

# Providence

## Hollywood, East Coast Style

The 12th Annual Rhode Island Film Festival



**Indestructible**, one of the films being shown at the 12th Annual Rhode Island Film Festival.

Rhode Island may be the smallest state in the Union, but it claims a world-class film festival among its many charms. Ranked as one of the best film festivals in the United States (and the largest in New England), the Rhode Island Film Festival plays host to some

300 features, short films and documentaries from around the globe during its six-day run.

The festival's hottest ticket is the Opening Night Gala, Aug. 5 at the Providence Performing Arts Center, which allows patrons to enjoy a screening, a food-and-beverage tasting from local restaurants and sponsors, and a red-carpet reception where they can rub elbows with celebrity guests and filmmakers. Past attendees include Julie Andrews, Steve Buscemi, Cicely Tyson, Patricia Neal and Andrew McCarthy.

Aspiring Tinseltown moguls may want to explore the Rhode Island Film Forum (Aug. 7-8), a two-day introduction to film opportunities in the Ocean State, or to polish their dialogue at the ScriptBiz screenwriting workshop (Aug. 4-5). Both take place at the University of Rhode Island's Feldstein Campus in Providence. 401-861-4445; [rifilmfest.org](http://rifilmfest.org).

## A Taste of la Dolce Vita

Indulge your inner paisano with the myriad sights, sounds and tastes of the 2008

Providence Italian Arts and Music Festival, Aug. 7-11 in downtown Providence. Two stages

accommodate the festival's nonstop wealth of musical guests, ranging from headliner and legendary crooner Al Martino (Johnny Fontaine from *The Godfather*) to 13-year-old singing savant Julian Sage Miyata, while a host of vendors along the river provides authentic Italian food and fare. A shuttle service is available for guests wishing to explore Providence's famed Italian district, Federal Hill. 401-808-5614; [providenceitalianfestival.com](http://providenceitalianfestival.com).



Save the Date

COLLEGE HILL  
**Concerts Under the Elms**

July 10, 17, 24, 31 and Aug. 7

What better way to enjoy live music than on a sprawling lawn in summertime? 401-331-8575, ext. 33; [rihs.org](http://rihs.org)

EAST SIDE/DOWNTOWN  
**I Am Iron Man!**  
July 13

Feel the burn with the first Amica Ironman 70.3 Rhode Island, which concludes the bicycling portion of the grueling competition through downtown Providence. [ironman.com](http://ironman.com)

DOWNTOWN/EAST SIDE/  
WEST SIDE/WICKENDEN ST.

**It's Gallery Night**  
July 17 and Aug. 21

Twenty-one of the city's art hot spots invite you to experience their visual beauty via a walking tour or by bus. 401-490-2042; [gallerynight.info](http://gallerynight.info)

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**WaterFire Walk**  
Through August

View the spectacular WaterFire exhibit on a 60-minute river stroll; the walk is scheduled only on evenings when the fires are fully lit. 401-331-8575, ext. 33; [rihs.org](http://rihs.org)

ELMWOOD

**To the Moon, Alice!**

Through August  
Explore the lunar landscape at the Museum of Natural History's new "Mission Moon: Past, Present and Future" exhibit, created in conjunction with NASA. 401-785-9457; [providenceri.com/museum](http://providenceri.com/museum)