

RI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL NEWS

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RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES “ACTOR TURNED FILMMAKER SHOWCASE” FEATURING FILM AND TV SUPERSTARS AND GRAMMY AWARD WINNERS DURING ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

PROVIDENCE, RI (July 29, 2006) The **Rhode Island International Film Festival** (RIIFF) will host its 'Actor Turned Filmmaker Showcase' on Saturday, August 12, 2006 at the historic Columbus Theatre Arts Center, 270 Broadway in Providence, RI.

The afternoon and evening screenings feature the producing and directorial film debuts of superstars Gwyneth Paltrow, Tiffani Thiessen, Tori Spelling and Adrian Grenier.

The films also include all-new original scores and songs by Grammy Award-winning artists including Paul Doucette (Matchbox 20) and Tanya Donelly (Belly), along with Andrew Chukerman (composer for 'Frasier,' 'Charmed,' keyboardist for Rod Stewart), Lori McKenna (Faith Hill songwriter), actress Christie Will ("The Evidence"), and actress Lisa Zane ('ER').

All directors, producers and composers are scheduled to appear at their screenings (*with the exception of Ms. Paltrow*).

According to RIIFF's Grammy Nomination Committee Chairman, Al Gomes, "By teaming up with the **Rhode Island International Film Festival**, I anticipated drawing some of the best music composers and filmmakers within the industry, and now it has happened.

"We expected to add another dimension to an already outstanding festival, and we couldn't be happier. Music can make or break a film and we want to encourage film composers to make their music available for the world to hear.

"The Rhode Island International Film Festival is currently the only film festival in the country to have Grammy Awards affiliation, and we're very proud to be able to offer the festival that distinction."

The films also feature such stars as Charlie Shalian and Randy Spelling (brother of Tori Spelling). *[For further information about the attending celebrities, call Al Gomes at 401-274-4770]*

"Actor Turned Filmmaker Showcase" will include two screenings featuring 10 short films. Shows are at 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Both will take place in The Columbus Arts Center's upstairs theatre, The Cinemathèque. Tickets for individual screening are \$10.

The Rhode Island International Film Festival is a qualifying festival with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for the Best Short Live Action Film for their annual Academy Awards of which all the short films in 'Actor Turned Filmmaker Showcase' are now in official consideration for.

In addition, all "Actor Turned Filmmaker Showcase" films are in consideration to be submitted to the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences' Grammy Awards in one or more of the following categories: Best Score, Best Song Written for A Film, Best Compilation Soundtrack for A Motion Picture, Best Long Form Music Video, and Best Short Form Music Video.

Advance ticket sales for screenings and special events are available through the RIFF website (www.rifilmfest.org). Student, group, and senior discounts are also available but only in advance. To purchase tickets or obtain information about any aspect of RIFF, call 401-861-4445, or email info@film-festival.org or log onto www.rifilmfest.org.

**"ACTOR TURNED FILMMAKER SHOWCASE" SCREENINGS
ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2006 ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Location: The Columbus Theatre Arts Center, Cinemathèque, 270 Broadway,
Providence, RI**

4:30 pm

"Dealbreaker" (Directed by Gwyneth Paltrow)

"Euthanasia" (Directed by Adrian Grenier)

Other films include: **"Hold Please," "Gnome"** and **"Across the Hall"**

6:30 pm

"Just Pray" (Directed by Tiffani Thiessen / Music by Paul Doucette, Lori McKenna and Tanya Donnelly)

“Le Chase” (Directed by and starring Charlie Shanian / Produced by Tori Spelling / Score by Andrew Chukerman)

“Dysfunction” (Directed by Christie Will)

“Transgressions” (Directed by Valerie Weiss / Music by Paul Doucette)

Other films include” and **“A Little Light”**

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