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Roving Eye International Festival Kicks Off With More Than 50 Films From Across The Globe, Premiere Work, Professional Panels, And Visiting Filmmakers

Programming linked to and celebrates a week of Arts Programming on the Roger Williams University Bristol Campus

WHAT: The 9th Annual Roving Eye International Film Festival: A CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

WHEN: April 6-13, 2014

WHERE: Roger Williams University, 1 Ferry Road, Bristol, RI

WHO: FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF) and Roger Williams University (RWU)

HOW MUCH: Free for film-related events; Modest admission cost for theatre and dance events

WHY: To celebrate the next generation of independent cinema from across the globe.

(Bristol, RI:) – Flickers: Rhode Island International Film Festival in partnership with Roger Williams University will host the popular and acclaimed, **Roving Eye International Film Festival**, April 6-13, 2014. The Festival, now in its ninth year, celebrates global cinema and the arts.

From cutting-edge documentaries to narrative films whose stories have been ripped from the headlines, the ninth annual Roving Eye International Film Festival will be a portal for discovery to film-lovers across the region. This year's programming will feature films from across the globe as well as spotlight the arts and talent at the University. This arts showcase will include programming by the student's musician guild, the annual dance club performance, an acapella musical concert by "Drastic Measures," a poetry slam, premieres of student animation work, and the annual spring performance by the RWU Theatre Department of "Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson." Additionally, the Festival is collaborating with The Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, Newport for "Story Day 2014: Moving Images" which will examine moving images - animation, feature documentary and television, as well as short documentary and video. Emmy-winning screenwriter, producer, and actor Danny Strong, whose screenwriting credits include "Recount," "Game Change," "Lee Daniels' The Butler," and "Mockingjay," the two-part "Hunger Games" finale, will be in attendance.

The Roving Eye International Film Festival promises to be a portal for discovery for film, arts and culture lovers across the region at this year's celebration.

The 2014 Roving Eye programming will feature films from Japan through an ongoing collaboration with the Academy Award-qualifying, **Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia**; a focus on

the Jewish Experience and lecture featuring the locally-produced documentary, "The Sharps' War: Two Americans Who Defied the Nazis" with **Artemis Joukowsky III**, director and grandson of Waitstill and Martha Sharp, and **Alexandra** and **Lydia Joukowsky**, their great granddaughters. Special Panel Guests throughout the week of the Festival include **Steven Feinberg**, Executive Director of the RI Film & Television Office; **Michael Drywa, Esq.**, RIFF Board President; filmmaker **Jeff Toste**, whose new documentary "Haven Brothers: Legacy Of The American Diner" premieres this summer, **Michele Meek**, founder NewEnglandFilm.com; **Daniel Sousa**, recent Academy Award nominee for Best Animated Short; **Reshad Kulenovic**, writer/director and Student Academy Award nominee; **Alexia Kosmider**, filmmaker and Senior Lecturer in the Liberal Arts department at RISD; and RIFF Program Director, **Shawn Quirk**.

Students at the University, with the guidance of FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival, create the Roving Eye International Film Festival through the Film Minor senior course, "Curation and Film Festival Production." Flickers' Executive Director and RWU Professor, **George T. Marshall** teaches the senior-level course. Students spent the first part of the spring semester reviewing more than 800 films and create, curate and market the entire event. **Roberta E. Adams, Ph.D.**, Assistant Dean of Humanities and Performing Arts, is the Festival Chair, linking faculty adjudicators with students, RIFF and the RWU administration in a unique collaboration.

The **2014 Roving Eye International Film Festival** is sponsored by *The RI Film & the Television Office; Flickers; the Edwin S. Soforenko Foundation; the Helene and Bertram Bernhardt Foundation; Roger Williams University Office of the Provost; the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences; the Department of Communications; Hillel; and the Spiritual Life Program.*

To see a listing of this year's programming and to learn more about the Roving Eye Festival, go to: <http://www.film-festival.org/RovingEye.php>

About Roger Williams University

Roger Williams University located in Bristol, R.I. is a leading independent, coeducational university with programs in the liberal arts and the professions, where students become community- and globally-minded citizens. With 42 academic majors, an array of co-curricular activities and study abroad opportunities on six continents, RWU is an open community dedicated to the success of students, commitment to a set of core values and providing a world-class education above all else. In the last decade, the University has achieved unprecedented successes including recognition as one of the best colleges in the nation by Forbes, a College of Distinction by Student Horizons, Inc. and as both a best college in the Northeast and one of the nation's greenest universities by The Princeton Review. For more information, go to: www.rwu.edu.

About FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival

The **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIFF)** 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, **RIFF** is one of **19 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 or call **401.861.4445**.

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