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INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**
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J. Scott Oberacker Joins RIFF Staff **To Serve as Educational Outreach Director at FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival**

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – **J. Scott Oberacker** has recently joined **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)**, as their **Educational Outreach Director**, where he works to develop and maintain the festivals' educational outreach programs as well as aids in the selection and adjudication of the festival's films.

He holds a Ph.D. in Communication and Media Studies from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and has worked as a film scholar and teacher for many years.

His writing on film has appeared in a number of scholarly journals and he is currently co-editing a book on the television series, *Friday Night Lights*.

Most recently, Scott has been teaching film and media courses at Roger Williams University in Bristol, CT, where he also helped to coordinate the Roving Eye Film Festival, in conjunction with RIFF.

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, RIFF 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 RIFF 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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