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**2011 FLICKERS: RHODE ISLAND
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**
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**PROVIDENCE OSCAR NIGHT® AMERICA TO
BENEFIT THE RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL**

Tickets are on sale now for the February 27th event

(PROVIDENCE, RI) – The excitement and glamour of Hollywood are coming to Providence on Oscar Night. Residents of Rhode Island and southern New England can experience the thrills and surprises of the 83rd Academy Awards® on Sunday, February 27, 2011, at Providence's own **Oscar Night® America** party. Benefiting **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)**, Providence's Oscar Night celebration will be held at the **VMA Arts & Cultural Center**, 1 Avenue of the Arts, beginning at 6:30 p.m. \$50 includes the Preshow Reception and Reserved Theatre Viewing. Purchase tickets online at <http://www.filmfestival.org/OscarNightAmericaTKTS.php> or by calling 401.861.4445.

The Rhode Island event is one of 51 parties officially sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences that will be held across the country on Oscar Night. "Oscar Night has always been an opportunity for friends and families to gather together and cheer for their favorite films and stars," said Academy Executive Director Bruce Davis. "This nationwide network of fundraising parties is a natural extension of that shared experience." Oscar Night parties last year raised more than \$3 million in 51 cities. All money raised stays in the local community.

The Providence audience will watch the Academy Awards telecast live on large screens courtesy of **WLNE TV 6** the Rhode Island affiliate of the ABC Television Network, which broadcasts the Academy Awards presentation. This is the 18th year that the Academy and ABC have cooperated with local charities to support official Oscar Night viewing parties throughout the country. This year marks the second year that Providence's party has been sanctioned by the Academy.

DETAILS OF THE EVENT...

"Oscar Night generates excitement all over the world," said Demetria J. Carr, RIFF Managing Director. "With the Academy's support, we hope to throw a unique salute to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences that will showcase an eclectic mix of RI glamour and creativity. "ABC6 will interview guests as they walk the red carpet to a fabulous celebration on the VMA stage, sampling the finest appetizers from Ellen Loconto Catering, Hollywood-style desserts from Simply Devine Catering, sweet surprises from Sweet Lorraine's, and jazz entertainment by the Eric Bloom Trio.

Other sponsors include Stella Artois, PMA Industries, Amtrak, Glasswing Design, Barrington Printing, Valet Connection, Renaissance Downtown Providence Hotel, and VMA Arts & Cultural Center. Gift bags and official Academy programs will be available during the Preshow reception.

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Exciting raffles, and Academy ballots will be presented throughout the evening.

Additional funds will be raised to support the 15th annual international film festival (slated for August 9-14th) from sensational auction packages which include a Block Island retreat, week-end in NH at The Balsams Grand Resort, golf at the exclusive Rhode Island Country Club, makeover party for 4 at Alayne White Spa, Croquet lessons at Pond View Racquet & Croquet Club, 23kGold Blown-Glasses vases by GOB design, Hotel Packages and RI events.

RI Oscar Night® America committee members are Lawrence Andrade, Sierra Barter, Ann Burke, Demetria Carr, Kortnee Cribby, Janet Devine, Joyce Dinobile, Michael Drywa, Maryann Glosson, Will Gregerson, Deb Hoch, Susanna Jackson, George Marshall, Tim Mendoca, Scott Oberacker, Duncan Putney, Jason Resmini, Maryann Sullivan, and Doreen Vitale.

THE FLICKERS' BACKSTORY & MISSION:

The mission of the **Flickers, the Newport Film Society & Arts Collaborative** - now in its 29th 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 12 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 65 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 the festival, please visit www.rifilmfest.org.

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