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**2009 RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL**

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RIIFF'S PRODUCER'S CIRCLE AWARD

***The Rhode Island International Film Festival announces new
inductees into this exclusive circle.***

PROVIDENCE, RI (August 2, 2009) The **Rhode Island International Film Festival** (RIIFF) is pleased to announce this year's inductees to the annual Producer's Circle Awards.

Inaugurated in 2006 during the Festival's 10th Anniversary, the Producer's Circle Award is presented to community and business leaders who have helped to nurture and build what has become the New England's largest film festival: the Rhode Island International Film Festival.

"We strongly believe that if it were not for people such this year's recipients, RIIFF would not have become the internationally recognized cinematic event that it is today," commented RIIFF Board President, Michael Drywa. "Their contribution to our success cannot be underestimated."

This year's honorees include:

- **Stephen L. Brown, The Providence Phoenix**
- **Robert I. Burke, Federal Reserve/Pot au Feu**
- **Alan J. Chille, Providence Performing Arts Center**
- **Duncan B. Putney, actor/writer**

The award presentations will take place at two separate RIIFF screenings at the Columbus Theatre Arts Center, 270 Broadway, Providence:

Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m. before John Lavall's *Home Across Lands*, Alan J. Chille and Robert I. Burke will be recognized.

Saturday August 8th at 7:00 p.m. before John Chester's *Rock Prophecies*. Stephen L. Brown and Duncan B. Putney will be awarded

For more info visit www.RIFilmFest.org 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, RIIFF 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. For more information about the festival, please visit www.rifilmfest.org.

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