

5th annual LA Harbor International Film Festival™ (LAHIFF)  
April 24-27, 2008

To create a cinematic bridge between the people of the region and the people of the world

Warner Grand Theatre (WGT) - 478 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. (nr. Pacific Ave.) -  
in historic downtown San Pedro (SP), California - The Port of Los Angeles (POLA)

The WGT is a facility of the City of Los Angeles - LAHIFF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; donations tax-deductible to extent law allows

Advance Ticket sales online from April 1<sup>st</sup> [www.warnergrand.org](http://www.warnergrand.org)  
& Williams Book Store - 443 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. - across from WGT - San Pedro

\*\*\* All Tickets on sale at WGT Box Office (one hour before curtain) during event- first come first seated \*\*\*

Members of Military Service and Veterans admitted free - if seats available - arrive early

More info & links on website: [www.laharborfilmfest.com](http://www.laharborfilmfest.com)

**\*\* Thurs., April 24<sup>th</sup> \*\***

**Program A** - Doors open 10 am  
Sponsored by  
Supervisor Don Knabe & Penguin Classics  
**10:30 am ~ "Read the Book, See the Movie" (RBSM) FREE Education outreach program for high school students and members of the community featuring the classic 1812 novel by Johann Wyss The Swiss Family Robinson. Ken Annakin, the 93 year old director, is scheduled to attend; also expected is film's star James MacArthur (Fritz) ♦  
See Program C for film notes**

**\*\*Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> \*\***

**"A Short Opening Night"**  
**International Selection of Short Films**  
Sponsored by Ponte Vista at San Pedro  
**Honoring Earth Day & The Good Green Life**

**Program B** - Doors open at 6 pm  
**7 pm Opening & Introductions**  
**7:10 pm ~ Caracas**

**U.S.A. Premiere** - Sponsored by  
Polish Film Festival L.A. (PFFLA)  
& iNdings Art Center  
**Poland ~ 2007 ~ 10 min.**  
Whimsical animated sea journey delights the senses.  
(Dir. Anna Blaszczyk; Produkcja Filmowa)

**7:30 pm ~ Broken ♦**

**U.S.A. Premiere** - Sponsored by  
American Hellenic Council & Papadakis Taverna  
**United Kingdom ~ 2007 ~ 15 min.**  
Critically acclaimed award winning story of Greek Cypriot immigrant restaurateur in London, England, whose family joins him after four year hiatus; and the adjustment to new environment and culture. When his teen-aged daughter becomes aware of her father's infidelity there are devastating consequences.  
(Dir. Vicki Psarias; TenThousand Films, Ltd.)

Q & A with director following screening.

**8 pm ~ Personal Spectator**

**U.S.A. Premiere**  
**Belgium ~ 2007 ~ 15 min.**  
Do you ever feel like you're transparent and your life goes along without anyone else taking notice? You just might need someone to watch you like your own "personal spectator." (in English)  
(Dir. Emmanuel Jespers; Ezekiel 47-9 Films)

**8:20 pm Madame Tutli-Putli**

**POLA Premiere** - Sponsored by  
Canadian Consulate General of Los Angeles  
& Nat'l. Film Board of Canada (NFBC)  
**Canada ~ 2007 ~ 18 min.**

Academy Award® nominee for best short animated movie of 2007, is a darkly comic and fascinating journey with Madame Tutli-Putli, who boards the night train as day descends into evening and finds herself caught up in a bizarre adventure adrift between reality and imagination.  
(Dir. Chris Lavis & Maciek Szczerbowski; Clyde Henry Productions & NFBC)

**8:45 pm Hot Pedro Nights. ♦**

**WORLD PREMIERE** Sponsored by  
Clean San Pedro "Hot Pedro Nites"  
**U.S.A. ~ 2007 ~ 6 min.**

In August '07 it was a hot time in the old downtown remembering the 50s & 60s with do wop concert at WGT, vintage car cruising, rock'n rollin' at Waterfront Cruise Ship Promenade.  
A preview for third annual event taking place July 18 & 19, 2008.  
(Dir. Tim Brauning; Topic Productions, Inc.)

**Fri. April 25<sup>th</sup> cont'd**

**9 pm ~ I Am Bob ~ POLA Premiere**  
Sponsored by The Whale and Ale  
**United Kingdom ~ 2007 ~ 19 min.**  
Rock star, Grammy winner, philanthropist (Live Aid), Sir Bob Geldoff is stranded with no money or cell phone, in the middle of Northern England where a celebrity look alike contest is taking place, with big cash prize. He enters, only no one believes he's the real Bob. An ironic and amusing scenario ensues. (Caution: Some strong language). (Dir. Donald Rice; Clockwork Pictures)

**\*\* Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> \*\***

**Program C** - Doors open at 12 noon  
**Free Popcorn!**

Sponsored by Arlene & Myron Lockrem  
**12:30 pm The Swiss Family Robinson USA ~ 1960 ~ 128 min.**  
One of the world's best-loved stories of shipwreck and survival, the novel about a Swiss pastor, his wife and four young sons stranded on a remote tropical island, facing challenges to create a new life, has inspired readers for nearly 200 years.  
Academy Award® nominated director Ken Annakin (Dir. George Lukas named Annakin Skywalker after him), recreates the adventure and challenges of the island paradise, from the charming tree house to the exciting encounter and escape from nefarious pirates. (Print shown through courtesy of Disney Studios).

