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KATHRYN JOOSTEN, STAR OF *DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES*
AND *THE WEST WING* TO BE DERBY GUEST OF
THE LOUISVILLE FILM ARTS INSTITUTE

Two-time Emmy Award-winning American television actress Kathryn Joosten will be in Louisville Derby Week as a guest of the Louisville Film Arts Institute. She has played the part of nosy, bickering, older neighbor Karen McCluskey on numerous episodes of *Desperate Housewives* since 2004. For this role Joosten has won two Emmy Awards for Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series in 2005 and 2008. Prior to that she played the role of Delores Landingham, secretary to President of the United States Josiah Bartlet (played by Martin Sheen) on [*The West Wing*](#) for two seasons until her character's death in a car crash in 2001.

A psychiatric nurse by training, Joosten did not begin her acting career until her 40's when she moved to Hollywood in the mid-1990's and began appearing in guest roles in television series such as *Roseanne*, *Home Improvement*, *Picket Fences*, *Murphy Brown*, *ER*, *Seinfeld*, *Frasier*, *Just Shoot Me!*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Dharma & Greg*, *Las Vegas* and *The Drew Carey Show*. Joosten's role on *The West Wing* led to more significant guest roles on television series including [*Scrubs*](#) (appearing in "My Old Lady", which won a Humanitas Prize), [*My Name is Earl*](#), *Spin City*, *The X-Files*, *Judging Amy*, *Monk*, *Charmed*, *Will & Grace*, *Malcolm in the Middle*, *Grey's Anatomy*, [*The Suite Life of Zack and Cody*](#), *So Little Time*, *Gilmore Girls*, *The Closer* and *Joan of Arcadia*.

Joosten's film credits include *Wedding Crashers* and she has appeared in numerous television commercials such as those for V8 and Fiber One. In 2007, in an appearance on *The View*, she revealed that she was a lung cancer survivor, after many years of smoking (which she subsequently quit), and gave some tricks for trying to beat the habit of smoking.

Conrad Bachmann, Co-Founder of the Louisville Film Arts Institute and five-term Governor of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences which produces the Emmy's, is delighted to confirm Joosten's attendance. "Kathy was my guest at last year's Derby and for the 2008 Take 24 Bourbon Ball in October at which we launched my vision for Louisville's International Festival of Films. She is donating her time to come to Louisville for the benefit of the James Graham Brown Cancer Center and to help promote the Louisville Film Arts Institute project. She is a wonderful friend who understands my hopes and dreams for the film festival."

Bachmann noted Joosten joins Doris Roberts (*Everybody Loves Raymond*) as a guest of Louisville Film Arts Institute and will attend the Mint Jubilee on Friday night to benefit the James Graham Brown Cancer Center and the Kentucky Derby on Saturday. Bachmann noted "I am always thrilled to show off my hometown to my industry friends and the fun and excitement of the Derby week."

Louisville's International Festival of Film will take place October 1 – 4, 2009 at The Kentucky Center. Submissions can be made on withoutabox.com. For more information, contact Nancy Tafel, Director of Development, at (502) 593-1243 or nancytafel@aol.com; or visit web sites lfaii.org and louisvillefilm.com.

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