Dear Teachers and Friends,

Inspiring your students can be as easy as taking a trip to the movies. The 2005 Chicago International Children’s Film Festival is the perfect way to give your classroom a boost! Starting October 27, we’ll present three weeks of multi-cultural films that encourage children to explore world cultures, language studies, creative arts, social studies, history, literature and more.

The Festival reaches children of all ages with positive messages, stories from around the world, and activities designed to stimulate learning. One trip to the Festival will give you weeks of exciting material for discussion, writing assignments and follow-up exercises.

### Highlights of ‘KidsFest’

- Outstanding multicultural programs featuring over 200 films from 40 countries.
- For groups of 25 children or more, tickets are only $5.00 per child.
- Age-appropriate programming with topics for every interest and area of study!
- All teachers who attend the Festival receive a 120-page curriculum for classroom study, with worksheets, questions for discussion, and activities. Our curriculum meets State learning goals!
- Professional development workshops on “Media: Improving Skills and Scores” are free of charge to teachers attending the Festival. CPDU’s will be available to teachers.
- New! Look for special diversity programs including **Proud to be Me: Stories of African American Children** and **Espanol Para Todos**, a Spanish Language program

We welcome groups on weekdays October 28 — November 4th, and during two additional weeks of school screenings November 7 – November 18. Programs are shown at 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, and 11:45 Monday through Friday at three venues: Facets Multi-Media (1517 W. Fullerton Ave.), the Vittum Theater (1012 N. Noble St.), and the AMC City North 14 (2600 N. Western Ave.).

Don’t miss the Festival in 2005! For reservations and more information, call the Festival’s “Group Sales Coordinator” at 773-281-9075 or e-mail us at fldtrips@facets.org

Facets Multi-Media
1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago
Screenings will be held on weekdays Friday, October 28— Friday, November 4. Additional screenings can be arranged Monday, November 7–Friday, November 11. Program times are 9:45 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. Pre-arranged refreshment packages are available at this location ONLY for $2.00 (small popcorn & soda).

Vittum Theater
1012 N. Noble St., Chicago
Screenings will be held on weekdays Friday, October 28— Friday, November 4. Additional screenings can be arranged Monday, November 7–Friday, November 11. Program times are 9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Directions to the Vittum Theater are available online at www.vittumtheater.org.

AMC City North 14
2600 N. Western Ave., Chicago
Screenings will be held on weekdays Friday, October 28— Thursday, November 3. Program times are 9:45 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 11:15 a.m.
What?
The 22nd Annual Chicago International Children’s Film Festival

When?
Weekdays October 27, 2005 through November 4, 2005, plus two additional weeks of special screenings November 7 through November 18. Screenings are at 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 and 11:45 a.m. Screenings can also be arranged in the afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Where?
Facets Multi-Media – 1517 W. Fullerton Avenue, Chicago
Vittum Theater – 1012 N. Noble Street, Chicago
AMC City North 14 – 2600 N. Western Avenue, Chicago

How Much?
Tickets are $5.00 per child for groups of 25 or more. For groups fewer than 25, additional charges may apply. Group leaders and chaperones attend for free! Concessions (small popcorn & soda) are available at Facets only and must be ordered in advance.

Reserve your seats today by following 3 easy steps:
1. Check the Age Index on page 7 for programs appropriate for your group’s age.
2. Select a program.
3. Contact the Group Sales Coordinator at 773-281-9075 or fldtrips@facets.org to make your reservation or get more information on screenings. You may also fill out and fax the Group Reservation Form (found on pages 5 and 6) to 773-929-0266. The Group Sales Coordinator will be in touch to coordinate your screening.

Curriculum Guide
Our 120-page Curriculum Guide is free for teachers who attend the Festival (a $50.00 value). This valuable teaching tool is written to align with Illinois State Goals for Learning.

Festival Prizes
Kids count at the CICFF! After each screening, children receive “Best of Fest” ballots on which to rate and evaluate the films. Ballots are tallied at the end of the Festival, and the film with the most “Best of Fest” votes wins the highly coveted “Best of Fest Prize.” The Best of Fest Prize, along with the Adult and Children’s Jury awards, will be announced at the American Airlines Closing Night Awards Presentation Sunday, November 6th.

Helpful hints:
Age Ranges: These are suggested for each program and are offered as a general guideline only.
Program Guidance: Symbols will be used to mark programs that contain mild profanity (P), mild violence (V), or mature themes (M). The “M” symbol is similar to a PG rating.
Additional Symbols: The following symbols indicate a special premiere presentation of a film or other special events.

World Premiere
North American Premiere
United States Premiere
Chicago Premiere
Appearance by guest celebrity or may follow program!

