35th Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival

Presented by Facets

November 1—9 2018
We invite kids, teens, families, and educators to come together at our 35th annual Festival to explore the theme BUILD.

BUILD can mean a lot of things. But for us, it reflects an essential part of our mission: the role of film in building bridges, overcoming divisions, and expanding perspectives through empathy-driven storytelling.

The 246 films from 44 different countries in this year’s Official Selection address these issues in exciting and important ways. From documentaries about the refugee experience to fiction narratives about blossoming friendships and family heritage, the films approach the world of contemporary kids and teens with nuance, artistic excellence, and beauty.

We hope that our Festival inspires audiences to build a new world that is empathetic, open, and magical.

See you at the cinema!
The Chicago International Children’s Film Festival aims to set an internationally-recognized standard of excellence in film production for children and youth.

We strive to support the work of talented and dedicated filmmakers by showcasing international films of the highest quality and awarding prizes in multiple categories of production formats and genres.

We also provide professional forums to enable quality youth films to gain increased distribution and access to wider audiences. The film experiences of young viewers are deepened through a broad range of programs which extend Festival film viewing into discussion and learning.

The Festival is operated by Facets, a nonprofit that connects over 30,000 people annually to independent ideas through transformative film experiences.
Festival field trips are a fun and engaging way to introduce students to diverse international perspectives and media literacy skills.

- Over 50 screening programs to choose from at 8 Chicagoland venues
- Grade appropriate content for PreK — 12th grade
- Education provided by our media experts
- Programs addressing international perspectives, STEM, immigrant experiences, LGBTQ+, and more

Get more info exclusively at facets.org/cicff, to browse and book field trips.

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**Festival Tickets**

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**Passes**

- **ALL-ACCESS PASS**
  - The ultimate experience
  - $350
  - Admits one to all public screenings

- **FAMILY PASS**
  - Twenty-ticket bundle
  - $75
  - A 20 ticket pass to use at any public screenings

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**Book a Field Trip today**

Online: facets.org/cicff
Email: fldtrips@facets.org
Phone: 773-291-9075 x102

Can’t fit a Field Trip into your schedule right now? Don’t worry, we offer Festival Field Trips before and after official dates. Just ask about them when you book.

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Venues

Our eight venues span all of Chicago from the South to the North Shore.

Main Venues

1. Facets
   1517 W Fullerton Ave
   Chicago, IL 60614

2. Music Box Theatre
   3733 N Southport Ave
   Chicago, IL 60613

Partner Venues

3. Davis Theater
   4614 N Lincoln Ave
   Chicago, IL 60625

4. University of Chicago: Reva & David Logan Center for the Arts
   915 E 60th St
   Chicago, IL 60637

5. Alliance Française
   810 N Dearborn St
   Chicago, IL 60610

6. Wilmette Theatre
   1122 Central Ave
   Wilmette, IL 60091

7. Gorton Community Center
   400 E Illinois Rd
   Lake Forest, IL 60045

8. DePaul University
   Lincoln Park
   Chicago, IL 60614
Tots 17
Early Childhood
ages 1—6

Big Kids 19
Elementary School
ages 6—10

Tweens 23
Middle School
ages 10—13

Teens 33
High School
ages 13—17
Opening & Closing Night Celebrations

November 01 & November 09

Opening Night

All Ages
Kick off the 35th International Children’s Film Festival at our invite-only Opening Night celebration.

Showtimes
Thursday November 1, 2018 — 7pm
TBA
90 minutes

Closing Night

All Ages
See the best Festival films get what they deserve: awards, laurels, and ample bragging rights. Closing night is invite only.

Showtimes
Friday November 9, 2018 — 8pm
DePaul University
90 minutes

Begins November 21
Mondays-Fridays at 9 am

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Early Childhood ages 1—6

Whether characters are venturing off to explore new horizons or learning how to make new friends, these fun films for tots are sure to encourage independent thinking and spark imagination.

 subtitles

P Profanity  V Violence  M Mature Themes
**By My Side**

**Ages: 1—6**

Shorts Program

There’s nothing like a new buddy to help sort out new impressions and new situations.


