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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 2<sup>nd</sup> annual global film festival with free screenings**

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** (December 13, 2012) – In a special collaboration, **Flickers: The Rhode Island International Film Festival** will present “**The Shortest Day**” (**Le jour le plus court**) on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> in venues across the state of Rhode Island. The program has been developed in partnership with the **Consulat Général de France à Boston** and will feature collaboration with the **Alliance Française de Providence**, the **Sandywoods Center for the Arts** in Tiverton and the **Westerly Public Library**. All screenings are free to the general public and will feature family-friendly films.

Now in its second year, “**The Shortest Day**” (**Le jour le plus court**) is a global French film festival organized by the CNC, Le Centre National du Cinéma et de L'image Animée (the National Center of Cinematography and Moving Image).

Flickers, together with the Lincoln Center for the Arts and the Nouveaux Cinémas Festival, both in New York City, are the only organizations in the United States invited to participate in this special day of short film screenings across the Globe.

“**The Shortest Day**” (**Le jour le plus court**) will take place on the day of the Winter Solstice, December 21, 2012, a fitting time to celebrate the art of the short film, and promote its artistic merit worldwide.

“‘*Le jour le plus court*’ is a truly unique event celebrated for the first time last year in 350 cities in France and 15 countries. People from all walks of life unite on this very short day to celebrate the diversity and creativity of French shorts. It is an honor for the Alliance Française de Providence to present this program to Rhode Islanders through our partnership with the Flickers: Rhode Island International Film Festival.” said Flavien Collet, Director of the Alliance Française de Providence.

As part of this unique international event, Flickers will screen of five celebrated French short films representing a diverse collection shining a light on the pleasures found within these eternal bonds that make us ever so much human. These will include “*Mon Petite Frère de la Lune*” (*My Little Brother From The Moon*) by Frédéric Philibert, an animated film in which a little girl tries to understand why her autistic brother isn't quite like other children, and “*Un Homme Debout*” (*Still Standing*) directed by Foued Mansour, about a man who returns to his native town after being away for long time and the impact of his return.

“**The Shortest Day**” (**Le jour le plus court**) screenings will take place on December 21, 2012 at the following venues in Rhode Island:

**Westerly Public Library**

44 Broad Street, Westerly, RI 02891

Time: 4:00 p.m.

**Alliance Francaise de Providence**

928 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02908

Time: 6:30 PM

**Sandywoods Center for the Arts**

Muse Way, Tiverton, RI 02878

Time: 7:00 PM

All screenings will be free of charge and open to the public. For more information, please the Flickers at [www.RIFilmFest.org](http://www.RIFilmFest.org)

**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. 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 75 festivals worldwide that is a qualifying festival for the **Academy Awards** through its partnership with the **Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences**.

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 our website at [www.RIFilmFest.org](http://www.RIFilmFest.org) or call us at **401.861.4445**.

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