Subtitles, No Problem!
Professional actors will read the subtitles aloud at the screenings of all foreign-language films.

Questions?
Contact the Group Sales Coordinator at “Kidsfest” if you have any questions. 773-281-9075, fldtrips@facets.org or visit us online at www.cicff.org

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GROUP INFORMATION
PLEASE HELP US BY PROVIDING SOME INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GROUP
number of children in group
age range
grade
number of adult chaperones

FESTIVAL SCREENINGS
WE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND: OCTOBER 28 – NOVEMBER 4
name of program or film
date
day of the week
location

FESTIVAL SCREENINGS
WE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND: NOVEMBER 7 – NOVEMBER 18 (SPECIAL SCREENINGS)
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GROUP RESERVATION FORM
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TICKET INFORMATION AND PRICES

Regular Admission – $6.00 per child
Groups of 25 or more – $5.00 per child
Teachers & Chaperones – Free

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PLEASE READ AND INITIAL EACH OF THE FOLLOWING

I understand that my group should arrive at the theater 15 minutes before showtime. If my group arrives late, I understand that the program will already have started. Films must start on time and will not be delayed for missing or late groups regardless of their size and/or circumstance.

I understand that my school or organization is responsible for all transportation arrangements.

I understand that refunds are only available to groups who cancel 10 business days before their attendance date.

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I, (signature) of (school or group)

verify that I am authorized to book a program for the CICFF and understand all of the policies outlined above.

Questions?

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Visit our website at www.cicff.org for complete Festival info!

Please make a copy of this form and send the original form with deposit to:

Chicago International Children’s Film Festival (CICFF)
Attn: Group Sales
1517 W. Fullerton Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614

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Friday, October 28

9:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

'Tween Us

75 minutes  Ages 11 to 13

Change is good...although sometimes painful and perhaps a little scary. You can be sure that young people all over the world share the same uneasy feelings at some point. Whether at school or at home there are new feelings and new responsibilities. Suddenly, it seems life is no longer the same. Unbeknownst to Melbourne, a schoolgirl in Switzerland, a talent scout recognizes her potential and supports her as she refuses to let her disability get in the way of her growing sense of independence. Join Mel as she learns the hard way that it is not worth sacrificing your friends or your sense of self just to fit in. Adolescence can be difficult but as these shorts from around the world will show you, like a butterfly, you can awaken, spread your wings and learn to fly free.

International Short Film Program

Bronx One Time and the Others

9:45 a.m. Vittum Theater

Anything Could Happen

69 minutes  Ages 5 to 8

Have you ever seen a pig fly, or taken your pet doughnut for a walk? Is bath time ever an ocean-wide adventure? Play along with two sisters from El Salvador in a traditional thinking game that tests creativity as they colorfully describe what they want and don't want. Hear a Finnish folk tale in which the King of the Raspberry worms helps three lost children and teaches them about kindness and consideration. You may think twice before picking up that next doughnut as Anna discovers that doughnuts, too, might have other aspirations. Everything goes topsy-turvy in this animated shorts program that will show you that anything and everything is possible... with a little imagination.

International Short Film Program

Arnie the Doughnut

9:45 a.m. AMC Theaters

Pirates in the Pacific

Peru, 2005

91 minutes  Ages 8 to 10  Directed by Eduardo Schuldt

In this first ever 3-D animated feature from Peru, a young boy accidentally falls through a time window that sends him on a swashbuckling journey back in time to the 17th century. His adventures expose him to the same of the most controversial realities of Peru's history. In a story full of exciting words and turns, Alberto our young hero considers whether or not he should intervene and perhaps change the course of his country's history and, consequently, its future future. This beautifully animated film inducts children on the importance of learning from one's own mistakes and learns others as well. With courage and understanding Alberto can prevent history from ever repeating itself again.

Friday, October 28

10:15 a.m. AMC Theaters

Misa Mi

Sweden, 2003

80 minutes  Ages 11 to 13  Directed by Linus Torell

Ten-year-old Misa struggles with feelings of loneliness and abandonment when her father finds someone new. She flees to her Grandmother's house in the Swedish Laplands – her mother's homelands. She wants to know her mother, but it is here that she will discover more about herself. Misa is a bold, courageous, and fiercely independent young girl. However, she is also vulnerable and needs to connect with others. She befriends a local Sámi boy named Gustaf and develops a special relationship with a she-wolf and her two young cubs. Tension arises when the local Sámi tribe discovers that the wolf has killed some of their livestock. When poachers hunt down the wolf, Misa sets out on a race against time to save the orphaned and endangered cubs. Misa Mi is a beautiful tale of loss and recovery, of will and self-determination.

