The FLICKERS: RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL is accredited by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as a qualifier for Oscar™ in the Best Short (Live Action) category. Only 75 festivals out of over 7,000 worldwide share this honor.

Rhode Island welcomed record crowds last August for the 16th Annual FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF). 226 filmmakers, cast and crew from around the world came to exhibit their films, meet with distributors and compete for the Festival’s top prizes. The Opening Night Program took place at The Vets (formerly the VMA Arts & Cultural Center). Long-term sponsors, Sony Corporation and PMA Industries provided the Festival with the latest state-of-the-art, High Definition projection technology for screenings.

The Festival was cited by Chris Gore in The Ultimate Film Festival Survival Guide, 3rd edition, as one of the Best International and Short Festivals in the United States and “One of the most exciting new festivals to come along, Rhode Island International Film Festival aggressively supports its filmmakers.” Travel Smart Magazine also cited RIIFF as one of the “Top 12 Film Festivals in the United States.”

FLICKERS BY THE NUMBERS:

- 1 New England’s largest Film Festival
- 6,871,126 million hits on the RIIFF website throughout the year.
- 31,027 attendees at FLICKERS/RIIFF 2012 year-round events.
- $18,675 (in dollars) value of scholarship and programming donations to area colleges and universities.
- 4,717 films entered in competition to the Festival up from 4,531 in 2011.
- 2,750 tickets donated to support community non-profits.
- 226 filmmakers and celebrities registered at the Festival.
- 54 World/United States/North American Premieres presented during the main Festival.
- 51 countries represented in competition at the Festival.
- 10/30 – One of the Top Ten Film Events in New England; One of the Top 30 Tourism Events in Rhode Island. (Providence Business News Book of Lists)
- 44 education programs and special events presented by RIIFF throughout the year; including Oscar Night® America, Future Filmmaking: Digital Documentary Bridging Cultures, HP Lovecraft Walking Tour, & RI Film Forum
- 39 venues throughout Rhode Island where films were screened and festival events took place.
- 12 artistic partnerships established: Guangzhou International Documentary Film Festival, the Montreal Festival du Nouveau Cinéma, the Magnolia Film Festival, Unifrance, INSAS (Belgium), ICG: Emerging Cinematographer Award Showcase, SpiraFilms (Québec), the Woods Hole Film Festival, the Tupelo Film Festival, Martha’s Vineyard International Film Festival, Anna’s Vision Film Festival and the North Country Film Festival.
- 3-in-1 ~ Flickers created The New England Film Festival Alliance (NEFFA) that links regional festivals together for fiscal, management and sponsorship collaboration.
- 1 and Only ~ New England’s sole Academy Award® Qualifying Festival with 3 films Oscar® nominated for 2013.