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**2011 FLICKERS: RHODE ISLAND
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

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**RIIFF ANNOUNCES OPEN CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO 2011
SPOTLIGHT ON RHODE ISLAND SCREENPLAY COMPETITION**

**International competition to feature scripts set in Rhode Island and showcase
those stories to the film industry**

(Providence, R.I. • June 24, 2011) For screenwriters, Rhode Island's diverse landscape can be a character all unto itself. And a state with so much character makes for great stories.

FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF) is now accepting entries for its **2011 Spotlight on Rhode Island Screenplay Competition**. RIIFF invites talented screenwriters from around the world to submit their original screenplays whose characters and locations anchor the story in Rhode Island.

"What a brilliant idea! This is a fantastic way to promote our natural resources and beautiful locations within the Ocean State while bringing out the best talent from screenwriters and filmmakers around the globe," said Steven Feinberg, Executive Director Rhode Island Film & Television Office One Capitol Hill.

Scripts must be submitted by mail to **83 Park St., Suite 1, Providence, R.I. 02903**. A filled out copy of the entry form, which can be downloaded from **RIFilmFest.org**, must be submitted along with the script.

Entries can be **A. feature film (max. 130 pages)**, **B. movie of the week (max. 100 pages)**, or **C. television pilot (max. 40 pages)**, and must be in standard industry formats. Scripts may be in any genre, present day or historic period. Adaptations of novels/books are not acceptable unless submitted by the author. Writers must also supply a **log line** and **short synopsis**.

Finalist scripts will be read and judged by industry professionals: **Steven Feinberg** (RI Film Office Director & screenwriter), **Michael Corrente** (film producer, director & writer), **Anne Mulhall** (dir. LDI Casting) and **Michael Corso** (Sakonnet Capital Partners). They are looking for original well-crafted stories with commercial potential where the state of Rhode Island is a true character in the story.

The deadline for submission is Aug. 15, 2011.

The winner and finalists will be announced in a **Rhode Island Film Office** press release. The winner will be presented with a certificate by **Film Office Director Steven Feinberg** at a **RI Film Office** press conference. The winner will also be promoted to the film & television industry by the **Rhode Island Film Office** and **FLICKERS**, as well as receiving an all-access **RIIFF** pass for 2012 including **ScriptBiz Screenwriters Workshop**, and a prize bag filled with Rhode Island favorites.

ABOUT THE 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 65 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 on the festival, please visit www.RIFilmFest.org.

For more information about this year's FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival, running Aug. 9 to 14 at The Vet (formerly Veterans memorial Auditorium), please visit our website at www.RIFilmFest.org or call us at **401.861.4445**.

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