Special thanks to

10:45 a.m. AMC Theaters

Spirit Bear: The Simon Jackson Story

Canada, 2004

81 minutes  Ages 11 to 13  Directed by Stefan Scaini

Have you ever felt passionate about a cause? Have you ever seen an injustice that you wanted to fix, but didn’t think you could because you’re “just a kid”? When a white Kermode Bear rescues young Simon Jackson from an attack by a brown bear. Simon becomes interested in the elusive creatures. Simon learns that only 400 white Kermode Bears exist in a small northern area of British Columbia, and that they face extinction. In this true story, watch how this remarkable boy’s passion for these magnificent endangered creatures forces him to overcome his fears and insecurities and find his voice. Challenged by powerful political opponents. Simon must learn an impressive range of new skills. He publicly debates the CEO of the largest logging company in Canada, engages scientists to prove the bear is a unique species and develops sophisticated strategies to gain public support. Through these steps turn him into the strong political activist he needs to be in order to change the practices of the forest industry and the provincial government. Starring Graham Greene, Ed Begley Jr. and Mark Rendall.

Special thanks to

11:15 a.m. AMC Theaters

The Treasure of the White Falcon

Germany, 2005

96 minutes  Ages 11 to 15  Directed by Christian Zehrt

For a young German boy named Jan, the summer of 1981 will be unforgettable. He’s moving away with his parents and doesn’t have a lot of time left to spend with his friends. So every minute has got to count. What better way to say farewell than with an exciting adventure? However, Jan’s friends are in for a lot more fun than they bargained for when they decide to take on the most dangerous task of courage in the village – to enter the mysterious Kastel Villa. It will require brainwork as well as teamwork to succeed. They must use a map and carefully follow clues along the way to solving a fifteen year old mystery. Who knows what they’ll find?

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Friday, October 28

11:45 a.m. Facets Cinema
Ticket to Ride
78 minutes Ages 8 to 10

Have you ever wondered, really wondered, what life was like for kids on the other side of the world? One ticket can take you farther than you think. See a day in the life of two Iraqi boys – one living in Baghdad, the other in New York City. Follow Shumaa, a nine-year-old Chines girl, on an eye-opening visit to the Philippines. Cheer on Addyson in a thrilling race through his village in Grenade. Come along and see other lands and other lives not so unlike your own in this program of shorts from seven different countries around the world.

11:45 a.m. Vittum Theater
In Harmony: All Together Now
72 minutes Ages 5 to 8

A single note can be so boring. It takes a lot of notes, instruments, and voices to create a beautiful harmony. Meet young Kylie Goldstein, a Chinese girl embracing multiple heritages. See how Ivar and his grandfather, a 70-year-old Estonian, make music together in one beautiful piece. Expect the unexpected!

9:45 a.m. Facets Cinema
Scary Stuff and Other Stuff
71 minutes Ages 8 to 10

It’s Halloween— the perfect time to sit in a darkened theater watching films that send shivers up your spine. These are just a few delightfully spooky movies to get your brains cells moving and your heart pounding. Start off your Halloween by joining Little Vampire and his unreal classmates and find out what happens in a toy maker’s shop every night when the toys come alive. See the tables turn on two brothers who carefully plot to give their older sister a scare.

Monday, October 31

9:45 a.m. AMC Theatres
Bibi Blocksburg and the Secret of the Blue Owls
113 minutes Ages 8 to 10

Directed by Franziska Buch
Bibi Blocksberg is a full-fledged witch who could give Harry Potter a run for his broomstick! It seems that Bibi has been spending far too much time on wizardry and far too little on her studies. Since her math grades are terrible, she must spend summer vacation in the all-work-no-play boarding school of Althenburg Castle. The classes are difficult and Bibi’s roommate Gunn, a Britney Spears clone, is in a total panic. To make matters worse, Bibi’s arch-enemy Rabba von Katsmorgen escapes from the Dread Marsh where she was caged by the witch’s council. Luckily, Bibi makes a new friend, and she spends her time with her classmate Elsa, who has been in a wheelchair since having an accident. Of course, Bibi wouldn’t be Bibi if she didn’t try to help Elsa win again— even though her witch’s code forbids her to interfere in human lives. But when she hears the tale of a mysterious healing powder, she sets out to find some in the caves of Althenburg.

10:15 a.m. AMC Theatres
Frequent Flyers
70 minutes Ages 11 to 13

Log the extra miles and get ready for a whirlwind, globetrotting adventure that will take you here, there and everywhere in between. Catch a glimpse of the everyday and the extraordinary. The simplest gestures of love are the most important. Expect the unexpected!