**Countries:** USA, England, Australia, France, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Taiwan, Netherlands

**Languages:** English, French, Dutch, Swedish, Hakka Chinese, nonverbal

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**Showtimes**

Sunday November 4, 2018 — 10:00am

Gorton Community Center

60 minutes

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**Elementary School**

**ages 6—10**

Growing up often means stepping outside your comfort zone and being open to new ideas. These films feature big kids with big dreams, making big decisions about family, friends, and the future.

Subtitles

P Profanity  V Violence  M Mature Themes
Big Kids

Looney Foodz
Ages: 5 – 8
Shorts Program
Join the friends and family members in this shorts program dedicated to celebrations, food explorations, and all things yummy.


Countries: England, Germany, Italy, France, Mexico, Japan, Taiwan, Czech Republic, Netherlands
Languages: English, Spanish, French, Japanese, Hakka Chinese, German, Czech, Dutch, nonverbal

Showtimes
Friday November 2, 2018 — 9:30am
Facets — Theatre I
80 minutes

Makers and Shakers
Ages: 6 – 10
Shorts Program
These game changers are getting it done! In one film, an ant is the rogue in the colony and is definitely not staying on the beaten path.


Countries: USA, England, Germany, Japan, France, Belgium, Norway, Netherlands, Estonia
Languages: English, French, Japanese, Dutch, Norwegian, nonverbal

Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 9:30am
Facets — Theatre I
52 minutes

Tales With Tails
Ages: 6 – 10
Shorts Program
This collection of films stars curious critters who love going on fun adventures.

Shorts: The Big Bad Fox and Other Tales: “A Baby to Deliver”, The Big Bad Fox and Other Tales: “The Big Bad Fox”, The Highway Rat

Countries: England, France, Belgium
Languages: English, French

Showtimes
Sunday November 4, 2018 — 9:30am
Wilmette Theatre — Theatre I
78 minutes

The Highway Rat
Ages: 5 – 8
Shorts Program
For fans of the beloved books from Scottish author Julia Donaldson (The Gruffalo), the latest animated version to hit the screen is here.

Shorts: The Box, Stumblebee, Dust Buddies, Mrs. Pamela, Pingu in the City: “Power Up”, Konigiri-Kun Music Box, The Highway Rat

Countries: USA, England, Japan, France, Germany
Languages: English, French, Japanese, nonverbal

Showtimes
Sunday November 4, 2018 — 12:30pm
Gorton Community Center
66 minutes

Time After Time
Ages: 5 – 8
Shorts Program
The family members in this collection of shorts are always there for each other.


Countries: USA, Germany, Canada, Brazil, Netherlands, Denmark, Czech Republic, Australia
Languages: English, Czech, Portuguese, Dutch, nonverbal

Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 9:30am
Davis Theater — Theatre III
56 minutes
Middle School ages 10—13

Whether you’re looking for stories about trying to fit in, romps through magical worlds, or sci-fi adventures, these films feature something bold and fresh for every tween.

📅 Subtitles

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Tweens

Animation Station
Ages: 10 — 13
Shorts Program
The animated short films from around the world in this collection have piqued the interest of our Festival tween focus group!

Shorts: Undiscovered, Enough, Hate for Sale, Land without Evil, Notes on Monstropedia, StoryTime: “Sine and Saloum”, Awalker, Late Afternoon, The Stonemason’s Dream

Countries: USA, England, Netherlands, Hungary, Argentina, Japan, France, Czech Republic, Ireland, Belgium
Languages: English, Guarani, nonverbal

Showtimes
Sunday November 4, 2018 — 5pm
Gorton Community Center
70 minutes

Best Laid Plans
Ages: 8+ 2M
Shorts Program
What does one do when plans go awry? The quirky characters in this collection of animated shorts come up with totally brilliant plans, of course!


Countries: USA, France, Germany, Belgium
Languages: English, French, nonverbal

Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 9:30am
Wilmette Theatre — Theatre I
73 minutes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 10am
Davis Theater — Theatre II
73 minutes

Dreamers Only, Please
Ages: 12+ M 2M
Shorts Program
The dreamers and adventurers in this collection of short films follow their passions.

