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## Rhode Island International Film Festival 2007

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### PROVIDENCE, RI:

**(MAY 14, 2007)** This year, the **Rhode Island Jewish Film Festival** (RIJFF), a partnership of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, is delighted to announce that it will be collaborating with the **Rhode Island International Film Festival** (RIFF) which takes place August 7-12, 2007. The goal of the collaboration is to share resources, cross-promote and build new audiences.

"We are very excited to be working with the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island," said George T. Marshall, RIFF's Executive Director/CEO. "This collaboration, combined with our long term relationship with both the National Center for Jewish Film and Boston's Goethe Institute, ensures that audiences will have access to exceptional filmwork rarely seen in our community."

According to Richard Walter, Assistant Executive Director for the Bureau of Jewish Education, one of the RIJFF's coordinating agencies, "For the past three years, The Rhode Island Jewish Film Festival has striven to highlight the diversity of the Jewish experience to our audience by showing a variety of films from around the world. By collaborating with RIFF and its partners, we believe that we will not only continue to spotlight outstanding Jewish films, but educate a wider audience about a variety of Jewish themes and issues."

The **Rhode Island International Film Festival**<sup>TM</sup> is the largest festival in New England, screening 305 titles in six days with an attendance in 2006 topping 23,000. Films screened came from 40 countries and 33 states in the US. There were 29 World Premieres and 19 US Premieres. A total of 48 narrative features were screened along with 29 feature documentaries. RIFF is considered "one of the most exciting new festivals to come along" says Chris Gore in the "Ultimate Film Festival Survival Guide, 2004." It is also a qualifying festival for the Short Film Academy Award through its affiliation with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. RIFF is the only festival in New England with this accolade.

The 2007 **Rhode Island Jewish Film Festival** will take place November 8-18, 2007 and an advance preview will occur during the annual Rhode Island International Film Festival in August when RIFF presents its eight year old, Providence Jewish Film Festival sidebar.

The Rhode Island Jewish Film Festival celebrates the richness and diversity of Jewish life with a variety of films shown at locations throughout the state of Rhode Island. Award winning and provocative films, films for the entire family, documentaries, boldly challenging films, life-affirming films, guest speakers, all presented to educate, to stimulate, to inspire and to arouse further contemplation of one's identity while creating community through dialogue and participation.

For more information about both Festivals and their upcoming programming, please go to their respective websites: [www.bjeri.org](http://www.bjeri.org) or [www.RIFilmFest.org](http://www.RIFilmFest.org).

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