11:45 a.m. Facets Cinema
Frequent Flyers
70 minutes Ages 11 to 15

This lively shorts program presents problems, circumstances and questions for which there may be no easy answers or explanations. Think it over. Who are you? Where are you? How did your world get to be the way it is? These young people look carefully and curiously at the world around them. Help Harari solve the mystery of Mr. X and find out what it means to be a “Man.” Join Shilpa as she makes a new life for herself and her baby brother in Burkina Faso. Expect the unexpected!

Monday, October 31

9:45 a.m. Vittum Theater
Think It Over
77 minutes Ages 11 to 13

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Special thanks to:

International Short Film Program
Kari Katzenstein
Tuesday, November 1

10:45 a.m.  AMC Theaters
The Fakir
Denmark, 2004
90 minutes  Ages 11 to 15  Directed by Peter Flinth
Twin siblings, Emma and Tom don't expect the adventure of a lifetime when they move into a mysterious old house with their mother. They are surprised to discover that the house holds many secrets including the legend of a lost treasure. When a suspicious couple visits the house under false pretenses the twins realize that the hidden lost key might actually exist. They research the disappearance of a fabulous giant diamond and the treasure hunt is on! But the twins aren't the only ones searching for the jewel. Two rivalless villains are after it as well. Fortunately, a friendly ghost, the Fakir of Bilbao, intervenes and helps our two heroes accomplish more than they could ever possibly dream.

11:15 a.m.  AMC Theaters
Sunshine in the Courtyard
(China, 2004)
97 minutes  Ages 8 to 13  Directed by Huang Huong
They are the best of friends and share a very special relationship. In fact, there's nothing Tian wouldn't do for his high-spirited little daughter. But lately Tian has been worrying, because Nuniu is having a hard time concentrating at school especially when it comes to math. Tian, more than anyone, knows exactly what has been troubling his daughter. She's lonely, and misses her mom, who she needs more than ever. But there's a reason why she never sees her mom. For six years Tian has kept a big secret, protecting his daughter from the truth about his marriage. When Tian finally reaches out to some special friends for help, he starts forging connections that start to resemble the extended family little Nuniu longs for. Follow this father/daughter pair on their quest for love and happiness in a film which realistically captures the energy and vibrance of everyday life in mainland China.

11:45 a.m.  Facets Cinema
Got Your Back
76 minutes  Ages 11 to 13
When the going gets tough, whom can you count on? More than a shoulder to lean on, who knows what's going on without ever having to say the words? Explore the true meaning of “friend” in these stories from around the world. You’ll cheer for Eva as she works to earn the trust of a four-legged companion and marvel at D-Nui-Ri’s journey across seas and mountains to repair her beloved crane. See how being a member of an amazing Aboriginal all-boy dance group isn’t just about getting down, but living down for your friends.

Monday, October 31

12:00 a.m.  Feature
International Short Film Program
Puff (USA, 2005) 3 min
Diary of a Worm (USA, 2004) 10 min
The Egg (Sweden, 2003) 14 min
Sientje: Visiting Granny (Netherlands, 2003) 4 min
A Life to Live (Poland, 2003) 20 min
Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends: Best Bug Buddies (Canada, 2003) 13 min
Art of Writing (Hong Kong, 2003) 10 min

9:45 a.m.  Facets Cinema
We’re In This Thing Together
76 minutes  Ages 8 to 13
Sometimes it’s hard to see how the decisions we make affect others around us, but it is important not to lose sight of how we are all connected. What might seem like the tiniest motion has the potential for a tremendous impact. It can be how we say or don’t say, what we do or don’t do. When a young Missouri girl innocently asks her grandmother about the numbers on her arm, she learns that the simplest of questions can have profound meanings. The cards of famous baseball players come to life and support each other in unusual ways during a nighttime game. Russo and Ben must stick together when they discover an intricate and enchanting ecological playground that teaches the importance of respecting all environments. This shorts program may start a chain reaction and get you thinking about how important you are to the world around you.

9:45 a.m.  Vittum Theater
Proud to be Me: Stories of African American Children
85 minutes  Ages 8-11
These wonderful stories represent and celebrate the everyday lives of African American children. Express yourself like independent-thinking Elizabeth who’s willing to make her own statement in a fabulous purple fur coat. Follow young Maya’s quest for the perfect gift for her grandmother Carrie Mae. played by Chicago native, Irma P. Hall. Watch Jill’s confidence grow through the love of her new adoptive family and the inspiring African folklore that her Uncle shares with her. This shorts program will show you the talent, determination, spirit, and humor of children of African descent.