Shorts: Detective Simmons, Yover, Two Balloons, The Round, Shoe Shiner, Bachir in Wonderland, Saturday Cinema

Countries: USA, Colombia, Germany, Netherlands, Senegal
Languages: English, Spanish, Arabic, Fulah, Wolof, French, nonverbal

Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 5pm
Facets — Theatre I
84 minutes

Family Ties
Ages: 10 — 13 2M
Shorts Program
Love and connections with family members are what’s important to the characters in this collection of short films.

Shorts: Memo, Winds of Spring, The Bird & the Whale, Late Afternoon, Tweet-Tweet, Homeless, An Island

Countries: France, Canada, Ireland, Armenia, Russian Federation
Languages: French, English, Armenian, nonverbal

Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 7pm
Facets — Theatre I
67 minutes

Girl Boss: Girls Got This
Ages: 10 – 13 2M
Shorts Program
The girls in this collection of short films have long-term goals they pursue with a passion, despite the odds.

Shorts: One Small Step, Megatrick, Place Cards, Iron Hands, Jiejie, Wanda, Bike Bird

Countries: USA, Germany, Poland, China, Norway
Languages: English, German, Polish, Mandarin Chinese, Norwegian, Hazaragi, nonverbal

Showtimes
Tuesday November 6, 2018 — 7pm
Facets — Theatre I
70 mins

Imagination Station
Ages: 6 — 10 2M
Shorts Program
The characters in this collection of shorts go beyond physical limits and use their imaginations, in order to meet new and unexpected friends.

Shorts: The Temple of Knowledge, Winds of Spring, Two Balloons, Leave a Print, Message in a Bottle: “All In Good Time”, Kintsugi, Edward’s Miraculous Bookstore

Countries: USA, Canada, England, Ireland, Netherlands
Languages: English, Mandarin, Dutch, nonverbal

Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 1pm
Facets — Theatre I
74 minutes
Little Miss Dolittle
Ages: 6 – 10
Feature Film
Liliane Susewind has a big secret. She can communicate with animals in a way that no one else can, but her power often leads to misunderstandings, but what if she may actually need it for good?
Directed by Joachim Masannek
Countries: Germany
Languages: Dutch
Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 9:45am
Wilmette Theatre — Theatre II
97 mins

Luis and the Aliens
Ages: 8+
Feature Film
Luis tries to help a goofy trio of aliens repair their ship so that they can return on their space-travelling journeys.
Directed by Wolfgang & Christoph Lauenstein
Countries: Germany
Languages: English
Showtimes
Sunday November 4, 2018 — 1:30pm
Facets — Theatre II
82 mins

Matti and Sami and the Three Biggest Mistakes in the Universe
Ages: 10 – 13
Feature Film
Matti has his family’s best interests at heart – but will that be enough when they all find themselves in a foreign country with nothing but each other?
Directed by Stefan Westerwelle
Countries: Finland, Germany
Languages: German, Finnish
Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 9:45am
Davis Theater — Theatre I
94 minutes

No More Copycat
Ages: 6 – 10
Shorts Program
What can we rely on to be a source of good information? What are the rules for “borrowing” someone else’s hard work?
Countries: France, Belgium, Germany, Taiwan
Languages: French, German, Mandarin
Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 9:45am
Facets — Theatre II
71 minutes

Out and About
Ages: 8+
Shorts Program
These adventurous folktales are full of giants, barnyard misfits, and excitement.
Shorts: The Big Bad Fox and Other Tales: “A Baby to Deliver”, Hilda: “The Midnight Giant”
Countries: England, France
Languages: English, French
Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 11am
Wilmette Theatre — Theatre I
71 minutes
Sunday November 4, 2018 — 3pm
Gorton Community Center
71 minutes

Persistence Pay-Off
Ages: 9 – 11
Shorts Program
The talented characters in this collection of shorts have what it takes. In one short, Clemens teaches a new way to dance to an Ed Sheeran favorite.
Shorts: Game Changer, One Small Step, Can Johannes do it?: “Tap Dancing”, Dimitar – to the Heart, Polska Warrior
Countries: USA, Germany, Bulgaria, Netherlands
Languages: English, German, Dutch, Polish, Bulgarian, nonverbal
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Facets — Theatre I
76 mins

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Facets — Theatre I
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Tweens

