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THE 2013 ROVING EYE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

International Festival Kicks Off with More than 50 International Films, Premiere Work, Professional Panels, and Visiting Filmmakers

WHAT: The 8th Annual **Roving Eye International Film Festival**

WHEN: April 14-19 & 28, 2013

WHERE: Roger Williams University, 1 Old Ferry Road, Bristol, RI

WHO: FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF) and Roger Williams University (RWU)

HOW MUCH: Free

WHY: To celebrate the art and craft of the international filmmaking.

(BRISTOL, RI:) From cutting-edge documentaries to provocative narrative films, the eighth annual **Roving Eye International Film Festival** promises to be a portal for discovery to film-lovers across the region. The popular event celebrates global cinema and artists, will take place **April 14-19 & 28th**, and is presented by collaboration between **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival** (RIIFF) and **Roger Williams University** (RWU). More than 50 international films will be showcased, many United States premieres. All screenings are *free* to the general public and will take place on the campus of Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. at the Global Heritage Hall and the Mary Tefft White Cultural Center. The Festival's slogan for 2013 is **"You Know You Want to Look."**

This year's programming will feature films from Japan through a new collaboration with the Academy Award-qualifying, Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia; a focus on the Jewish Experience and lecture by **Debórah Dwork**, Rose Professor of Holocaust History and Director of the Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University; a conversation with filmmaker **Joe Rocco** with visual artist, **Barnaby Evans** and a screening of "WaterFire: Art & Soul of a City;" premieres of new student work, and a diversity program for the LGBTQ community. Guests include **Steven Feinberg**, Executive Director of the RI Film & Television Office; Israeli filmmaker and media educator, **Jonathan Friesem**; broadcaster/journalist **John Martin**, Communications Director at AARP Rhode Island; **Mary Healey Jamiel**, documentary filmmaker; **Judy Laster**, Executive Director of the Woods Hole Film Festival; **Gary Glassman**, President and Executive Producer of Providence Pictures; writer/director, **Reshad Kulenovic**; and RIIFF Program Director, **Shawn Quirk**.

Students at the University, with the guidance of FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival, create the Roving Eye International Film Festival through the Film Minor senior course, "Curation and Film Festival Production." Flickers' Executive Director and RWU Professor, George T. Marshall

teaches the senior-level course. Students spent the first part of the spring semester reviewing more than 600 films and create, curate and market the entire event. Roberta E. Adams, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Humanities and Performing Arts, is the Festival Chair, linking faculty adjudicators with students, RIIFF and the RWU administration in a unique collaboration.

The **2013 Roving Eye International Film Festival** is sponsored by *The RI Film & the Television Office; Flickers; the Edwin S. Soforenko Foundation; the Helene and Bertram Bernhardt Foundation; Roger Williams University Office of the Provost; the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences; the Department of Communications; Hillel; and the Spiritual Life Program.*

To see a listing of this year's programming and to learn more about the Roving Eye Festival, go to: <http://www.film-festival.org/RovingEye.php>

ABOUT ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY:

Roger Williams University is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as eighth among comprehensive colleges in the north. Roger Williams offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the arts and sciences, architecture, business, construction management, education, engineering, historic preservation, justice studies, legal studies, visual arts studies and law. For more information, go to: www.rwu.edu.

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 about the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival**, running Aug. 6-11, 2013 at **The Vets** (formerly Veterans Memorial Auditorium), please visit **www.RIFilmFest.org** or call 401.861.4445.