



VERMONT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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VTIFF Announces 2014 Selections for the Vermont Filmmakers' Showcase™

Burlington, VT: (September 30, 2014): The Vermont International Film Foundation (VTIFF) is pleased to announce this year's selections for the Vermont Filmmakers' Showcase™. The showcase, sponsored by Ben & Jerry's, is part of the 2014 Vermont International Film Festival, taking place October 24 – November 2 in downtown Burlington. The films will be screened on Friday, October 24 and Saturday October 25 in the Main Street Landing Black Box Theater. Screenings are open to the public, with donations accepted to support the Film Foundation. Full information about the Showcase and the Vermont International Film Festival can be found at www.vtiff.org

About the Vermont Filmmakers' Showcase™:

VTIFF celebrates Vermont filmmaking with our annual Vermont Filmmakers' Showcase™, the oldest and largest juried presentation of Vermont films in the state. The showcase takes place annually during the Vermont International Film Festival. All genres, styles and lengths are accepted. There is no fee for Vermont films or videos submitted.

All films in the Showcase must have been completed within 12 months of the festival's submission deadline. Works in progress cannot be submitted, and applicant must be a senior creative team member on the work submitted (producer, director, writer or DoP). The applicant must be a resident of Vermont or a student at a Vermont educational institution at the time of submitting the film.

The selected films will be screened at the Vermont International Film Festival and will be eligible for a range of awards. The 2014 Awards are:

The James Goldstone Award, a \$500 cash award given to an emerging Vermont filmmaker and sponsored by the Vermont Film Commission.

The Ben & Jerry Award, a \$300 cash prize given to recognize and support a Vermont filmmaker who, through the lens, documented and raised awareness of an important social or environmental issue with verve and ingenuity

The Footage Farm USA Award, a credit for stock footage worth \$600 from the Footage Farm collection given to a Vermont Documentary Filmmaker who, through film, strives to raise questions about the world we live in.

The VCAM Audience Favorite Award - \$200 by popular ballot

The VTIFF awards for Best Cinematography, Best Screenwriting, Best Acting.

2014 Vermont Filmmakers' Showcase Selected Films:

Threshold

Experimental Documentary/2014/21 min

Director: Angus McCullough

We are often lulled into ignorance about the forces at work all around us. Banal environments are dominated by philosophies and conventions, whether man-made or "natural." *Threshold* exists exactly between the cultural and the natural to bring either side of that gateway into sharper focus.

Green Mountain Dreamers

Documentary/2014/29 min

Director: Mt. Mansfield Media

A heartwarming documentary about Boston Red Sox fans; these Vermonters redefine what it means to 'B Strong'. Enjoy their stories of passion, perseverance, and pride, inspired by a team that never gives up.

Loser's Crown

Fiction/2014/105 min

Director: Colin Thompson

A 30-year-old man in crisis goes home to Vermont (from Los Angeles) for Christmas and finally realizes that trying to be cool is an exhausting waste of time.

100: Head/Heart/Feet

Documentary/2014/102 min

Director: William Peters

If you thought 26.2 miles was tough, lace up your running shoes for a journey into the world of ultra-running.

United We Ski

Documentary/2013/35 min

Director: Tyler Wilkinson-Ray

United We Ski examines the importance of small ski areas to the sport of skiing and New England life. The film looks at the rise and decline of the region's small ski areas and tells the story of three surviving areas in Vermont--Hardack, Cochran's, and Northeast Slopes-- which rely on community support, volunteerism, and Yankee ingenuity to provide affordable skiing to local families.

We Are Small

Fiction/2014/11 min

Director: Jeremy MacKenzie

When a little girl is shunned for being "too small" by other kids in the neighborhood who are making a snowman, she is inspired by her doll collection to prove that smallness has its strengths, too.

All the Wonders

Fiction/2013/8 min

Director: Tim Joy

A man who is on the brink of suicide is visited by a magical being who gives him a new perspective on life.

Dark Legacy

Fiction/ 2014/8 min

Director: Daniel Sparling

A young boy is pulled into a fight for his life with a dark spirit who transforms her victims into pigs before she eats them.

11 Paper Place

Animation/ 2014/ 7 min

Director: Daniel Houghton

11 Paper Place is a love story about two 8.5 x 11 sheets of paper that magically transform into paper people as they are spit out of a malfunctioning printer into a recycling bin.

Do Not Disturb

Fiction/2014/11 MIN

Director: Matt Lennon

A man spends the last night of his life alone in a hotel room. Things don't go as smoothly as expected.

Thaw

Fiction/2014/10 min

Director: Sheryl Glubok

On a winter weekend getaway, a woman picks up a musician who ignites her creative passion.

The North Star

Fiction/2013/5 min

Director: Rob Koier

Based on actual texts from fugitive slave memoirs transcribed in the 1830s, *The North Star* is a haunting recreation of a slave escaping from the South to New England.

Give In

Fiction/2014/10 min

Director: Benjamin Savard

A young woman struggling with anxiety sits down with a therapist after her self-destructive actions reach a boiling point.

Past Tense

Fiction/2013/91 min

Director: Robert Fritz

Elizabeth's parents died in a car crash when she was 11 years old, and her visits to the cemetery, where she begins to do grave rubbings, open her eyes to the other gravestones and other past lives, and she starts to write their stories. Two important women in Elizabeth's life, her therapist and her writing teacher, pull her in vastly different directions, especially when a spirit from one of her grave rubbings appears, asking for help.

The Vermont International Film Foundation (VTIFF) is a cultural non-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the community through film. VTIFF operates year-round and 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 24th -November 2nd 2014, at Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, and The BCA Center. More information at www.vtiff.org.

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