Rosie & Moussa
Ages: 9+
Feature Film
A classic tale of new friendship and family connection unfolds with Rosie and Moussa as they explore the colorful big city.
Directed by Dorothée van den Berghe
Countries: Belgium
Languages: Dutch
Showtimes
Sunday November 4, 2018 — 3pm
Facets — Theatre I
90 minutes

Sing Song
Ages: 12+ M
Feature Film
How much is Jasmine willing to risk in order to realize her artistic dreams? Or to meet her estranged family? Or to save a precious friendship? What about all three at once?
Directed by Mischa Kamp
Countries: Netherlands
Languages: Dutch
Showtimes
Sunday November 4, 2018 — 11:45am
Wilmette Theatre — Theatre II
94 mins

Storytellers and Story Keepers
Ages: 6 – 10
Shorts Program
From France to the Congo, these tales are filled with magic and life lessons, featuring a new version of Arabian Nights.
Countries: France, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Republic of the Congo, Hungary, Argentina, Guatemala
Languages: English, French, Lingala, French, Guaraní, Arabic
Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 3pm
University of Chicago: Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts
76 minutes

Straight and Narrow
Ages: 11+ M
Shorts Program
The characters in this collection of shorts have to go the distance.
Shorts: From a Distance, Lost and Found, Planet Z – Surprise Egg, Animal Behavior, Two Balloons, Jiejie, The Life of Esteban
Countries: USA, Belgium, Canada, Finland, Australia, Mexico
Languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin, Dutch, nonverbal
Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 1:30pm
Facets — Theatre I
76 minutes

Postcards from the Past
Ages: 12+ R
Shorts Program
The characters in this collection of short films have vivid memories of loved ones recently passed.
Shorts: Winds of Spring, My Yiddish Papi, America, Torch, Ari and the Day of Dead
Countries: Canada, Israel, Germany
Languages: English, Spanish, Hebrew, nonverbal
Showtimes
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Wilmette Theatre — Theatre I
73 minutes

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Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 1:30pm
Facets — Theatre I
76 minutes

Taking the Plunge
Ages: 11+ M
Shorts Program
Taking the plunge is never easy, whether to pursue a relationship or follow one’s dreams, or just to be yourself. The characters in this collection of shorts have to go the distance.
Shorts: From a Distance, Lost and Found, Planet Z – Surprise Egg, Animal Behavior, Two Balloons, Jiejie, The Life of Esteban
Countries: USA, Belgium, Canada, Finland, Australia, Mexico
Languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin, Dutch, nonverbal
Showtimes
Saturday November 3, 2018 — 1:30pm
Facets — Theatre I
76 minutes
The Other Side of the Wall

Ages: 12+

Feature Film

Brother and sister have to act as father and mother to their two younger siblings when their relationship is faced with the greatest challenge possible in this film about family, justice, and growing up.

Directed by Pau Ortiz

Countries: Mexico, Spain

Languages: Spanish

Showtimes

Sunday November 4, 2018 — 7pm
Facets — Theatre I
68 minutes

The Incredible Story of the Giant Pear

Ages: 8+

Feature Film

When the cautious elephant, Sebastian, and the brave cat, Mitch, discover an important message in a bottle, the two best friends along with a kooky scientist embark on a series of seaside adventures.

Directed by Philip Einstein Lipski, Jørgen Lerdam

Countries: Denmark

Languages: English

Showtimes

Saturday November 3, 2018 — 11am
Facets — Theatre I
78 minutes

The Falcons

Ages: 9+

Feature Film

Amidst bold competition and emotional challenges, Jón discovers a whole new side of himself as a soccer player and finds that he can take on more responsibility than he ever imagined.

Directed by Bragi Thor Hinriksson

Countries: Iceland

Languages: Icelandic

Showtimes

Sunday November 4, 2018 — 9:45am
Wilmette Theatre — Theatre II
95 minutes

Sunday November 4, 2018 — 10am
Davis Theater — Theatre II
95 minutes

True Colors

Ages: 10 – 13

Shorts Program

Identity is a very important issue moving through middle school and into high school. Whether straight, gay, nonbinary, gender nonconforming - what do these labels mean?

