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Exclusive Burlington Area Theatrical Screening of Award Winning Icelandic Film *Rams* on December 17th

Burlington, VT: (December 2, 2015) Main Street Landing, The Burlington Film Society (BFS), the Vermont International Film Foundation (VTIFF) are pleased to present an exclusive Burlington area theatrical screening of critically acclaimed, award winning Icelandic film, *Rams*. The screening will take place on Thursday, December 17th at 7pm at The Main Street Landing Film House, 60 Lake Street in Burlington. After the screening, there will be discussion lead by Burlington Film Society members.

This screening of *Rams* 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/2466336>

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

About the film:

Rams

Directed by Grímur Hákonarson

Iceland | Fiction | Icelandic w/ English subtitles | 2015 | 93 min

*Cannes International Film Festival 2015 – Winner Un Certain Regard

*Hamptons International Film Festival 2015 – Best Narrative Feature

*Thessaloniki International Film Festival - Winner Best Feature Film

*Iceland's Official Entry for Best Foreign Language Film to the 2016 Academy Awards

In a secluded valley in Iceland, Gummi and Kiddi live side by side, tending to their sheep. Their ancestral sheep-stock is considered one of the country's best and the two brothers are repeatedly awarded for their prized rams who carry an ancient lineage. Although they share the land and a way of life, Gummi and Kiddi have not spoken to each other in four decades. When a lethal disease suddenly infects Kiddi's sheep, the entire valley comes under threat. The authorities decide to cull all the animals in the area to contain the outbreak. This is a near death sentence for the farmers, whose sheep are their main source of income, and many abandon their land. But Gummi and Kiddi don't give up so easily – and each brother tries to stave off the disaster in his own fashion: Kiddi by using his rifle and Gummi by using his wits. As the authorities close in, the brothers will need to come together to save the special breed passed down for generations, and themselves, from extinction.

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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