

Festival showcases local filmmaker

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MARSHFIELD — New Visions Gallery will be one of the venues for the eighth annual Central Wisconsin Film Festival at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, a program of the Arts Alliance of Portage County.

The 2013 Central Wisconsin Film Festival will feature award-winning independent films including shorts, documentaries and feature films primarily from directors with Wisconsin connections. The festival will include two evenings of screenings at venues in Amherst, Marshfield, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids.

Tickets for screenings at New Visions Gallery are available in advance at <http://cwfilmfest.eventbrite.com> or at the door at \$10 for adults and \$5 with student ID. Weekend passes are available, \$15 for adults and \$10 with a student ID.

The Central Wisconsin Film Festival showcases emerging and established independent filmmakers. Established in 2006, the festival supports film and video makers who demonstrate a high regard for moving images as artistic expression. The intent is to promote understanding, tolerance, entertainment and social awareness while providing a stimulating and enriching cultural experience within central Wisconsin.

Dates and locations of the festival are: Friday and Saturday at the Lettie Jensen Community Center in Amherst, Dreyfus University Center Theater at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, New Visions Gallery in Marshfield and the Gilbert and Jaylee Mead Auditorium in Wisconsin Rapids. All screenings begin at 7 p.m.

New Visions Gallery will be screening “Marshland” on Friday, a short film by Marshfield native Samuel Karow. Karow will be present at the screening and will provide a talk-back session that evening after the film screenings conclude. For a list of films and film descriptions, go to <http://cwfilmfest.eventbrite.com>.

New Visions Gallery is in the main lobby of Marshfield Clinic, 1000 N. Oak Ave., Marshfield. For more information, go to www.cwfilmfest.org or like Central Wisconsin Film Festival on Facebook.