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## RIFF ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF ITS 2012 SCREENPLAY COMPETITION

*367 submissions received from throughout the United States and across the globe*

(PROVIDENCE, RI) • **Alfred Thomas Catalfo** from Dover, NH, was the **Grand Prize Winner** for this year's **2012 FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF) Screenplay Competition**. **George T. Marshall**, **RIIFF Executive Director**, made the announcement of the 2012 awards. The winning screenplay "**Betrayed**" revolves around a small-town newspaper editor who in answering the door in the middle of the night to find a disheveled man who claims to be his older brother -- an Air Force pilot shot down over North Vietnam in 1972 and reported Missing In Action. His joy at reuniting with his brother quickly turns to terror when shadowy assassins begin pursuing them. As they embark on a dangerous mission to reveal the truth, his faith in the man's claims threatens to tear his family apart.

"This is an exceptional screenplay. Reading it, you can literally envision the actual film on the screen," said **J. Scott Oberacker**, **RIIFF Educational Outreach Director**.

"It was an outstanding year for screenplay entries. The exceptional quality and the solid storytelling were compelling, making for difficult decision-making on the part of our international group of judges," added Oberacker. "Our adjudication team read 367 screenplay entries this year, the largest entry base in the competition's history. Each submission was analyzed and scored according to a set of criteria, including character, dialogue, setting, plot and technique.

"After extensive reading and deliberation among the judges, prizewinners were chosen in five different categories: Main Competition, Gay and Lesbian (GLBT), International Focus, Horror, and Short Screenplay," he added. "Each will come with its own set of awards."

"Our kudos and congratulations to this year's winners," stated **George T. Marshall**. "As this competition has introduced us to some of the world's brightest and most talented writers in the craft."

### **THE 2012 PRIZE WINNERS:**

#### **GRAND PRIZE:**

**"Betrayed"**

Written by Alfred Thomas Catalfo, (Dover, NH USA)

#### **FIRST PLACE:**

**"The Taloquan Network"**

Written by: Robert Hestand, (Redondo Beach, CA, USA)



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*(Tied with)*

**“Conquest of the Soda Men”**

Written by: Nicholas Cammilleri, (North Hills, CA, USA)

**BEST INTERNATIONAL SCREENPLAY**

**GRAND PRIZE:**

**“The Man Comes Around”**

Written by: Connor Noden, (Winsford, Cheshire, UK)

**FIRST PLACE:**

**“While the Village Sleeps”**

Written by: Chloe Bellande, (Montreal, QC, Canada)

**BARREN BRANCHES GLBT COMPETITION:**

**GRAND PRIZE:**

**“Fearless Love”**

Written by: Steven J. Weller, (Los Angeles, CA, USA)

**FIRST PLACE:**

**“No Simple Highway”**

Written by: Jason Peers, (Los Angeles, CA, USA)

**BEST SHORT SCRIPT:**

**GRAND PRIZE:**

**“The Bravest, the Boldest”**

Written by: Moon Molson and Eric Fallen, (New York, NY, USA)

**BEST HORROR SCRIPT:**

**GRAND PRIZE:**

**“Frost on the Pumpkin”**

Written by: Philip Sedgwick, (Tucson, AZ, USA)

**FIRST PLACE:**

**“The Bloodline”**

Written by: Christine Feldman, (Medford, OR, USA)

Prizes awarded to the winners of the screenplay competition (*which vary with the specific screenplay category*) include: a free year of screenplay promotion services to the winners, through **ScreenwriterShowcase.com**; a 1-year *Writers Database membership* from **Script Pipeline**; Full Script Delivery to over 3,000 industry professionals comprised of studio executives, producers, agents etc. through **ScriptDelivery.net**; **Final Draft Screenwriting Suites** from Final Draft software; and passes to the **2013 FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival** and the **ScriptBiz™**



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**Screenwriter's Workshop.** The Grand Prize winner from the main competition will be brought to Providence to attend the **2013 ScriptBiz** program, where their screenplay will be a central focus of the program, plus receive a private script consultation and an official award on RIIFF's Opening Night Celebration. Lodging will also be provided.

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**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 one of 75 festivals worldwide that is a qualifying festival for the **Academy Awards** through its partnership with the **Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences**.

For more information about the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival**, running **Aug. 76-11, 2013** at The Vets (formerly Veterans Memorial Auditorium), please visit our website at [www.RIFilmFest.org](http://www.RIFilmFest.org) or call us at **401.861.4445**.

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