Shorts: A Certain Kind of Love, The Big Picture, Darío, Beauty

Countries: USA, India, Germany, Colombia, Canada

Languages: English, Spanish

Showtimes

Thursday November 8, 2018 — 7:30pm
Facets — Theatre II
64 minutes

Windstorm—and the Wild Horses

Ages: 10 – 13

Feature Film

Enchantment and tradition are the driving forces for Mika and her friends as they take on the destructive Big Industry in order to save their precious ecosystem, Ora.

Directed by Katja von Garnier

Countries: Germany

Languages: German

Showtimes

Saturday November 3, 2018 — 11:45am
Wilmette Theatre — Theatre II
106 minutes
High School
ages 13—17

Approaching the coming-of-age experience from multiple perspectives, filmmakers from across the globe bring innovation and emotional complexity to these films about the teen experience.

Subtitles

Profanity  Violence  Mature Themes
Joe Holt is initially excited when his mother tells him they’ll be going to Spain for a week-long vacation — until she lets him know that by “they”, she means only her and her awful boyfriend Dean. Instead, Joe will be left alone in their house for the week, left to his own devices.


**Countries:** England  
**Languages:** English, French, Mandarin

**Showtimes**  
**Saturday November 3, 2018 — 11:15am**  
Facets — Theatre II  
112 minutes

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We’re excited to present the freshest, most interesting international animated films. This program features the best in animation’s varied approaches and style.


**Countries:** USA, England, Netherlands, Portugal, Germany, France, Belgium, Canada  
**Languages:** English, French, Mandarin, Chinese, nonverbal

**Showtimes**  
**Saturday November 3, 2018 — 3:15pm**  
Facets — Theatre II  
79 mins  
**Thursday November 8, 2018 — 8:30pm**  
Facets — Theatre I  
79 mins  
**Saturday November 3, 2018 — 9:00pm**  
Facets — Theatre I  
75 mins

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The teens in this collection of short films reflect on identity, friendships, and female empowerment.

**Shorts: On the Horizon, Between the Shadows, Guaxuma, Love Me Fear Me, Euphoria, Carlotta’s Face, Freaks of Nurture**

**Countries:** France, Switzerland, Portugal, Brazil, Germany, Hungary, Argentina, Canada  
**Languages:** Portuguese, English, German, nonverbal

**Showtimes**  
**Thursday November 8, 2018 — 7pm**  
Facets — Theatre I  
62 mins

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The girls in this group of films are totally mega, whether turning tables, making movies, or overcoming obstacles.

**Shorts: Just Someone I Know, Kendis, Megatrick, Sasha of the Sea, Freaks of Nurture, Torch**

**Countries:** England, Netherlands, Germany, Northern Ireland, Canada, Israel  
**Languages:** English, Dutch, German, Hebrew

**Showtimes**  
**Wednesday November 7, 2018 — 7pm**  
Facets — Theatre I  
62 minutes

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The girls in this collection of short films do not let anything stand in the way of achieving their goals.

**Shorts: One Small Step, Iron Hands, Girl on a Mission, Mouth of the Whale, Tweener, Torch**

**Countries:** USA, China, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Israel  
**Languages:** English, Mandarin Chinese, Romanian, Norwegian, Swedish, Hebrew

**Showtimes**  
**Monday November 5, 2018 — 7pm**  
Facets — Theatre I  
80 minutes
Journeys and Generations

Ages: 15+    M

Shorts Program
Family connections sustain the characters in this collection through thick and thin.

Shorts: Late Afternoon, Memo, Augur, Torch, Vivid Ruthie, Kiem Holijanda

Countries: Ireland, France, Portugal, Netherlands, Israel

Languages: English, French, Portuguese, Hebrew, Albanian

Showtimes
Sunday November 4, 2018 — 5pm
Facets — Theatre I
77 minutes

The Tower

Ages: 15+    P, M, V

Feature Film
In an effort to fulfill her ailing great-grandfather’s wishes, Wardi learns about connecting to her history and perhaps even restoring hope in her family.

Directed by Mats Grorud

Countries: Norway

Languages: English

Showtimes
Sunday November 4, 2018 — 1pm
Facets — Theatre I
80 minutes

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