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Flickers Presents: The Shortest Day (Le jour le plus court) *The Rhode Island International Film Festival takes part in France's 5th annual global film festival with two special screenings*

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (December 5, 2015) – **Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival** will present **"The Shortest Day" (Le jour le plus court)** on Friday, December 18th as part of its year-round RIIFF Encore Film Series. Flickers will showcase "Des rêveurs" (Dreamers)" short film program at the Alliance Francaise de Providence, 928 Smith St. Providence, RI at 7:30 PM, and a second screening will take place at the Narragansett Theater By The Pier on Saturday, January 2nd at 7:00 PM.

"The Shortest Day" (Le jour le plus court) is a global French film festival organized by L'Agence du Court Métrage, The Department of Short Film, a French organization dedicated to championing the art of the short film. Taking place every year on the weekend of the Winter Solstice, *Le jour le plus court* screenings take place across the globe, and RIIFF will be one of the few

"The Shortest Day" (Le jour le plus court) will take place on the weekend of the Winter Solstice, a fitting time to celebrate the art of the short film, and promote its artistic merit worldwide.

"We take great pride in having the opportunity to share such diverse and vanguard francophone programming with audiences right here in Rhode Island," says **Shawn Quirk, RIIFF's Program Director**. "This year RIIFF received over 200 French-speaking film entries from 6 countries, and our shortest day screening will showcase some of our best titles from this dynamic submission pool. These films enrich our lives and broaden our global perspective in new and exciting ways."

As part of this unique international event, Flickers will screen six celebrated French language short films representing many aspects of French speaking culture. The titles are: *"Eloise, Little Dreamer,"* directed by Myriam Obin, 2015; *"Les fremissements du the" (The Way of Tea),* directed by Marc Fouchard, 2014; *"Chez moi" (My Home),*" directed by Phuong Mai Nguyen, 2014; *"Maurice,"* directed by Francois Jaros, 2015; *"L'étourdissement" (Stunned),* directed by Gérard Pautonnier, 2014; and *"Tarim le brave contre des milles et un effets" (Tarim the Brave Against 1001 Effects)* directed by Guillaume Rieu, 2015.

"The Shortest Day" (Le jour le plus court) screenings will take place on **Friday, December 18** at the following venue:

Location: Alliance Francais de Providence

928 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02908, (401) 272-6243

Time: 7:30 PM

Admission: Tickets will be \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

A second screening will take place on **Saturday, January 2** at the following venue:

Location: Narragansett Theater At The Pier

3 Beach Street, Narragansett, RI 02882

Time: 7:00 PM

Admission: Tickets will be \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

This screening will be free of charge and open to the public. For more information, please go to the Flickers website at www.RIFilmFest.org

ABOUT THE RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:

The **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)**, has secured its place in the global community as the portal for the best in international independent cinema, earning the respect of domestic and foreign filmmakers, filmgoers and trend watchers. This confluence of art and commerce brought together world-class celebrities, award-winning filmmakers, new talent and audience members in record numbers last year. Ranked as one of the top 10 Festivals in the United States, RIIFF is a qualifying festival for both the Short Narrative and Documentary Short Film Academy Awards through its affiliation with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences and the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA). There are only 6 film festivals worldwide that share this distinction and RIIFF is the only festival in New England. The Festival takes place every August.

For more information about the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival**, running **August 9-14 2016** at The **Providence Performing Arts Center** (PPAC) and **The Vets** (formerly Veterans Memorial Auditorium), please visit our website at www.RIFilmFest.org or call **401.861.4445**.

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