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**Film Series Continues with “Basquiat”
At the Ludington Area Center for the Arts**

LUDINGTON—The Third Coast Film Society at the Ludington Area Center for the Arts continues its monthly film series on Friday, August 27 at 7 p.m. with *Basquiat*.

This “biopic” drama film, directed by Julian Schnabel, is based on the life of post-modern African American artist Jean Michael Basquiat, who used his graffiti roots as a foundation to create collage-style paintings on canvas. His style was described as nervous, fierce and energetic. Jeffery Wright stars as Basquiat and David Bowie plays friend and mentor Andy Warhol. The young artist emerges from sleeping in a cardboard box in Tompkins Square in the East Village to enter the wheeler-dealer atmosphere of the 1980s New York art world. *Basquiat* received several film nominations and two awards, including Special Recognition for Excellence in Filmmaking by the National Board of Review. The film is rated R and the running time is 108 minutes.

In September, the Third Coast Film Society will begin its series of foreign films, beginning with the Japanese film *Departures* on Friday, Sept. 24. *The Reprise* from Norway screens on Friday, Oct. 30, the Vietnamese film, *The Owl and the Sparrow* on Friday, Nov. 19 (note the change in date). In December, the Film Society wraps up the year with a New Year’s Eve screening of an endearing, romantic film from Denmark, *Italian for Beginners*.

Tickets for each film screening are \$7 per person at the door. Popcorn and beverages will be available for sale.

For more information, contact the Ludington Area Center for the Arts during business hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 12-5:30 p.m. The Center is located at 107 S. Harrison in the historic former home of the United Methodist Church in downtown Ludington. Parking for Center events is available in the public lot south of the Center at the corner of Harrison and Loomis streets.

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