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**RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**  
**ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ENTRIES TO THE NEW ENGLAND**  
**STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL**

**PROVIDENCE, RI:** Students in Film Studies, Media and Communications at New England Colleges and Universities have a unique film competition that is geared strictly for their work. The **Rhode Island International Film Festival** is pleased to announce its fifth annual **New England Student Film Festival**. This competition-based event will again take place in August of 2009 as part of the annual RIIF, August 4th – 9th, with screenings, classes and forums.

According to George T. Marshall, Executive Director of the Rhode Island International Film Festival, "We are excited to continue this unique sidebar to our Festival. Given the number of students in the region who major in Communication, Film Studies and media arts, our goal is to provide a solid platform that honors and encourages their work, while promoting networking and professional growth."

Cited as one of the "Best International Film Festivals in the United States," by Chris Gore of Film Threat, the **Rhode Island International Film Festival** (RIIF) is the largest film festival in New England screening a record 291 films in 2008. Now, in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, RIIF celebrates the independent spirit in filmmakers throughout the world and is dedicated to the creation of opportunities for artistic exchange among filmmakers, distributors, movie-lovers and the film community at large.

Of special note, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences selected to recognize the RIIF as a qualifying festival for the Short Films category for the Annual Academy Awards. With more than 7,000 film festivals worldwide, only 63 are qualifying festivals. RIIF is the only Festival in New England with this distinction.

The deadline for entry to the Annual **New England Student Film Festival** is June 15th (postmark date.) RIIF is offering a special reduced entry fee of \$25 for this competition. Student Filmmakers can download the application form from the festival website at <http://www.film-festival.org/enterastudentfilm.php>.

Filmmakers chosen as part of the festival will be notified in mid-July by the Festival's programming staff. Special screenings of accepted work will take place on Saturday and Sunday, August 4-9th at venues throughout the city of Providence. Note that all applicants must either be registered at a New England institution of higher education or a recent graduate (within the last two years.)

The **Rhode Island International Film Festival**, sponsored in part by the City of Providence, the Providence Tourism Council, SONY, HB Communications, The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, Rule Broadcast Systems, Clear Channel Communications, Avid, Final Draft and CW28, has gained a widespread reputation for its dedication to the interaction between the filmmakers and the audience.

For more information, please contact the **New England Student Film Festival**, 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"). 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 200 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 4-9, 2009.

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