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MEDIA ALERT... MEDIA ALERT... MEDIA ALERT...

2016 RED CARPET EXPERIENCE: PROVIDENCE
Rhode Island's Premiere Academy Awards® Celebration
Sunday, February 28th at The Vets

WHAT: The **Red Carpet Experience: Providence**, celebrating the 88th Academy Awards® presentation; an elegant event featuring live red carpet media coverage, reception with paparazzi, Producer's Circle Awards, hors d'oeuvres, drink sampling, entertainment, silent auction, dinner, gourmet desserts, raffle of VIP passes to RIIFF 2016, and screening of the Academy Awards® in Ultra High-Def. This year's program kicks off a yearlong focus that celebrates the **20th Anniversary of the Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival**.

WHO: Benefitting **Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival**; Chaired by **Steven Feinberg**, Executive Director/RI Film & Television Office with **Michael Drywa, Esq.**, RIIFF Advisory Board President. Hosted by **ABC6**. Catered dinner provided by **Decadent Catering**. Stage and Set Design by **Quality Rental**. Drinks provided by **Narragansett Beer**. Desserts by **Carina & Dolce Specialty Cakes & Cookies**, **Sin Bakery**, **Buckleberry Foods** and **Seven Stars Bakery**.

Sam Spiegel Independent Producer Award and the Producer's Circle Honorees:

- **Chad A. Verdi**, Producer and President, Verdi Productions (Sam Spiegel Independent Producer Award);
- **Trudy Coxe**, CEO, Newport Mansions, The Preservation Society of Newport County;
- **Richard Marr-Griffin**, prolific Rhode Island auteur-filmmaker;
- **Mauro Colangelo**, film and television music composer;
- **Erika Hampson**, feature film Producer, "Infinity Polar Bear", "Measure of a Man" and "The Discovery".

WHEN: Sunday, February 28, 2016; Time: 5:30 p.m. – Midnight

WHERE: **The Vets**, One Avenue of the Arts, Providence RI

WHY: To raise funds that benefit **Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival** and support its year-round programming and community outreach efforts.

HOW MUCH: **\$125 per person VIP Dinner / \$25 Oscar® Viewing**. RSVP Required. Advanced Tickets can be purchased online at www.RIFilmFest.org or by calling 401/861.4445

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