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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Theatrical Screening of Cannes Award Winning Romanian Film *Beyond The Hills***

Burlington, VT: (June 18, 2014) Main Street Landing, The Burlington Film Society (BFS), the Vermont International Film Foundation (VTIFF) are pleased to present an exclusive Burlington area theatrical screening of the Romanian feature film *Beyond The Hills*. The screening will take place on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at The Main Street Landing Film House, 60 Lake Street in Burlington. This screening of *Beyond The Hills* is free for VTIFF Members, \$8 General Admission, \$5 for students with ID. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/713278>. To learn more about VTIFF Membership and benefits, please visit <http://vtiff.org/membership>.

#### **About the Film:**

##### **Beyond The Hills**

Directed by Cristian Mungiu

2012, 150 Minutes, Unrated, Romania, Romanian w. English Subtitles, Sundance Selects / IFC Films

*Winner Best Actress & Screenplay, 2012 Cannes Film Festival*

In an isolated Orthodox convent in Romania, Alina has just been reunited with Voichita after spending several years in Germany. The two young women have supported and loved each other since meeting as children in an orphanage.

Alina wants Voichita to leave and return with her to Germany, but Voichita has found refuge in faith and a family in the nuns and their priest, and refuses. Alina cannot understand her friend's choice. In her attempt to win back Voichita's affection, she challenges the priest.

She is taken to hospital and the people of the monastery start to suspect that she is possessed. After ruling out all other options, the priest and nuns decide to read her prayers to deliver those possessed by the Evil One. They perform an exorcism, but the result is not what they had hoped, and Voichita begins to doubt the religious choice she has made. She decides to free Alina - but her decision comes too late.

**Main Street Landing** is an environmentally and socially conscious redevelopment company in Burlington, Vermont that has created over 250,000 square feet of built environment on the Burlington Waterfront. The Film House, located at 60 Lake Street is used primarily for film screenings and presentations. It is equipped with a large screen that covers west facing windows, control room, Dolby surround sound, retractable screen, and smart podium and can fit up to 220 people. More information at [www.mainstreetlanding.com](http://www.mainstreetlanding.com).

**The Vermont International Film Foundation (VTIFF)** is a cultural non-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the community through film. VTIFF is a year-round organization that showcases community film screenings, hosts film series like the Global Roots Series, and supports Vermont filmmakers. The largest program of the Foundation is the annual Vermont International Film Festival. Vermont's longest running film festival, this year marks its 29th Anniversary. The festival is best known for featuring groundbreaking and independent films from around the world and Vermont and for the Vermont Filmmakers' Showcase™, the largest juried selection of Vermont-made films. The 2014 festival runs October 24<sup>th</sup> -November 2nd 2014, at Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, and The BCA Center. More information at [www.vtiff.org](http://www.vtiff.org).

**The Burlington Film Society (BFS)** is a resource for local film events, meet-ups and an advocacy platform for cinema. The mission of the Film Society is to cultivate film culture in the greater Burlington area through the creation of an organizational mechanism for cineastes; by working with area theaters, arts presenters, granting organizations, educational institutions, and businesses to generate opportunities for theatrical screenings

of films; and by increasing opportunity for engagement with and appreciation of cinema.  
For more information about The Burlington Film Society, visit [vtiff.org/bfs](http://vtiff.org/bfs).

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