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## **H.P. LOVECRAFT WALKING TOUR**

*Special tour will explore Lovecraft's favorite Providence haunts*

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Providence native and cult horror writer H.P. Lovecraft will be the subject of a special walking tour and film series during the annual **Rhode Island International Horror Film Festival (RIIHFF)**, October 22 – 25, 2009.

The life and work of Providence's best-known fantasy and horror author, Howard Phillips Lovecraft, will provide the backdrop for the tour, which will be lead by the **Rhode Island Historical Society**. Lovecraft's "Providence stories" (written between 1924 and 1935) are the inspiration behind the walk. Lovecraft wrote eloquently, and in great detail, about such landmarks as Prospect Terrace, the First Baptist Church, and Benefit Street houses. Participants will see the site of his former home, as well as locales mentioned in *The Case of Charles Dexter Ward*, *The Haunter of the Dark*, *The Shunned House*, and *The Call of Cthulhu*.

Following the tour, which begins at 1:00 p.m. and lasts for approximately 90 minutes, participants will be treated to a special screening of films called "RIIFF Bloody Shorts of Horror," at the Bell Street Chapel in Providence inspired by Lovecraft's stories including "**The Music of Erich Zann**," directed by Jared Skolnick. Based on the short story by legendary author H.P. Lovecraft, this is an atmospheric horror film about a young student's obsession with the strange music being played above his room by an eccentric musician, an obsession that leads him to a terrifying discovery.

"It is amazing how Lovecraft's horror writing still resonates with audiences today," commented Demetria J. Carr, Managing Director of the Rhode Island International Film Festival. "Providence provided the inspiration for his most chilling and terrifying stories. This walking tour is a wonderful opportunity for his fans to connect with the man behind the writer."

The **H.P. Lovecraft Walking Tour** will cost \$16 per person, and includes a ticket to the Horror Festival. The Walking Tour can be purchased in advance by calling the RIIFF offices at 401.861.4445 or ordered directly online at <http://www.film-festival.org/HPLovecraft09.php>

### **EVENT DETAILS:**

**Saturday, October 24, 2009**

**"Literary Providence: The Life And Times Of H. P. Lovecraft" Walking Tour**

**Cost: \$16 (includes Horror Festival screening ticket)**

The walking tour departs at **1:00 p.m.** from the **Van Wickle Gates at Brown University** (College Street at Prospect Street). Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 401.861.4445.

**"RIIFF Bloody Shorts of Horror," Film Screening**

**Cost: \$10 General Admission (Free for walking tour participants)**

The screening will take place at **4:00 p.m.** at the **Bell Street Chapel**, 5 Bell Street in Providence. For more information about the Festival screenings, please visit <<http://www.film-festival.org/HorrorCALENDAR09.php>>.

**Thursday – Sunday, October 22 – 25, 2009**

**The Rhode Island International Horror Film Festival**

**Cost: \$10 (General Admission)**

The Horror Festival is a weekend-long event celebrating the horror film genre. Screenings will take place at locations in Providence. For more information about the festival, please visit <[http://www.film-festival.org/Horror\\_ri.php](http://www.film-festival.org/Horror_ri.php)> or call 401.861.4445.

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

The mission of the **Rhode Island International Film Festival** is to discover and empower filmmakers. Held in Providence, and at locations throughout the state, RIIF is one of only 63 film festivals worldwide that is a qualifying event for the Oscars. It is also New England's largest film festival. 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. The next Festival will take place **August 10-15, 2010**. For more information about the festival, please visit [www.rifilmfest.org](http://www.rifilmfest.org).

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