Tuesday, November 1

11:45 a.m.  Vittum Theater
How Do You See It?
79 minutes  Ages 5 to 8
Can you see what I see? What if you were an alien, like Puff on your first visit to our planet? How would you see things? How well do you know your neighbors? Just because we share the same block does not mean that we share the same views. What inspires young children in a special school for the blind to enjoy new experiences in every part of life? And why would an ordinary earthworm want to be a secret service agent anyway? Whether it’s the worm underfoot or your very own grandpa, stop to consider the world through the eyes of another makes the world a much richer and interesting place.

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Special thanks to:
10:45 a.m.  AMC Theaters
The Treasure of the White Falcon  Germany, 2005
92 minutes  Ages 11 to 15  Directed by Christian Zubert
For a young German boy named Jan, the summer of 1981 will be unforgettable. He’s moving away with his parents and doesn’t have a lot of time left to spend with his friends. So every minute has got to count. What ... use a map and carefully follow clues along the way to solving a fifteen year old mystery. Who knows what they’ll find?

11:15 a.m.  AMC Theaters
Hayat  Iran, 2005
40 minutes  Ages 11 to 13  Directed by Gholam-Reza Ramezani
Hayat is a 12 year-old girl who lives with her family in a beautiful village in Iran. For the past month, she has been preparing hard for an exam scheduled to take place in the village school. The night before the exam, her father falls ill and is taken to the hospital. As the eldest daughter, Hayat is given the responsibility to look after her indent twin on the day of her exam. In a story all too familiar to many older siblings, Hayat must balance family responsibilities with her own dreams and aspirations. Friends and neighbors try to help Hayat achieve her goal and take the exam at school, but to no avail. Never fear, Hayat is not the kind of girl who gives up quickly. With a little determination, will, and ingenuity Hayat just might make it right after all.

10:15 a.m.  AMC Theaters
Midsummer Dream  Spain/Portugal, 2005
85 minutes  Ages 8 to 13  Directed by Ángel de la Cruz and Manolo Gómez
Most kids would do anything to help their parents – even things they don’t want to do. Sometimes, Helena is her dad, Theseus, Duke of Oniria simply do not understand each other. She’s a staunch realist, and he’s a hopeless dreamer. But when her father falls ill, Helena vows to do anything in order to help him regain his will to live. She’ll even travel to a legendary land in search of someone whose existence she doubts - Titania, Queen of the Fairies, and champion of all dreamers. Titania is the only person that can help the old duke... if Helena could only find her! Dreams and reality clash in this charming retelling of the Shakespearean classic tale in which love, faith, and friendship conquer all.

11:55 a.m.  Facets Cinema
Tale Spin
70 minutes  Ages 5 to 10
Gather ‘round for animated tales from every corner of the world that stretch the truth just enough to keep us wondering. Enjoy beloved tales that have been passed down for generations – tales that tell us so much about the culture, traditions, and teachings of their respective countries. Journey to the age of dreams when the night was kept locked away inside of a coconut. See what happens when children disobey their parents in a Caribbean version of the Haroseli and Gertel story. Learn the special power of the magic kien in a wonderful African tale about a boy’s love for his grandfather. Told and retold the world over, these stories are sure to delight and fascinate children of all ages.

11:45 a.m.  Facets Cinema
The Magic Lion  Canada, 2004
7 minutes
Bah Ya Bah 2: Caught by a Plot  United Arab Emirates, 2005
15 minutes
The Magic Lion is a heartwarming tale of a little girl who gives up quickly. With a little determination, will, and ingenuity Hayat just might make it right after all.
**Wednesday, November 2**

**9:45 a.m.** Facets Cinema

**What is Real?**

70 minutes  Ages 11 to 14

Reality television is everywhere you turn. You can’t escape it. With that being the case, you have some pretty important questions to ask yourself when you’re watching TV, DVD’s or movies. What is real and what is fake? Whose version of reality do you accept? Whose reality is more... real? When a producer attempts to create a film with disabled youth in the UK he learns the importance of respecting the young people and not taking their participation for granted. One young woman must face her fears in an old house when the lights go out. One step at a time. Young people learn from the holocaust and explore how that has informed our actions in Sudan. Youth have something to say to our leaders because every voice counts. This series of shorts is sure to challenge your assumptions on how you see reality – maybe even what constitutes your own.

*No Sanctuary (Australia, 2005) 10 min*

*My Buddy (Belgium, 2004) 15 min*

*Ten Steps (Ireland, 2004) 10 min*

*Special People (UK, 2005) 12 min*

**9:45 a.m.** Vittum Theater

**Celebration!**

70 minutes  Ages 5 to 10

When we celebrate difference, we celebrate ourselves. With so many different cultures and different ideas all sharing the same tiny planet, there’s a lot to appreciate. Come celebrate the determination of Torvald who overcomes hilarious obstacles to realize his Christmas dream. Join Shazia, a seven year old Muslim girl and Kylie, her Christian friend who dream of celebrating each other’s festivals, Christmas and Eid. Although they are met with resistance, together they figure out a way to create a beautiful symbol, the “Peace Tree.” Their creation highlights the richness of all our cultures and faiths and celebrates the beauty of diversity and unity.

