**-DRAMA-In this critically acclaimed film, a traveling salesman who is about to lose the job he loves is forced to train a brash, inexperienced "kid" to replace him, however, the two begin to grow on each other and develop an unexpected bond. (Academy Award Nominee Robert Forster in attendance!) Preceded by short film: *Woman X*.
- ***Dinner and a Movie**-COMEDY-A cute, struggling filmmaker who is looking for her big break must create a hip, reality TV show on dating - in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Preceded by short film: *Gym Short*.
- ***Dirt**-COMEDY-In an effort to replace their recently departed mother, two bank-robbing brothers kidnap an unhappy grocery store clerk/single mother and attempt to form a makeshift family. Preceded by short film: *Profiles in Science*.
- Facing Arthur**-DOCUMENTARY-An extraordinary and moving look at the relationship between a young German descendant of a Nazi soldier and a 101-year-old Holocaust survivor.
- ***Finder's Fee**-DRAMA-What would you do if you found a wallet containing a winning lottery ticket worth \$6 million dollars? That's the name of the game in this psychological thriller starring Robert Forster, James Earl Jones, Matthew Lillard, and Erik Palladino. (Robert Forster and "ER's" Erik Palladino in attendance!) Preceded by short film: *Mutual Love Life*.
- ***Local Filmmaker Showcase 1** – Underestimating Jake, The Tower - A line-up of films made by local residents.
- ***Local Filmmaker Showcase 2** – Flight 409, Machine, Chameleon - A line-up of films made by local residents.
- Mai's America**-DOCUMENTARY-A spunky, mini-skirted daughter of Ho Chi Minh's revolution leaves cosmopolitan Hanoi on a school exchange program anticipating Hollywood, but instead finds herself in rural Mississippi. Preceded by: *Water From the Moon*.
- ***Mary/Mary**-COMEDY-The exploration of the unrealistic expectations of a confused young man and the women in his life whom he alternately idealizes and judges. Preceded by short film: *Dirty Riverdancing*.
- ***Master of the Game**-DRAMA-An original and ambitious World War II psychological drama in which four Jewish prisoners escape en route to a concentration camp and meet a different kind of fate... Preceded by short film: *Book and the Rose*.
- ***Miserable Comforters**-DRAMA-This smart mockumentary satire features a group of fanatical young Christian documentary film students whose goal is to find a "less fortunate" soul to save, but after some misguided adventures they find the "less fortunate" are not the ones who need to be saved. Preceded by short film: *Backslide*.
- ***New Suit**-COMEDY-A satire about an idealistic writer who inadvertently ignites a feeding frenzy in Hollywood with the mention of a mysterious new screenplay. Preceded by short film: *Non-Abductees Anonymous*.
- ***Pursuit of Happiness**-COMEDY-When an ad exec's life suddenly derails from the fast track to success, he turns to his lifelong best friend and learns that sometimes your first love is your true love. Preceded by short film: *Hubert's Brain*.
- ***See How They Run**-DOCUMENTARY-Navigating through the political scene of the mayoral election in San Francisco, things get interesting when a gay public school teacher-turned-comedian-turned-city-supervisor suddenly decides to jump into the race as a left wing, write-in challenger. Preceded by short film: *No Dumb Questions*.
- ***Serial Killing 101**-COMEDY HORROR-Lisa Loeb stars in this outrageously campy teen-scream comedy. Sometimes to get attention in high school, you need to pretend to be something you're not... even if it is a serial killer. Preceded by short film: *Hannibal Seven and a Match*-DRAMA-A moving story about seven friends, former college classmates, who all come together for one long weekend full of sexual tension, old rivalries, and the universal dilemmas involved in facing adulthood. Preceded by short film: *Bitanic*
- Some Like It Hot**-CLASSIC-MGM-sponsored outdoor special screening of the classic Billy Wilder (1906 – 2002) comedy starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon. FREE Thurs. 6/6 at dusk – Street party with beer garden starting at 7pm.
- ***Starwoids**-DOCUMENTARY-Tells the stranger-than-fiction details of Star Wars fans (aka "Starwoids") in their six-week line-waiting quest to see "Episode One: the Phantom Menace" on opening day. Preceded by short film: *Family Values*.
- ***SuperSucker**-COMEDY- Filmed in Michigan, this is a wacky and farcical story about how far a vacuum cleaner salesman's (Jeff Daniels) sales skyrocket when the curtain cleaning attachment is discovered to be - uh, ahem - a woman's best friend. Preceded by short film: *Bobbie Girl*.
- ***Resin**-DRAMA-A drug dealer vows to make one final score and a fresh start, but ends up in a showdown fighting for his freedom and his life. Preceded by short film: *Cleave*.
- ***The Backyard**-COMEDY DOCUMENTARY-A surprisingly insightful doc features the best (or worst) of backyard wrestling - a homegrown version of pro wrestling involving brooms of fire and bats of barbed wire. Preceded by short film: *Media Whore*.
- ***The Jimmy Show**-DRAMA- A film about a man fumbling with fate. Starring Frank Whaley and Ethan Hawke. Preceded by: *Eight*.
- ***The Real-life Spiderman: The Making of Green Goblins Last Stand**- DOCUMENTARY-This documentary reveals the untold tales behind Real-Life Spiderman Dan Poole. (Dan Poole in attendance!) Followed by the film: *Green Goblin's*.
- The Last Waltz**-ROCKUMENTARY-MGM 25th anniversary re-release of Martin Scorsese's critically acclaimed film with an unparalleled lineup of rock superstars (Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, Ringo Starr, Muddy Waters, Emmylou Harris, Neil Young, Joni Mitchell, Neil Diamond) as they celebrate "The Band's" historic 1976 farewell performance.
- ***Tribute**-ROCKUMENTARY-A hilarious film about music's strangest sub-culture... tribute bands. Preceded by short film: *Populi*.
- ***Valerie Flake**-DRAMA-A hypnotic and powerful drama about a complex woman on a journey to quell the demons that haunt her. Preceded by short film: *Blindsided*.
- ***Way Off Broadway**-DRAMA-The touching story of five friends who are struggling to make it as artists in NYC. Preceded by short film: *Castaway*.

