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## H.P. LOVECRAFT WALKING TOUR

### *Popular Annual Tour Returns to Explore Lovecraft's Favorite Providence Haunts*

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Providence native and cult horror writer **H.P. Lovecraft** will be the subject of the popular annual walking tour and film series during the annual **FLICKERS: RI International Horror Film Festival (RIIHFF)**, October 25 – 28, 2012.

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*.

The tour begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and lasts for 90 minutes. Immediately following at 2:30 p.m., participants will be treated to premiere films inspired by Lovecraft: **Shadow of the Unnamable**, Directed by Sascha Alexander Renninger and **The Thing on the Doorstep**, Directed by Tom Gliserman. The screenings will take place at the Providence Public Library Theatre, 150 Empire Street, Providence. (Tickets for the film screenings-only are available to the general public at the door.)

"Lovecraft's horror writing continues to resonate with audiences today and provides inspiration for some of the most chilling and terrifying stories in the genre," commented Shawn Quirk, the Flickers: RI International Film Festival Program Director.

"This walking tour is a wonderful opportunity for his fans to connect with the man behind the writer, and for others to discover his genius."

The **H.P. Lovecraft Walking Tour** costs \$18 per person, and includes a ticket to the final screenings of the Horror Festival. The Walking Tour can be purchased in advance by calling the RIFF offices at 401.861.4445 or ordered directly online at <http://www.film-festival.org/HPLovecraft12.php>

#### **EVENT DETAILS:**

• **H.P. LOVECRAFT WALKING TOUR, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> p.m.**

The life and work of Providence's best-known fantasy and horror author, Howard Phillips Lovecraft, provide the backdrop for this walking tour. The tour lasts 90 minutes.

The tour departs from the John Brown House at 52 Power Street, Providence at 1:00 p.m.

**Cost: Tickets are \$18 per person**, include a ticket to the Horror Festival and can be purchased online. The Walking Tour can be purchased in advance by calling the RIFF offices at 401.861.4445 or ordered directly online at <http://www.film-festival.org/HPLovecraft12.php>

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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 on the festival, please visit [www.RIFilmFest.org](http://www.RIFilmFest.org).

For more information about the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival**, running **Aug. 6-11, 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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