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## THE 2012 ROVING EYE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

### *International Festival Enters Seventh Year in Collaboration with Roger Williams University and Curated by University Students*

**WHAT:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Roving Eye International Film Festival

**WHEN:** April 22-26, 2012

**WHERE:** Roger Williams University, 1 Old Ferry Road, Bristol, RI

**WHO:** FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF) and Roger Williams University (RWU)

**HOW MUCH:** Free, donations are accepted to the **Jeffrey Coombs Memorial Foundation**

**WHY:** To celebrate the art and craft of the international filmmaking.

**BRISTOL, RI: FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF) and Roger Williams University (RWU)** are proud to present the seventh annual **Roving Eye International Film Festival™**. The popular and acclaimed event, celebrating global cinema and artists, will take place April 22-26th, where more than 30 international films will be showcased, many United States premieres. All screenings are free to the general public. Screenings will take place on the campus of Roger Williams University at the Global Heritage Hall in Bristol, RI.

Students at the University, with the guidance of FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival, create the Roving Eye International Film Festival through the Film Minor senior course, "Curation and Film Festival Production." Flickers' Executive Director and RWU Professor, George T. Marshall teaches the senior-level course. Students spent the first part of the spring semester reviewing more than 600 films and create, curate and market the entire event. Roberta E. Adams, Ph.D., Assistant Dean of Humanities and Performing Arts, is the Festival Chair, linking faculty adjudicators with students, RIIFF and the RWU administration in a unique collaboration. Department of Psychology Professor Frank DiCataldo serves as the faculty coordinator for panelists and colloquia development.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual **Roving Eye International Film Festival** will cover themes ripped from the headlines: returning veterans from the War on Terror; facing PTSD and mental stress; global human rights, international relations and issues addressing sustainability and ecology. This year's Festival will also include Latin-American, Asian and an international film showcase. The Festival's slogan for 2012 is **"You Know You Want to Look."**

Many of the film's directors will be in attendance including recent Academy Award nominee, **James Spione**, director of **"Incident in New Baghdad."** Panel/roundtable discussions include **"The War on Terror: Coming Home"** with Providence Journal writer **G. Wayne Miller**; **Dr. Frank DiCataldo**, assistant professor of psychology at Roger Williams University; **John Freidah**, Providence Journal photographer and producer; **Coleman Nee**, Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans' Services; **Lt. Col. Denis Riel**,



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Rhode Island National Guard; and **Jonathan Shay, MD**, clinical psychiatrist, author and MacArthur Foundation “genius grant” recipient for his work with veteran, and **"HOLLYWOOD EAST: MAKING IT IN THE FILM INDUSTRY IN RHODE ISLAND"** featuring **Edward J. "Ted" Delaney**, author, journalist, filmmaker and educator; **Michael Drywa, Jr. Esq.** Entertainment Law specialist; **Steven Feinberg**, Executive Director, RI Film and Television Office; **Duncan Putney**, SAG Representative; and **Chris Sparling**, writer/director author of the Ryan Reynolds feature “Buried.”

Every year the students who produce Roving Eye select a charity to support and solicit donations during the run of the event. This year the charity is the **Jeffrey Coombs Memorial Foundation**. The foundation was created in response to the incredible outpouring of support Jeff’s family received after he was killed on Flight 11 in the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks. The Jeff Coombs Foundation was formed to assist families who are in financial need because of a death, illness or other situation that challenges the family budget. For more Information: <http://www.jeffcoombsfund.org/>

The **2012 Roving Eye International Film Festival** is sponsored by *The Providence Journal*, the *Rhode Island Council for the Humanities (RICH)* an independent affiliate of the *National Endowment for the Humanities*, the *Roger Williams University Office of the Provost*; the *Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences*; the *RWU Department of Communications*, and the *RWU Department of Psychology*.

To see a listing of this year's programming and to learn more about the Roving Eye Festival, go to: <http://www.film-festival.org/RovingEye.php> For more information about films, dates, and venues for the **Roving Eye Film Festival™**, please call 401-861-4445, email [info@film-festival.org](mailto:info@film-festival.org)

#### **ABOUT ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY:**

Roger Williams University is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as eighth among comprehensive colleges in the north. Roger Williams offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the arts and sciences, architecture, business, construction management, education, engineering, historic preservation, justice studies, legal studies, visual arts studies and law. For more information, go to: [www.rwu.edu](http://www.rwu.edu).

#### **ABOUT FLICKERS: RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:**

The mission of **FLICKERS: 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 65 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. The next Festival will take place **August 7-12, 2012**. For more information about the festival, please visit [www.rifilmfest.org](http://www.rifilmfest.org).

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