*Directors, Producers and/or Cast members are expected to be in attendance for Q&A following these films.

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FEATURE FILMS: Please see other side of this flyer – Feature films are preceded by award-winning short films including the 2002 Academy Award winner “The Accountant,” and “A Smile Gone But Where?” starring Jimmy Breslin.

2002 SPECIAL EVENTS:

“AN EVENING WITH ROBERT FORSTER” (Sat. June 8, 6:30PM)

Come and meet **Academy Award Nominated Actor Robert Forster** and hear about his funny and poignant life experiences, reflecting back on his 35-year career of stardom and starvedom.

OPENING NIGHT OUTDOOR STREET PARTY (Thurs. June 6, street party with live music and beer garden starts at 7pm, screening is at Dusk) MGM hosts a Special Tribute street party and free outdoor screening of the MGM re-mastered classic movie “Some Like It Hot” – directed by the legendary Billy Wilder (1906 – 2002). Stars Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon.

SEMINARS:

Indie Film Smackdown (2:30PM Fri. June, 7) -Learn the startling truths to launching a career in independent film. You'll learn what they don't tell you in film school.

From Page to Premiere: A Screenwriter's Life (11:30AM, Sat. June 8)

Get practical advice from our panel of working screenwriters who will divulge the secrets of the screenwriting trade. Plus, bring your script or movie idea and pitch it to our panel of seasoned screenwriting vets.

The Secret Life of an Actor (2:30PM, Sat. June 8) Get the inside scoop on what the secret life of a working actor truly entails. Our prestigious panelists have been in the trenches and they'll tell us firsthand what it takes to make it as an actor.

‘Wild On’ Waterfront: Meet the Talent (4:15PM, Sat. June 8) A fun and casual chance to meet and mingle one-on-one with many of the filmmakers and actors who are in attendance at this year's WFF.

