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Burlington Film Society and RETN Partner to Present Community Curated Cinema Series

Burlington, VT: (January 27, 2014) The Burlington Film Society (BFS) and the Regional Educational Television Network (RETN) are pleased to announce *Burlington Film Society Presents*, a community-curated series of classic films, from Hollywood hits to B-list sci-fi and horror, that explores our personal connections to the movies. Community members will share stories about the films that are important to them, followed by a full-length film on RETN Channel 16. A new introduction and film screening will premiere on Channel 16 every Sunday evening at 8pm, starting on February 8th. Films will replay on Thursdays at 10:00am and Fridays at Midnight (early Saturday morning). A full schedule of presenters and films can be found at www.retn.org/bfs.

Upcoming presenters include, Barry Snyder and Eric Ford, Co-Founders of BFS, John Killacky, Director of The Flynn Center, Orly Yadin, Director of the Vermont International Film Foundation, Kathryn Blume, writer, director and activist, Seth Jarvis, VTIFF Outreach Coordinator, playwright and performer. More to be announced.

Burlington Film Society Presents brings films from the Corinth Film Collection to local audiences. Founded in 1977, Corinth Films is one of the largest independent sources of movies and classic TV shows. The Corinth Collection is an eclectic mix of Hollywood action films, comedies, crime films, historical dramas, holiday classics, musicals, westerns, war films, and more. Films in the collection

range from classic screwball comedies of the 30's to such popular series as the Dick Tracy films of the 40's, from adaptations of literary classics to horror and science fiction B-movies from the 50's and 60's.

"When planning this series and reviewing the Corinth catalog, we quickly realized it needed a local perspective," said Drew Frazier, RETN's Content Manager. "Our unique collaboration with Burlington Film Society will allow RETN Channel 16 viewers to watch again, or for the first time, this curated selection of classic films through the more personal lens of some of our favorite film buffs."

Coordinated by the Burlington Film Society, films are selected and introduced by members of the community and licensed to screen in rotation on RETN. The collaboration is a reflection of RETN's educational mission and the film society's mission to cultivate film culture and to provide audiences with the opportunity for engagement with, and appreciation of, all the varieties of cinema.

Regional Educational Television Network (RETN) fulfills it mission to make media and technology accessible for all students and lifelong learners to advance education and civic engagement by providing access to the training and tools community members need to create videos that share their stories and help them feel like they belong.

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 a program of The Vermont International Film Foundation (VTIFF), visit vtiff.org/bfs.

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