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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Vermont Theatrical Premiere of 2014 Cannes Palme d'Or Winner *Winter Sleep* in February**

Burlington, VT: (February 17, 2014) Main Street Landing, The Burlington Film Society (BFS), the Vermont International Film Foundation (VTIFF) are pleased to present an exclusive Vermont theatrical premiere of the Cannes award winning Turkish film *Winter Sleep*. The screening will take place on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at The Main Street Landing Film House, 60 Lake Street in Burlington. Join us in the Film House lobby from 6-7pm for a reception with the Turkish Cultural Center, featuring Turkish pastries. This screening of *Winter Sleep* 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/1206161>.

To learn more about VTIFF Membership and benefits, please visit <http://vtiff.org/membership>.

Catamount Arts in St. Johnsbury will also be hosting a screening of *Winter Sleep* on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. More information at <http://www.catamountarts.org/shows/winter-sleep/>.

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

Winter Sleep

Presented by Main Street Landing and VTIFF, co-sponsored by Turkish Cultural Center of VT

Directed by Nuri Bilge Ceylan

2014, 196 minutes, unrated, Turkish w/ English subtitles, Adopt Films

*Winner, 2014 Cannes Palme d'Or*

This mesmerizing, superbly acted portrait of a wealthy, self-involved landowner and the various figures impacted by his reign, is the latest by master filmmaker Ceylan (Once Upon a Time in Anatolia). The story is set in Anatolia and examines the significant divide between the rich and poor as well as the powerful and powerless in Turkey.

Aydin, a former actor, runs a small hotel in central Anatolia with his young wife Nihal with whom he has a stormy relationship and his sister Necla who is suffering from her recent divorce. In winter as the snow begins to fall, the hotel turns into a shelter but also an inescapable place that fuels their animosities...

**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, celebrating 30 years, 1985-2015. 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. 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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