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VTIFF will award over \$3,500 in cash prizes for the Vermont Filmmakers' Showcase 2016

Burlington, VT: (June 8, 2016): The Vermont International Film Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2016 Vermont Filmmakers' Showcase will have a record number of awards and the highest ever total of cash prizes – over \$3,500 with several new sponsors participating. In addition, Bill Stetson, the sponsor of the James Goldstone Award has agreed to raise it this year from \$500 to \$1,000.

The Vermont International Film Festival 2016 runs Oct 21 – 30. The Showcase takes place during the first two days of the festival: Friday Oct 21 & Saturday Oct 22

The 2016 Awards for the Vermont Filmmakers' Showcase are:

- **James Goldstone Award**, a \$1,000 cash award given to an Emerging Vermont Filmmaker and sponsored by Bill Stetson & VTIFF
- **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
- **Zero Gravity Award**, a \$500 cash prize for the Most Innovative film
- **Hawk Award** for Best Screenplay, a \$350 cash prize sponsored by Hawk Ostby
- **Footage Farm USA Award**, a credit for stock footage worth \$600 from the Footage Farm collection given for most creative use of archival footage
- **Hotel Vermont Award**, a \$250 cash prize, given to a film that creates the Best Sense of Place

- **Urban Rhino Visual Award**, a \$250 cash prize given for Best Cinematography
- **VCAM Audience Favorite Award**, \$200 by popular ballot
- **VTIFF Best Acting Award**, Two Patron Annual Memberships to VTIFF, value \$338

Overview:

The Vermont Filmmakers' Showcase is the longest running showcase of Vermont Films and fulfills part of VTIFF's mission to support and promote Vermont filmmakers and filmmaking.

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, supports programming like the Global Roots Series, the Burlington Film Society and VTIFF For Schools, as well as supporting Vermont filmmakers. VTIFF celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2015. The largest program of the Foundation is the annual Vermont International Film Festival, best known for featuring groundbreaking and independent films from around the world and Vermont. The festival also includes the Vermont Filmmakers' Showcase™, the largest juried selection of Vermont-made films. More information at www.vtiff.org.

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