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Call for Screenplay Entries to the 12th Annual Rhode Island International Film Festival, August 2008

(PROVIDENCE, RI) The **Rhode Island International Film Festival** is calling for Screenplay Entries for its 12th annual festival, which takes place August 5-10, 2008 in historic Providence, Rhode Island.

The Festival is accepting screenplays in all genres. Screenplays must have been written after 2005.

Screenplays entered into the competition will be adjudicated by a distinguished panel of industry professionals, educators, peers and film fans. The Grand Prize winner may have segments of the work produced during Take 1-2-3: Filmmaking with the Pros, RIIFF's annual Master Class on Production which features the participation of a noted director or as a central focus during ScriptBiz™ the screenplay pitch forum. The Grand Prize winner will also receive prizes valued at over \$15,000. This includes travel, accommodations, Final Draft software and screenplay promotions. Since the contest winners are announced following the main Festival, the Grand Prize winner's work will be a focal point for RIIFF 2009.

Screenplays will be judged on creativity, innovation, vision, originality and the use of language. The key element is that of communication and how it complements and is transformed by the language of film.

The deadline for 2008 screenplay submissions is **July 1, 2008**. Winners will be announced by **October 13, 2008** (over Columbus Day Weekend) following the main Festival.

Guidelines for Submission and an Entry Form can be downloaded at the Festival's website: www.RIFilmFest.org. For the first time, the Festival is also taking electronic submissions through WithoutaBox.

For more information, please contact the **RIIFF Screenplay Competition**, c/o **Rhode Island International Film Festival**, P.O. Box 162 Newport, RI 02840 USA. Phone: 401/861-4445 Fax: 401/490-6735.

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"). RIFF 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," RIFF 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. For more information about the film festival and its upcoming events, please visit <www.RIFilmFest.org> or call (401) 861-4445.

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