Making Docs that Rock (12:30PM, Sun. June 9) This panel will explore the harsh realities of reality-based moviemaking direct from the top documentarians in independent film.

How to Shoot Nude Scenes (2:00PM, Sun. June 9) We'll explore how directors work with actors and get their insight on the methods used to persuade performers to become emotionally naked on camera.

FESTIVAL PRICES: \$7 for film screenings and seminars during the day (\$10 for “Gala Films”); \$45 Day Pass, which includes priority seating at all day-screening movies and access to any seminars held that day; \$150 Super Pass, which includes priority seating at all screenings and access to the Friday Night Party and seminars. **Call now for tickets at 616-857-8351 or 616-857-7104 Or visit the Festival Box Office at 347 Water Street in Saugatuck Or purchase passes on line: www.waterfrontfilm.com**

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

7PM Opening Night Party – Live Music and Beer Tent
DUSK Some Like It Hot -free outdoor screening on Water St

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

9AM Facing Arthur/Champion Blues (Venue 1)
9AM The Jimmy Show (Venue 2)
11AM Seven and a Match (Venue 1)
11AM See How They Run (Venue 2)
11AM Way Off Broadway (Venue 3)
1:30PM Mary/Mary (Venue 1)
1:30PM Mai's America (Venue 2)
1:30PM Miserable Comforters (Venue 3)
2:30PM Seminar - Indie Film Smack-down
4PM Tribute (Venue 1)
4PM Master of the Game (Venue 2)
4PM Valerie Flake (Venue 3)
6:30PM SuperSucker Venue 1)
6:30PM The Backyard (Venue 2)
6:30PM Dinner and a Movie (Venue 3)
9PM New Suit (Venue 1)
9PM Resin (Venue 3)
10PM Serial Killing 101 (Venue 2)

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

8:30AM Master of the Game (Venue 2)
9AM Local Filmmaker SHOWCASE 1 (Venue 3)
9AM Pursuit of Happiness (Venue 1)
11AM New Suit (Venue 1)
11AM Making of Green Goblin's (Venue 2)
11AM Mai's America (Venue 3)
11:30AM Seminar - Page to Premier
1:30PM Tribute (Venue 1)
1:30PM Dirt (Venue 2)
1:30PM Serial Killing 101 (Venue 3)
2:30PM Seminar - Life of An Actor
4PM Diamond Men (Venue 1)

4PM Short Film Program (Venue 2)
4PM Starwoids (Venue 3)
4:15 PM Seminar - Meet the Film-makers
6:30PM EVENING W/ ROBERT FORSTER (V 1)
6:30PM The Backyard (Venue 2)
6:30PM Way Off Broadway (Venue 3)
9PM Finder's Fee (Venue 1)
9PM Mary/Mary (Venue 3)
10PM The Last Waltz (Venue 2)

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

9AM Seven and a Match (Venue 1)
9AM Miserable Comforters (Venue 2)
9AM Local Filmmaker SHOWCASE 2 (Venue 3)
11AM Finder's Fee (Venue 1)
11AM Jimmy Show (Venue 2)
11AM Valerie Flake (Venue 3)
12:30PM Seminar - Docs that Rock
1:30PM Diamond Men (Venue 1)
1:30PM Making of Green Goblin's (Venue 2)
1:30PM Short Film Program (Venue 3)
2PM Seminar - Nude Scenes
4PM Dinner and a Movie (Venue 1)
4PM Con Express (Venue 2)
4PM See How They Run (Venue 3)
6:30PM Resin (Venue 1)
6:30PM Dirt (Venue 2)
6:30PM Facing Arthur/Champion Blues (Venue 3)
9PM Pursuit of Happiness (Venue 1)
9PM Starwoids (Venue 2)
9PM Audience Favorite - T.B.A. (Venue 3)
VENUE 1 = Saugatuck Yacht Services, 868 Holland Street
VENUE 2 = Lakeshore Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St.
VENUE 3 = American Legion, Mason Street off of Butler
SEMINARS = Coral Gables, 220 Water St.

SEE DETAILED SCHEDULE AT www.waterfrontfilm.com