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/animation) category and now the Best Documentary Short category. Only 19 festivals out of over 7,000 worldwide share this honor.

Rhode Island welcomed record crowds in August for the 17th 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 Gala took place at The Vets in downtown Providence. 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 RIFF as one of the “Top 12 Film Festivals in the United States.”

**FLICKERS BY THE NUMBERS:**

- 1 New England’s largest Film Festival.
- 1 and Only, New England’s sole Academy Award® Qualifying Festival.
- 36,675 attendees at FLICKERS/RIIFF 2013 year-round events.
- 2,750 tickets donated to support community non-profits.
- 226 filmmakers and celebrities registered at the Festival.
- 65 countries represented in competition at the Festival.
- 5,116 films entered in competition to the Festival up from 4,717 in 2012.
- 371 Screenplay Entrants.
- 55 World/United States/North American Premieres presented during the main Festival; with 3 Oscar® nominated films for 2013.
- 6,871,126 million hits on the RIIFF website throughout the year; Festival Week Daily Hits Average: 78,691.
- $19,895 (in dollars) value of scholarship and programming donations to area colleges and universities.
- $60,000 grant written with the VMAF Foundation, awarded by the Champlin Foundations for a high def. projection system at The Vets.
- 24,831 impressions; 1,222 reads for Online Program Guide during run of Festival.
- 47 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.
- 41 venues throughout Rhode Island where films were screened and festival events took place.
- 13 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, Jamestown Arts Center, Short Shorts Festival & Asia and the North Country Film Festival.
- 4-in-1 ~ Flickers created The New England Film Festival Alliance (NEFFA) that links regional festivals together for fiscal, management and sponsorship collaboration.