

# Good Ol' Boys Movie, Island Have Common Tie: Nathan Barr

By Ryan Schlehner

What do Mackinac Island and the new movie "Dukes of Hazzard" have in common? It would be film composer Nathan Barr, whose family resides on the Island.

Mr. Barr, the son of Penny and John Barr of the West Bluff and Bronxville, New York, is a film composer in Los Angeles and composed the music for one of this summer's biggest motion pictures, "Dukes of Hazzard."

Mr. Barr has been in L.A. since 1996, when he went to study under Hans Zimmer, an Academy Award-winning film composer of "Lion King." Since then, Mr. Barr has composed dozens of scores for movies including "Broken Lizard's Club Dread" in 2004, "Cabin Fever" in 2002, "Briar Patch" in 2001, and "From



Dusk Til Dawn 3: The Hangman's Daughter" in 2000.

His latest project, "Dukes of Hazzard," was directed by Jay

Chandrasekhar, who was also the director of "Club Dread."

At left: Film composer Nathan Barr completed his latest work in Los Angeles for the summer hit movie "Dukes of Hazzard." Helping him produce and play the background music for scenes in the movie was the legendary ZZ Top lead guitarist Billy Gibbons. Pictured are (from left) director Jay Chandrasekhar, Billy Gibbons, Nathan Barr, and co-producer and mixer Peter Cobbin. (Photograph courtesy of Lisbeth Scott)

He helped Mr. Barr land the "Dukes" project, Mr. Barr said.

The "Dukes of Hazzard" movie, released this summer, is a spin-off of the classic television series. The movie stars Jessica Simpson (who played

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