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Vermont Theatrical Premiere of Festival Favorite *Kumiko, the Treasure Hunter* in January

Burlington, VT: (January 20, 2014) Main Street Landing, The Burlington Film Society (BFS), the Vermont International Film Foundation (VTIFF) are pleased to present an exclusive Vermont theatrical screening of the award winning Japanese/American film *Kumiko, the Treasure Hunter*. The screening will take place on Thursday, January 29th at 7pm at The Main Street Landing Film House, 60 Lake Street in Burlington. This screening of *Kumiko, the Treasure Hunter* is free for VTIFF Members, \$8 General Admission, \$5 for student. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1092781>.

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About the Film:

Kumiko, the Treasure Hunter

Directed by David Zellner

2014, 105 minutes, unrated, English and Japanese (with English subtitles), Amplify Releasing

2014 Special Jury Prize, Sundance and Fantasia Film Festivals, Nominated for Best Director and Best Female Lead, 2015 Independent Spirit Awards

In this darkly comedic odyssey, Academy Award nominee Rinko Kikuchi (*Babel*, *Pacific Rim*) stars as

Kumiko, a frustrated Office Lady whose imagination transcends the confines of her mundane life. Kumiko becomes obsessed with a mysterious, battered VHS tape of a popular film she's mistaken for a documentary, fixating on a scene where a suitcase of stolen cash is buried in the desolate, frozen landscape of North Dakota. Believing this treasure to be real, she leaves behind Tokyo and her beloved rabbit Bunzo to recover it – and finds herself on a dangerous adventure unlike anything she's seen in the movies.

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.

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 ran October 24th -November 2nd 2014, at Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, and The BCA Center. More information at 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.

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