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## FLICKERS: RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL SEEKS YOUTH FILM JURY APPLICANTS FOR 2015

*Area High School students needed to judge films and participate in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Rhode Island International Film Festival, August 4-9, 2015*

**WHAT:** FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival Youth Jury Program

**WHEN:** August 4-9, 2015

**WHERE:** Providence, Newport, Bristol, Woonsocket and Jamestown, Rhode Island

**WHO:** Flickers, Newport Film Society & Arts Collaborative, creator of the Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)

On August 4, 2015, Flickers kicks-off its 19th annual **Flickers: Rhode Island International Film Festival** (RIIFF) in Providence, RI. This week-long celebration of independent cinema and film arts is New England's largest film festival and only Academy Award (i.e. "Oscars") qualifying event for both Narrative and Documentary Short Films. Out of the 7,000-plus film festivals worldwide, only 19 of them share this distinction.

Flickers is seeking students from Rhode Island high schools and area colleges to participate in its **2015 Youth Film Jury Program**. The Youth Film Jury is a program that introduces young scholars and cinephiles to the world of independent film. Accepted applicants will have the opportunity to: **1.** View a wide variety of films (narrative, documentary, animations, shorts, etc.) that they may never have otherwise had the chance to see; **2.** Meet and interact with filmmakers, actors, industry professionals, and other film lovers from around the world; **3.** Attend special screenings, World and US. premieres, and more; **4.** Participate in a program that will stand out on college applications and resumes; **5.** Volunteer at the Festival and become part of the RIIFF team; and, **6.** Network and make connections to aid future endeavors in the film world!

Participation in the Flickers' Youth Film Jury provides all-access passes to the Festival and a mentored learning environment. The educational value for each participant is worth \$650.

In addition to film screenings, the Festival will feature the return of the RI Film Forum—geared to be a region-wide educational workshop on bringing film production to the Ocean State—award ceremonies, filmmaker symposia, the annual ScriptBiz Screenwriting Workshop, the new Documentary Film Forum, a walking tour of film locations in Providence, an expanded KidsEye International Film Festival with morning workshops and kid-friendly activities, networking events and much more. For more information about the festival, please visit [www.rifilmfest.org](http://www.rifilmfest.org)

The program will be accepting applications through **June 18, 2015**. All applications will then be immediately reviewed and acceptance notifications will go out. To receive an application, please visit this link: <http://www.film-festival.org/YouthJuryProgram.php>

Send your completed application to [tbrelsford@film-festival.org](mailto:tbrelsford@film-festival.org) or mail it to:

**RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

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**THE FLICKERS' BACKSTORY & MISSION:**

The mission of the **Flickers, the Newport Film Society & Arts Collaborative** - now in its **33<sup>rd</sup> year** - has been to serve as a creative partner in the arts by uniting various media and arts disciplines that nurture the artistic process and support a vital part of our community. This includes multi-disciplinary art presentations; artistic and cultural activities; performance festivals; video and television productions; audio recordings and broadcasts; educational outreach programs; and the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)**.

**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 also a qualifying festival for the Short Film Academy Award through its affiliation with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. There are 19 film festivals worldwide which share this distinction and RIIFF is the only festival in New England. The Festival takes place every August. For more information about RIIFF, please visit [www.rifilmfest.org](http://www.rifilmfest.org).

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