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## **Wayne County supports international film festival**

Wayne County will play an active role in the second annual Detroit Windsor International Film Festival.

The county is the presenting sponsor of the four-day event, which will showcase dozens of independent films, a filmmaking TechFair, a Children's Film Festival and special guests. Activities will run Thursday through Sunday at various sites on the Wayne State University campus and at the University of Windsor.

"Wayne County has been an auto hub, a sports hub and a music hub –it's time for Wayne County to become a film hub," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who will be present at the festival's opening reception with festival director John Kelly. The event will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at WSU's MacGregor Hall.

Spurred by the state's lucrative tax-incentive plan for the movie industry, Wayne County is aggressively marketing its assets to filmmakers as a means of helping to diversify the local economy.

Throughout the festival, Wayne County will present videos highlighting a variety of local locations available for the film industry. The county's Land Bank also will publicize the resources it can provide for filmmakers.

Michael Mosallam, the county's Director of Film Initiatives, served as the programming director for the festival. He selected the best films to be screened after viewing all the narrative feature and documentary submissions from around the world.

Ticket and festival information is available at [www.dwiff.org](http://www.dwiff.org).

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