*Green #1 in D Minor (USA, 2004) 4 min*

*Diary of a Worm (USA, 2004) 10 min*

*Torvald and the Fir Tree (Germany, 2004) 7 min*

*The Peace Tree (Canada, 2005) 49 min*

**10:15 a.m.** AMC Theaters

**Frequent Flyers**

70 minutes  Ages 11 to 13

Log the extra miles and get ready for a whirlwind, globetrotting adventure that will take you here, there and everywhere in between. Catch a glimpse of the everyday and the extraordinary. The simplest gestures of love are understood the world over. See the true meaning of love and devotion through the eyes and experience of a young girl from Morocco as she cares for her horse. Hear a fascinating story about World War II told by a lovely grandmother in Norway. Stand up for Sol, an amazingly courageous young girl caring for her baby brother in Burkina Faso. See how her will and determination inspire adults to give her and her brother the love they deserve.

*Grass (New Zealand, 2004) 1 min*

*Kicks in Falling (Barbados, 2004) 1 min*

*All And Nothing (France, 2004) 6 min*

**10:45 a.m.** AMC Theaters

**The Wooden Camera**

South Africa, France, UK, 2003

89 minutes  Ages 11 to 15  Directed by Ntshavheni Wa Luruli

Thirteen-year-olds Madiba and Sipho are friends bonded like brothers in the township of Kayelitsha, South Africa. In a strange twist of fate, they come into possession of an attaché case. Each ultimately chooses an item inside the case to keep – a choice that will change their lives forever. Sipho chooses a gun. He uses a gang and wins the gun to gain power and respect. Madiba chooses a camera. He hides the camera inside makeshift wooden box, and captures powerful images of South Africa as we have never seen it before. The Wooden Camera tells the story of two friendships and the painful choices we sometimes must make as we transition from childhood to adulthood.

**11:15 a.m.** AMC Theaters

**Bibi Blocksburg and the Secret of the Blue Owls**

Germany, 2004

113 minutes  Ages 8 to 10  Directed by Franziska Buch

Bibi Blocksberg is a full-fledged witch who could give Harry Potter a run for his broomstick! It seems that Bibi has been spending far too much time on wizardry and far too little on her studies. Since her math grades are terrible, she must spend summer vacation in the all-work-no-play basilisk school of Althingborg Castle. The classes are difficult and Bibi’s roommate Graina, a Birtria Sports diary, is a total pain. To make matters worse, Bibi’s archenemy Rubia von Katenstein escapes from the Dread March when she was exiled by the witch’s council. Luckily, Bibi makes a new friend, and she spends all her time with her classmate Elia, who has been in a wheelchair since having an accident. Of course, Bibi wouldn’t be Bibi if she didn’t try to help Elia walk again – even though her witch’s code forbids her to intervene in human lives. But when she hears the tale of a miraculous healing powder, she sets out to find some in the castle of Althingborg.

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11:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

**I Can, I Will**

74 minutes  Ages 8 to 10

Did you ever wish you could do something, but didn’t think it was possible? If your answer is yes, you must check out these stories of will and self-determination that are sure to inspire you. When he learns that he is failing behind his classmates, Stanley must buck up in his studies and find a way to impress his teacher. Ten-year-old Greg swoons help to overcome his deep fear of dogs in a story that will bring you to the edge of your seat. Xin Ben is an extraordinary young pianist whose talent strikes a chord in his piano teacher, Mr. Mergler, and in all who watch her story.

11:45 a.m. Vittum Theater

**Pelican Man**

Finland, 2004  Directed by Liisa Helminen

When a curious little pelican lands on a beach in Finland, he becomes so fascinated by humans that he decides to stay and live among them in human form. As the pelican learns about being human there are some truly hilarious and poignant moments that illustrate the best and the worst that mankind has to offer. The Pelican Man somehow manages to land a job at the opera house, befriends two wonderful children, and even falls in love with a beautiful ballerina. But as the pelican becomes disillusioned, he provides insights into how we treat the environment, how we treat each other and how we take for granted the wonders of art, music and dance. When he is ruthlessly carted off to the zoo, his two young friends help him escape and return to his life as a bird. This engaging comedy will leave a lasting impression on everyone who sees it.

