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Area Theatrical Premiere of Critically Acclaimed French Film *Girlhood* in April

Burlington, VT: (April 20, 2015) Main Street Landing, The Burlington Film Society (BFS), the Vermont International Film Foundation (VTIFF) are pleased to present an exclusive Burlington area theatrical premiere of the critically acclaimed French feature film *Girlhood*. The screening will take place on Thursday, April 30th at 7pm at The Main Street Landing Film House, 60 Lake Street in Burlington. Following the screening, there will be discussion lead by Burlington Film Society members.

This screening of *Girlhood* is free for VTIFF Members, \$8 general admission, \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1360930>
To learn more about VTIFF Membership and benefits, please visit <http://vtiff.org/membership>.

About the film:

Girlhood

Directed by Céline Sciamma

France | Drama | French w/ English Subtitles | 2014 | 112 min.

Selection: Cannes Film Festival – Opening Night Directors’ Fortnight
Toronto International Film Festival, Sundance Film Festival, AFI Fest

Fed up with her abusive family situation, lack of school prospects and the “boys’ law” in the neighborhood, Marieme starts a new life after meeting a group of three free-spirited girls. She changes

her name, her style, drops out of school and starts stealing to be accepted into the gang. When her home situation becomes unbearable, Marieme seeks solace in an older man who promises her money and protection. Realizing this sort of lifestyle will never result in the freedom and independence she truly desires, she finally decides to take matters into her own hands.

Céline Sciamma's first feature film *WATER LILIES* attracted attention at the 2007 Cannes Festival in the Un Certain Regard section, and won the Louis Delluc Prize, for Best First film, awarded by French film critics. It was followed in 2011 by *TOMBOY*, selected for the Berlin Film Festival's Opening Night film of the Panorama section, where it won the Teddy Award, and subsequently enjoyed a successful international career (selling to 35 territories including the US). *GIRLHOOD* (*Bande de filles*) is her third film.

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, 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. 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.

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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