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NANCY CARRIUOLO NAMED WINNER OF RIIFF'S GEORGE M. COHAN AMBASSADOR AWARD

**President of Rhode Island College to receive award for fostering creative
excellence in Rhode Island**

(Providence, R.I. • Aug. 3, 2012) – **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)** is pleased to announce **Nancy Carriuolo**, President of Rhode Island College, as the recipient of the 16th-annual Festival's **George M. Cohan Ambassador Award**.

Presented annually, **RIIFF's George M. Cohan Ambassador Award** recognizes an outstanding artist whose work, passion, and drive epitomizes a level of excellence that reflects creatively on their Rhode Island roots or work. Named after famed Providence entertainer George M. Cohan, this award honors truly unique Americans who have made a timeless contribution to the arts and who have inspired future generations of Rhode Islanders.

According to RIIFF's Advisory Board President, **Michael Drywa**, Esq. "In the case of President Carriuolo, the award recognizes her work as an arts activist and supporter. Her visionary work has fostered an environment where Rhode Island College has become a nationally recognized incubator for the arts and a nurturing environment for young talent."

Acting Executive Editor of the Providence Journal, **Karen Bordeleau** will present the award during the Rhode Island Film Forum, 12:00 p.m. on **Thursday, Aug. 10** at The **Providence Biltmore Ballroom**, 11 Dorrance Street, Providence, R.I. The award will precede the keynote address by actor, **Amy Redford**.

Dr. Nancy Carriuolo was named the ninth president of Rhode Island College by the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education on May 12, 2008. During 2007-2008, she served as the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs at Rhode Island College while maintaining her duties as Deputy Commissioner and Chief Academic Officer at the Rhode Island Office of Higher Education (RIOHE).

She also served as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of New Haven, where she became a tenured professor of English in 1987. **Carriuolo** is also an author of over 30 publications with regional, national, or international audiences, including three essays in the Chronicle of Higher Education. She has also worked as a consultant to many higher education and business organizations, and is a past president of the National Association for Developmental education.

In 2009, **Carriuolo** received national recognition for her lifelong achievement in developmental education when named a CLADEA fellow. She is a longstanding member of the board of the Journal of Developmental Education. She was also the founding statewide leader of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Council on Education's network of women leaders in higher education and served on the board of New England Dollars for Scholar.

She is currently a member of the boards of the Tech Collective as well as the Association for Authentic and Evidence-based Learning (AAEEBL), an international association and serves on the board of Crossroads RI, the Veterans Auditorium (The Vets), and was formerly on the executive committee of the statewide Campus Compact.

Carriuolo earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University of New York at Brockport and a Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo; she also attended the Radcliffe



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Institute for Advanced Study, where she completed post-doctoral studies in organizational behavior and management, fundraising, and negotiation.

ABOUT FLICKERS: 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 75 film festivals worldwide which share this distinction and RIIFF is the only festival in New England. For more information about the festival, please visit www.rifilmfest.org

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