9:45 a.m. AMC Theaters

**Spoon**

Netherlands, 2005  Directed by Willem van de Sande Bakhuyzen

Lepel is a nine-year-old marvel. He is clever, resilient, and just happens to be a mathematical prodigy. In fact, his teacher has big plans for him in the Hamburg Math Competition! But there’s more than a little mystery stirring around Lepel, whose name means “spoon” in Dutch. Although his grandmother keeps him busy in her button shop, Lepel wins friends easily and attracts the help of adults in his quest for a real family. You’ll meet his spunky and resourceful friend Pihan who he finds fiddling behind the sawdust in a department store. With a little help from Lepel, the store manager Miss Boxer, starts to see Max, the shop assistant, in a new, romantic light. Follow Lepel on his stirring quest to create a family in this original and charming tale from the Netherlands.

10:15 a.m. AMC Theaters

**Come Away Home**

USA, 2005  Directed by Doug McKeon

School’s out for summer and twelve-year-old Annie can’t wait to start having fun with all of her friends. However, her parents have already made plans for her stay with her grandfather in South Carolina for the entire summer. When Annie plans an escape that fails in a big way, she finds herself in deep trouble but it is her grandfather who comes to her rescue! It is with a newfound respect and gratitude that she reconciles her grandfather. It turns out that he is a great guy and perhaps the best friend to hang out with during the summer. Grandfather and granddaughter learn to admire and appreciate each other in this warm and touching story about love and the importance of family. Annie has the best summer ever. Best of all, she gains sensitivity, insight and a greater understanding of all important landmarks on the journey towards adulthood. Starring Tom Gibson (Dharma and Greg), Lea Thompson, Sonya Eddy and Jordan-Clare Green.

**Español Para Todos**

Directed by Wilfred van de Saint, Pfkshun

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Oskar and Josefine
Denmark, 2005
99 minutes   Ages 11 to 15  Directed by Carsten Myllerup
Oskar and Josefine are a young couple that travel back through history in a trip that tests their relationship and their courage. Josefine has joined Oskar to celebrate Midsummer with his grandparents in the country. They, an evil, magical being named Thorren gives Josefine a gift that enables her to travel through time. Oskar warns her not to trust the gift, but Josefine can't resist its power. Finding herself with Oskar's family in the Fifth century, Josefine is fascinated and fails to recognize the dangers that surround her. When she helps a sickly young girl with modern medicine, the villagers decide that her ability to heal must be witchcraft. Together Josefine, Oskar and their friends work as a team to find a solution to rescue her and set things right again.

Shown with: Precious Pal and Delicious Bud (Iran, 2005) 6 min

11:15 a.m.  AMC Theaters
Tora's Love
India, 2003
63 minutes (Total Program Time: 69 minutes) Ages 5 to 9  Directed by Jahnu Barua
Journey to a beautiful place in the remote Indian countryside, surrounded by rolling hills. Deep in this rural area live two happy and friendly families. Tora, a bright and sensitive seven-year-old girl belongs to one of the families and lives with her parents. Tora absolutely loves nature, singing and dancing whenever she is delighted by a new discovery. The two families unfortunately have a disagreement over the piece of land that lies between them. It is only through Tora’s innocence, love of nature and genuine concern for others that the conflict is resolved. In this beautiful, cross-generational story a young girl helps teach the adults what is most important in life.

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11:45 a.m.  Facets Cinema
Good Thinking!
80 minutes  Ages 11 to 13
Ever find yourself in a difficult situation that you weren't sure you could get out of? Ever pondered the universe and written down your thoughts in prose? Maybe you've been a little down and singing the blues but you've got a child's ability to dare to dream. This shorts program will surely inspire good thinking and leave you prepared to face challenges in your life.

11:45 a.m.  Vittum Theater
Proud to be Me: Stories of African American Children
85 Minutes  Ages 8-11
These wonderful stories represent and celebrate the every day lives of African American children. Express yourself like independent-thinking Elizabeth who’s willing to make her own statement in a fabulous purple coat. Follow young Maya's quest for the perfect gift for her grandmother Carrie Mae, played by Chicago native Irma P. Hall. Watch Jail's confidence grow through the love of her new adoptive family and the inspiring African folklore that he firmly shares with him. This shorts program will show you the talent, determination, spirit, and humor of children of African descent.

11:45 a.m.  Facets Cinema
From the Inside Out
78 minutes  Ages 11 to 15
There's a fine line between the inside and the outside of any situation. Your position on either side of that line greatly affects the way you view and experience the world. On the other hand, your position will also affect the way the world sees and treats you. No one understands these complexities more than the characters in this series of shorts. Nathan is a hearing impaired, fifteen-year-old who learns to express his true feelings through the help of a friend. Hang with Laster and his alter ego, Coolman who helps him feel more powerful and clever. Check out Christy, a star athlete who learns to navigate the boundaries of race and language to connect with her new teammates. Through their unique and intelligent stories, we learn how important it is to consider and value the perspectives of others.

