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**2010 FLICKERS: RHODE ISLAND
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**
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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 **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)**, August 10-15, 2010.

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 **10:00 a.m.** and lasts for approximately **90 minutes**, participants will be treated to a special screening of films at any of the Festival locations that day.

"It is amazing how Lovecraft's horror writing still resonates with audiences today," commented Ron Tippe, Producing Director of FLICKERS: 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 a Festival film of choice during the day. 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/HPLovecraft10.php>

EVENT DETAILS:

WHEN: Saturday, August 14, 2010

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

HOW MUCH: Cost: \$16 (includes Festival screening ticket)

WHERE: The walking tour departs at **10:00 a.m.** from the **John Brown House at 52 Power Street, Providence**. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 401.861.4445.

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THE FLICKERS' BACKSTORY & MISSION:

The mission of the **Flickers, the Newport Film Society & Arts Collaborative** - now in its 29th year - has been to serve as a creative partner in the arts by uniting various media and arts disciplines that nurture the artistic process and support a vital part of our community. This includes multi-disciplinary art presentations; artistic and cultural activities; performance festivals; video and television productions; audio recordings and broadcasts; educational outreach programs; and the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival** (RIIFF).

ABOUT RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:

The **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival** (RIIFF), has secured its place in the global community as the portal for the best in international independent cinema, earning the respect of domestic and foreign filmmakers, filmgoers and trend watchers. This confluence of art and commerce brought together world-class celebrities, award-winning filmmakers, new talent and audience members in record numbers last year. Ranked as one of the top 12 Festivals in the United States, RIIFF is also a qualifying festival for the Short Film Academy Award through its affiliation with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. There are 65 film festivals worldwide which share this distinction and RIIFF is the only festival in New England. The next Festival will take place **August 10-15, 2010**. For more information about the festival, please visit www.rifilmfest.org.

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