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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** is the subject of the popular annual walking tour and film series during this year's **FLICKERS: RI International Horror Film Festival (RIIHFF)**, October 17 – 20, 2013. Due to popular demand, the tour will be offered twice over a two-day period.

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 led 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 will be offered on Saturday, October 19th at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, October 20th at 12:00 Noon. Following the tour, which lasts for approximately 90 minutes, participants will be treated to ticket to see premiere films inspired by Lovecraft.

The film screenings will take place on Saturday, 1:00 p.m. at the **Paff Theatre**, University of Rhode Island, Feinstein Providence Campus, 80 Washington Street, Providence; and on Sunday, 2:30 p.m. at the **Providence Public Library Theatre**, 150 Empire Street, Providence, RI.

"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," said George T. Marshall, RIFF Executive Director.

"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 Horror Festival Program Director. "His work has become part of our popular culture and a major source of academic study."

The **H.P. Lovecraft Walking Tour** costs \$18 per person, and includes a ticket to the 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/HPLovecraft13.php>

This year's Festival is sponsored in part by the Rhode Island Film & Television Office.

EVENT DETAILS:

• **H.P. LOVECRAFT WALKING TOUR, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH AT 11:00 A.M. AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH AT 12:00 NOON.**

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.

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/HPLovecraft13.php>

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.

For more information about the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival**, running **August 5-10, 2014** at **The Vets** (formerly Veterans Memorial Auditorium), please visit our website at www.RIFilmFest.org or call us at **401.861.4445**.

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