11:45 a.m.  Vittum Theater
The Red Glasses
Ghana, 2004
50 minutes (Total Program Time: 69 minutes) Ages 5 to 8  Directed by Yinka Djin
Set in Ghana, this wonderful film is a visual treat for young viewers. On their walk along the beach a brother and sister find a pair of magical glasses. Looking through the glasses one can see the unimaginable. The children help the bad guys see the error in their ways. Don't miss this sweet and original film perfect for younger audiences.
11:45 a.m.  Facets Cinema
White Balance  (Israel, 2003)
50 minutes (Total Program Time: 69 minutes) Ages 11 to 14 Directed by Dorit Hakim
Itamar is twelve years old and ice-skating is his deepest passion. But he is slowly losing his hearing and his unavoidable deafness prevents him from pursuing the sport he loves so much. Itamar just isn’t willing to accept his doctor’s order to cut back on skating and the parents are determined to get him off the ice for his own good. His new skating partner, Tamar, is an independent and free-spirited girl who shows him a new way to look at his disability. Together they struggle and grow within a complicated world of adolescence, which leads them to their real challenges and ultimate triumphs.

The Gnat and the Lion (USA, 2004) 4 min
Godmother’s Present (Russia, 2003) 15 min

11:45 a.m.  Vittum Theater
The Golden Blaze  (USA, 2004)
81 minutes Ages 8 to 10 Directed by Bryon Carson
Jason Fletcher is not the most popular kid in Quaint Valley. He’s confronted by the school bully, Leon, on a daily basis and reads comic books about “The Golden Blaze” to escape his troubles. Jason’s dad is a brilliant scientist but a bit of a nerd. He is under-appreciated by his son who wishes that his dad had special powers like the superhero in his comic books. What Jason’s dad possesses however is the unfortunate tendency towards bad luck. His experiments often fail and that failure usually means embarrassment for himself and for Jason. However, one fateful day an accident leads to something amazing and Jason’s dad actually becomes “The Golden Blaze.” Too bad he isn’t the only one affected – the school bully’s dad becomes “Drake” the archenemy of “The Golden Blaze.” This animated adventure ultimately brings father and son closer together with a greater appreciation for each other. Together they realize that success is not about superpowers or capes but the recognition of one’s own unique talents and inner strengths. Featuring the voice talents of Michael Clarke Duncan, Neil Patrick Harris and Blair Underwood.

International Short Film Programs
White Balance

The Film Festival Doesn’t End in November!

What if your students had access to the best multi-cultural film and media education programs any day of the year? Now in 2006, the CICFF now presents outbound Media Smart programs to Chicago schools and social service organizations year-round! This program offers on-site screenings to schools and employs a unique method that uses media to stimulate and improve learning.

Movies Make You Smarter
Using the best multi-cultural short films for children, this activity-filled program teaches critical thinking, sequence, summary, persuasive writing and inferential reasoning in a compact 50-minute session.

Literacy Through Media
A groundbreaking program targeting literacy skills and participatory learning. Subtitles for Success assists the educational benefits of film by getting children to use the many “reading opportunities” in a film, from subtitles to credits.

My First Movie
By presenting age-appropriate, family-friendly programs of international animations and live-action stories, My First Movie provides children aged 2 to 5 with positive experiences of high-quality multi-cultural teaching adults how to integrate young children’s discussions about movies and television, and provides children with post-screening activities to divert their energy from viewing into doing.

Screening Racism – Through screenings, group discussions, reading assignments, and group activities, children aged 6 to 10 identify, analyze stereotypes, and recognize the signs of bias in themselves and others. By seeing and discussing stories about children like themselves around the world, young people learn to appreciate the similarities and differences between their own and other cultures.

If you have students who are into film, then Facets Futures Filmmakers is the place for them!
Facets Future Filmmakers – meet and become friends with filmmakers, writers, producers, and actors.

Did you know?
You can schedule Professional Development Workshops for your school or district, through the CICFF.

The CICFF presents professional development workshops that help teachers turn movies into a cross-curricular teaching tool. These workshops use “media literacy” to improve traditional literacy skills and core competencies needed for success on standardized tests. Some of the skills covered in these workshops include: sequence, summary, fact vs. opinion, critical thinking, and problem solving.

The CICFF’s professional development workshops set a national standard for media literacy, recognized by the World Summit on Media for Children, the NAEYC (The National Association for the Education of Young Children), National Media Education Conference, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

For more information about bringing a Media Smart Program to your school or organization or to receive more information – contact Kasia Iversan at (773) 281-9075 or email kasia@facets.org.

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