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## Vermont Theatrical Premiere of Award Winning Swedish Film Force Majeure in November

Burlington, VT: (November 4, 2014) 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 the award winning Swedish film *Force Majeure*. The screening will take place on Thursday, November 13th at 7pm at The Main Street Landing Film House, 60 Lake Street in Burlington. This screening of *Force Majeure* is free for VTIFF Members, \$8 General Admission, \$5 for student. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at: <a href="http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/933211">http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/933211</a>. To learn more about VTIFF Membership and benefits, please visit <a href="http://vtiff.org/membership">http://vtiff.org/membership</a>.

## About the Film:

Force Majeure
Directed by Ruben Östlund
2014, 118 minutes, Fiction, Rated R, Swedish w/ English Subtitles, Magnolia Pictures

2014 Official Oscar® Entry – Sweden, Best Foreign Language Film, 2014 Cannes Film Festival – Winner: Un Certain Regard Jury Prize

A critical favorite at this year's Cannes Film Festival, where it took the Jury Prize in Un Certain Regard, this wickedly funny and precisely observed psychodrama tells the story of a model Swedish family—

handsome businessman Tomas, his willowy wife Ebba and their two blond children—on a skiing holiday in the French Alps. The sun is shining and the slopes are spectacular but, during a lunch at a mountainside restaurant, an avalanche suddenly bears down on the happy diners. With people fleeing in all directions and his wife and children in a state of panic, Tomas makes a decision that will shake his marriage to its core and leave him struggling to reclaim his role as family patriarch.

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. 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. The 2014 festival ran October 24<sup>th</sup> -November 2nd 2014, at Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, and The BCA Center. 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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