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## **RIIFF GOES TO THE OSCARS®**

***Flickers: Rhode Island International Film Festival hosts retrospective screenings of Oscar shorts at venues throughout the state of Rhode Island.***

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** (February 20, 2014) – There are literally thousands of film festivals worldwide but only 26 of them have a rather unique accolade; they are nominating Festivals for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in both the short film and documentary short division. The **Flickers: Rhode Island International Film Festival** (RIIFF) is one of these 26 Festivals and the only Festival in New England with these distinctions.

Every year, the RIIFF kicks off its annual August Festival with an opening night program that salutes the art of the short film. Every year, several of these films have ended up receiving Oscar® nominations. In 2012, five Festival films were nominated with two wins. In 2013, four films were nominated. And in 2014, three films have been nominated with the winner(s) to be announced on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Academy Awards.

In celebration of this year's Oscar® nominations, the **Flickers: Rhode Island International Film Festival**, in collaboration with the **RI Film & Television Office**, will be presenting a special collection of Oscar® nominated short films that have screened at RIIFF over the past 18 years. The program called "**RIIFF Goes to the Oscars**," will take place from Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Since 1998, the Festival has seen 33 of its premieres receive Academy nominations and six awarded the coveted Oscar®.

Going into its vaults, RIIFF will be presenting a retrospective of some of these amazing Oscar® nominees, winners and even films that made the Academy short-list. Of note is a special screening of early work by this year's Academy Award nominated director, **Daniel Sousa**, a professor at Rhode Island School of Design, which will include this year's nominated animated short film "**Feral**."

The program will be hosted at **Roger Williams University** in Bristol, the **Rochambeau Library** and the **Providence Public Library** in Providence. All screenings will be free to the general public and feature a raffle where attendees will be able to win tickets to this summer's Festival which runs August 5-10<sup>th</sup>.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to highlight some of our best films from years past and thank Steven Feinberg of the RI Film & Television Office for this opportunity. Short film retrospectives are quite rare, so it's wonderful to share some of the world's greatest short films with our local Rhode Island community" said **Shawn Quirk**, Programming Director at Flickers.

Here is the schedule for **RIIFF Goes to the Oscars®**:

**Date:** Wednesday, February 26th

**Location:** Global Heritage Hall, GH01, Roger Williams University, Bristol

Hosted by the RWU Film Production Club

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

[www.rwu.edu](http://www.rwu.edu)

**Date:** Thursday, February 27th

**Location:** Rochambeau Library, 708 Hope St, Providence, RI 02906, 401.272.3780

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Date:** Friday, February 28th

**Location:** Providence Public Library, 150 Empire Street, Providence, RI 02903, 401.455.8000

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

[www.provlib.org](http://www.provlib.org)

These are all Free Events

This unique selection of short films will be featured in conjunction with Flickers' annual **Red Carpet Experience: Providence** event,

This year's special **Red Carpet Guests** include: **Elizabeth Delude-Dix**; Flaherty Documentary Institute; **Winifred Brownell**, University of Rhode Island; **Maia Farish**, Roger Williams University, **Kristen Adamo**, Providence/Warwick CVB; and **Letitia Carter**, VMA Foundation/Carter Foundation.

At the **Red Carpet Experience: Providence** guests may feel like stars themselves from a red carpet entrance photographed by paparazzi, interviews by reporters from ABC6, a welcoming reception celebrating this year's Producer Circle Awards, amazing hors d'oeuvres and beverages, live music, silent auction, a gourmet dinner, unforgettable desserts and of course a screening of the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Academy Awards.

The Honorary Chairs for the event are **Steven Feinberg**, Executive Director/RI Film & Television Office and **Michael Drywa, Esq.** RIFF Advisory Board President. Hosts for the evening are **Doreen Scanlon** and **Mark Curtis** of ABC 6.

Benefiting **Flickers: Rhode Island International Film Festival**, Providence's Red Carpet Experience celebration will be held at **The Vets**, One Avenue of the Arts with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are now on sale online at [www.RIFilmFest.org](http://www.RIFilmFest.org) or by calling 401.861.4445. The cost per ticket is \$100. Student and Table discounts are available.

#### **ABOUT FLICKERS:**

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-12 festivals in the United States, **RIIFF** is one of 26 festivals worldwide that is a qualifying festival for the **Academy Awards** in both short film and documentary short film through its partnership with the **Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences**.

For more information about the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival**, running **Aug. 5-10, 2014** at The Vets (formerly Veterans Memorial Auditorium), please visit [www.RIFilmFest.org](http://www.RIFilmFest.org) or call **401.861.4445**.

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