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FLICKERS: "SECRET CINEMA" LGBTQ FILM FESTIVAL PREVIEW SPECIAL PREVIEW SCREENING SHOWCASES UPCOMING AUGUST FESTIVAL

WHAT: FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival "Secret Cinema" LGBTQ Festival Preview

WHEN: Friday, June 14, 2013, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Bell Street Chapel, 5 Bell Street, Providence, Rhode Island

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

HOW MUCH: \$10 donation

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(PROVIDENCE, RI) • 2013 marks the 17th year of the **Flickers: Rhode Island International Film Festival**. For the past six years, as part of its community outreach efforts and recognition of **Gay Pride Month**, the RIIFF has presented a preview in June of LGBTQ programming it will offer during the main Festival in August.

On Friday, June 14th, at 7:30 p.m., **Flickers' "Secret Cinema" LGBTQ Festival Preview** will screen at the historic **Bell Street Chapel**, 5 Bell Street, Providence, RI. At the screening, audience members will have the opportunity to decide which films will be selected to this year's Rhode Island International Film Festival with a ballot available to judge and rate the work presented. Those in attendance for the Secret Cinema program will have access to a never-before-seen feature-length LGBTQ film and select short films. The winner(s) of this "secret cinema" will go on to be screened at the main Festival, August 6-11th. Last year, the most popular presentation at the "secret cinema" was Alan Piper's "Married and Counting," a film that went on to win major Flickers' awards.

Flickers annually produces the **Providence LGBTQ Film Festival**, a popular sidebar that showcases films reflecting the LGBTQ experience. This year, programming will include an expanded focus on growing social and political issues for LGBTQ youth, specifically targeting bullying and its societal impact.

Flickers' programming and community outreach is supported by the Rhode Island Foundation's **Equity Action**; a field of interest fund at the Foundation that advances equitable treatment that improves the quality of life of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Rhode Islanders.

A \$10 donation (\$8 for RIIFF members) is requested at the screening. All proceeds from the event will go to the community outreach efforts of the Bell Street Chapel with a donation made to RI Youth Pride. Tickets are available at the door.



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ABOUT FLICKERS: 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. RIIFF is widely recognized as a credentialed, industry-friendly launch pad for the work of exceptional emerging talent. This confluence of art and commerce brings together world-class celebrities, award-winning filmmakers, new talent and enthusiastic audience members. Ranked as one of the top 10 Festivals in the United States and the largest Film Festival in New England, 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 75 film festivals worldwide which share this distinction and RIIFF is the only festival in the region. The Festival takes place every August. For more information, please visit www.rifilmfest.org.

For more information about the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival**, running Aug. 6-11, 2013 at **The Vets** (formerly Veterans Memorial Auditorium), please visit www.RIFilmFest.org or call 401.861.4445.

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