**Program D** - Doors open at 6:30 pm

**Hollywood Nostalgia Tribute (HNT)**  
**The Unsinkable Molly Brown**  
**Starring Debbie Reynolds**  
**Film's stars invited**

Audience encouraged to wear  
vintage Edwardian or evening attire

**7 pm. Welcome & Screening**

**USA ~ 1964 ~ 128 min.**  
Tony Award winning hit B'way musical "... Molly Brown" was composer Meredith Wilson's successor to *The Music Man*. Film nominated for six Academy Awards® embellishes story of tenacious Margaret Tobin Brown emerging from humble, yet infamous Leadville, Colorado to heights of American and international society. Surviving the sinking of the Titanic and social challenges Margaret achieved worldwide recognition. In Oscar® nominated title role Debbie Reynolds lights up the screen with co-star Harve Presnell, (late) Ed Begley and stellar supporting cast (Dir. Charles Walters; MGM)

**Special Event Sat. April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**~ 5 to 6:45 pm ~**

**Gala Red Carpet Reception**

sponsored in part by LAHIFF & Star Fisheries  
The HNT Gala will be held at The Arcade Building, 479 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., directly across the street from the WGT.

Includes the "Belly Up To The Bar" serving Blue Ice Cosmos & Martinis; appetizers, wine, champagne, and "Tribute to Titanic" buffet supper & dessert.

Rustic Colorado meets shipboard elegance inspired by "Molly" Brown's remarkable life and film's setting. **Space limited.**

**Catering by Critic's Choice**

Entertainment by keyboard artist Craig Hernandez

**\$65 per person pre-paid;**

**\$75 at the door if space permits.**

**Includes screening,**

**souvenir program, & party bag**

**DocSunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> \*\***

**Program E** - Doors open 11:30 am  
Sponsored by

**ILWU Locals 13,63 & 94**  
**Councilwoman Janice Hahn**  
**& Int'l. Documentary Assoc. (IDA)**  
**12 pm Welcome & Remarks**

**12:10 pm ~ The Eye of The Storm-**

**U.S.A. ~ 2007 ~ 48 min.**  
Story of ILWU 2002 struggle for a fair contract. (Dir./prod. Amie Williams; ILWU)

**Q & A with union reps after screening.**

**Program F POLA Premiere**

Sponsored by PFFLA &

L.A. Maritime Institute TopSail Youth Program

**2 pm ~ In Search of A Legend**

**Poland ~ 2007 ~ 48 min**

Film of the recreation of 1906 journey to find the NW passage from Europe to Asia in three month journey undertaken in 2006 by Polish crew. "An amazing adventure and exploration through the remote outpost, with Eskimos and polar bears." (Sub-titles; transcript will be available). (Dir. Konstanty Kulk; Serrano Set)

**Program G POLA Premiere** Sponsored by

NFBC & Canadian Consulate General L.A.

**3:10 pm ~ Shipbreakers ♦**

**Canada ~ 2004 ~ 70 min.**

Multi-award winning, heart wrenching story of greed, survival and environmental disaster, film reveals where giant cargo ships go "to die" - dismantled in the Indian Ocean - at the huge cost of human toil and life. "A ship a day, a death a day." (Dir/Prod..Michael Kot;Prod.Ed Barrevel; Storyline Ent. & NFBC)

Q & A after screening.

**\*\* CLOSING Event \*\* POLA Premiere**

**Program H** Doors open 4:45 pm

**5 pm Opening Remarks & Introductions**

**5:15 pm ~ Made In L.A. ♦**

**USA ~ 2007 ~ 70 min.**

Remarkable true story about boycott by L.A. garment workers against trendy clothing manufacturer Forever 21, who sued and lost; appealed and prevailed. A truly inspiring and triumphant "story about immigration, sweatshops and the women (and men) who make your clothes." (Dir/Producers. Almudena Carradeco and Robert Bahar; Semilla Verde Productions)  
**Panel discussion after screening, moderated by Dr. Betsy McLane, Ph.D., with filmmakers and union reps.**

♦ = dir./filmmaker or rep expected to attend, subject to availability.

All programs subject to change.

**\*Sacred Grounds \* Concessions at WGT**

Popcorn, candy, soft drinks, wine & beer on sale during festival programs

♥Before and after programs please patronize LAHIFF restaurant sponsors ♥

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**Gen'l Admission \$10; ILWU/GVFL/AMM/IDA/BAFTA LA members, seniors, & students \$8**

**Prog.E-H "DocSunday" all day pass \$20**

**Program D "HNT Red Carpet Reception" \$65 (\$75 at door space permitting) includes screening - see above & website for details**

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