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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Vermont Premiere Screening of Award Winning Greek Film *Chevalier* on September 29<sup>th</sup> at Main Street Landing**

Burlington, VT: (September 21, 2016) Main Street Landing, The Burlington Film Society (BFS), the Vermont International Film Foundation (VTIFF) are pleased to present an exclusive Vermont theatrical premiere screening of the award winning film *Chevalier*, directed by Athina Rachel Tsangari on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:45pm. Join us before the screening at 6:30pm for a free preview of the 2016 Vermont International Film Festival, followed by a reception before the screening at 7:45.

Screenings take place at The Main Street Landing Film House, 60 Lake Street in Burlington. The screening is free for VTIFF Members, \$8 general admission, \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at: <http://sevendaystickets.com/events/36267306/chevalier-presented-by-main-street-landing-amp-vtiff>. To learn more about VTIFF Membership and benefits, please visit <http://vtiff.org/membership>.

### **About the film:**

#### **Chevalier**

Directed by Athina Rachel Tsangari

Greece | Greek w/ English subtitles | 2015 | 99 min

Best Film - London Film Festival

In the middle of the Aegean Sea, on a luxury yacht, six men on a fishing trip decide to play a game. During this game, things will be compared, measured and blood will be tested. Friends will become rivals, but at the end of the voyage, when the game is over, the winner will wear the victorious signet ring: the “Chevalier.”

### **About the Filmmaker:**

Athina Rachel Tsangari has a B.A. in Literature from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, an M.A. in Performance Studies from New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts, and an MFA in Film Directing from the University of Texas at Austin.

Her first short film, *Fit* (1995), was a finalist for the Student Academy Awards. Her second feature, *Attenberg*, premiered in main competition at the 2010 Venice Film Festival, where it won the Coppa Volpi Award for Best Actress for its lead, Ariane Labeled. The film was recently selected as "Greek Film Academy's nominee" for the Foreign language Oscar. It was also one of the finalists for the European Parliament's 2011 LUX Prize for Best European Film.

In 2012, Tsangari’s medium-length film *The Capsule*, commissioned by the DESTE Foundation for Contemporary Art premiered in Locarno. In 2013, she was a co-producer on Richard Linklater’s *Before Midnight*, in which she also appeared as an actor. For the 70th anniversary of the Venice Film Festival she contributed the science fiction short *24 Frames Per Century* (2013). In 2015, her feature *Chevalier* was part of the Official Competition at Locarno Film festival.

**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. 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 [www.vtiff.org/bfs](http://www.vtiff.org/bfs).

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