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**BLYTHE DANNER TO RECEIVE RIIFF'S 2008**  
**CREATIVE VISION AWARD**

**Acclaimed Actress to Receive Recognition at this Year's Film Festival**

**PROVIDENCE, RI:** Every year, the **Rhode Island International Film Festival** recognizes outstanding directors, actors, and film talent for their contributions to the art of filmmaking with the **Creative Vision Award**. Actress **Blythe Danner** will be the 2008 recipient of this esteemed award. Danner's gleaming performances are an inspiration to our local theater and filmmaking community. Danner's film "*Side by Each*" will be featured in this year's festival, and have its World Premiere on Saturday, August 9th at the Columbus Theatre Arts Center, 270 Broadway, Providence, RI. Special guests and friends of the actress are expected to be in attendance. Tickets are \$10 for the screening and can be purchased in advance by calling 401.861.445 or at the door

Blythe Danner is a woman of many talents. As a twice over Emmy Award and Tony Award winner she is a success story in the world of media artistry. Her bright career can be traced back to RIIFF's hometown, Providence, RI.

Ms. Danner first took to the stage with the Trinity Repertory Company located in the heart of Providence. By the early age of 25, she had already gained national recognition by winning the Theatre World Award for her performance in *The Miser*. This was only the beginning of a long line of tremendous achievements.

Danner shines in a plethora of great films including *The Great Santini*, *1776*, *The Prince of Tides*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *Meet the Parents*, *Meet the Fockers*, and, most recently, *The Last Kiss*. She does not solely work on film, however, despite her big screen triumphs. Showbiz history was made when Danner earned a record three Emmy nominations for her work in *Will and Grace*, *Huff*, and *Back When We Were Grownups*.

An ode to Danner's priorities and character, she has inspired and worked with famed actress and daughter, Gwyneth Paltrow. She costarred in the 1992 TV movie *Cruel Doubt* with Paltrow as well as 2003's *Sylvia* in which she played her mother. Danner was the first person thanked in Paltrow's acceptance speech for her Academy Award win for *Shakespeare in Love*.

Previous recipients of RIIFF's Creative Vision Award have been Rhode Island Director, Michael Corrente; German directing legend, Rosa von Praunheim and Elaine Lorillard,

Founder of the Newport Jazz Festival.

The Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF) is dedicated to the creation of opportunities for artistic interaction and exchange among independent filmmakers, directors, producers, distributors, backer, and the film-going community. Rhode Island *Providence Mayor David M. Cicilline*, and *Congressman James Langevin* serve as honorary chairs to this year's event. During the 2008 event, 289 films will be presented.

**The Rhode Island International Film Festival** is supported in part by the *City of Providence, the Providence Tourism Council, the Providence Department of Arts, Culture & Tourism, WJAR TV10, The Providence Phoenix, Clear Channel Communications, Sony, the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, Amtrak, Rule Broadcast/Boston Camera, the Biltmore Hotel, Amtrak, H.B. Communications, the URI's College of Arts and Sciences, URI's Feinstein College of Continuing Education, the URI Film Media Program, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Art New England Magazine* and contributions from members and community supporters.

The **Flickers Arts Collaborative**, an organization with 25 years of experience presenting major artistic events as well as independent and foreign films to the public, produces the **Rhode Island International Film Festival**.

#### **ABOUT THE RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:**

The **Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)** discovers and empowers filmmakers. Held in Providence, and locations throughout the state of Rhode Island, RIIFF is one of only a handful of festivals worldwide that is a qualifying event for the Academy Awards (i.e. "Oscars"). RIIFF incorporates gala celebrations, premiere screenings, VIP guests, industry seminars, educational programs, and award ceremonies into a weeklong extravaganza. Cited as one of the "Best International and Short Film Festivals in the United States," RIIFF is New England's largest film festival, screening a record 300 films. Its innovative programming, cultivated industry ties, and loyal audiences have made the Festival a strategic and desirable platform for film premieres, drawing hundreds of independent filmmakers from around the globe. This year's Festival takes place August 5-10, 2008.

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