

**SCHOOL AND GROUP
SCHEDULE 2005**



The 22nd Annual Chicago International

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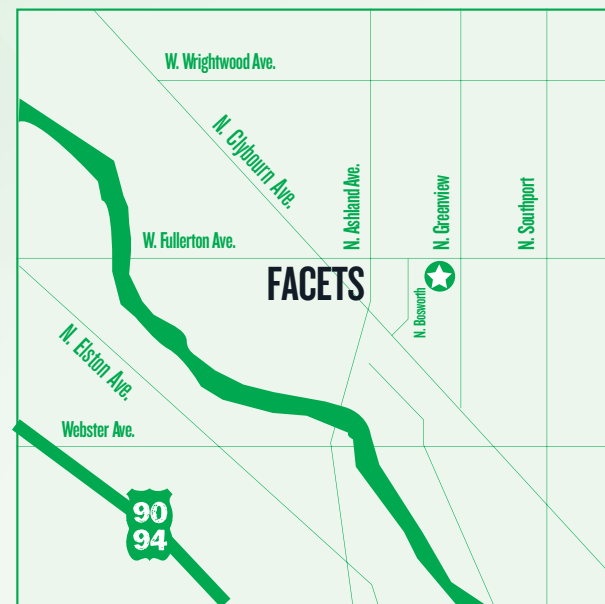
FILM FESTIVAL

LOCATIONS

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 18. Program times are 9:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., and 4:00 p.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.



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

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**. Screening times are 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 and 11:45 a.m. Screenings can also be arranged in the afternoons 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

CONTACT INFORMATION

contact name _____

school/organization _____

address _____ city _____ state _____ zip _____

work phone _____ cell phone _____ home phone _____
(In the past we've found it difficult to contact teachers during school hours...personal numbers are a big help)

work fax _____ e-mail _____

other contact (name and number) _____
(at school or organization)

GROUP INFORMATION

PLEASE HELP US BY PROVIDING SOME INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GROUP

number of children in group _____ age range _____ grade _____

number of adult chaperones _____
(REMEMBER: Teachers and adult chaperones are admitted free of charge and there must be one adult for every 30 children.)

FESTIVAL SCREENINGS

WE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND: OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 4

date _____ day of the week _____ time _____

name of program or film _____

LOCATION **Facets Multi-Media** (1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago)
 Vittum Theater (1012 N. Noble St., Chicago)
 AMC City North 14 (2600 N. Western Ave., Chicago)

WE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND: NOVEMBER 7 - NOVEMBER 18 (SPECIAL SCREENINGS)

date _____ day of the week _____ time _____

name of program or film _____

LOCATION **Facets Multi-Media** (1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago)
 Vittum Theater (1012 N. Noble St., Chicago)
 Other Theater



GROUP RESERVATION FORM

TICKET INFORMATION AND PRICES

Regular Admission – \$6.00 per child

Groups of 25 or more – \$5.00 per child

Teachers & Chaperones – Free

Please use this table to determine your ticket total and deposit:

NUMBER OF STUDENTS

groups of 25+ _____ @ \$5.00 = _____

groups of less than 25 _____ @ \$6.00 = _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS & CHAPERONES _____

= FREE

NUMBER OF REFRESHMENT PACKAGES* _____

@ \$2.00 = _____

*Available at Facets Cinema ONLY. Must be prearranged.

TOTAL _____ = _____

30% DEPOSIT when reservation is made _____ = _____

BALANCE AMOUNT day of screening _____ = _____

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.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

A deposit in the amount of \$ _____ is included with this form.

PAYMENT METHOD

check/money order _____ cash _____ credit card _____

Please make checks payable to "Facets Multi-Media, Inc."

 Visa/Mastercard/Discover/AMEX

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Will appear on credit card statement as "FMI: Facets Multi-Media, Inc"

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?

Please contact the "Kidsfest" Group Sales Coordinator

at 773-281-9075, fldtrips@facets.org or by fax at 773-929-0266.

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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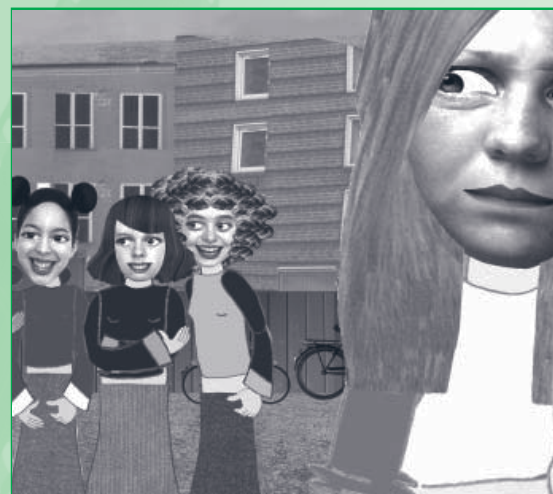
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International Short Film Program
Ones Over There and the Others

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. Watch Niels wrestle with his newfound feelings towards girls on the schoolyard and support Eva as she refuses to let her disability get in the way of her growing sense of independence. Join Mie 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.

Troublegum (Germany, 2005) 3 min
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Little Vampire Goes To School (France, 2004) 12 min

My Buddy (Belgium, 2004) 15 min
Ones Over There and the Others (Denmark, 2004) 15 min
My Life as a Popat: Health is Wealth (UK, 2004) 23 min



International Short Film Program
Little Pig is Flying

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 folktale 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 Arnie demonstrates 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.

Little Pig Is Flying (Sweden, 2004) 10 min
Tale of What I Want and Don't Want (El Salvador, 2004) 5 min
Runaway Bathtub (USA, 2004) 3 min
The Raspberry Worm (Finland, 2004) 12 min
Domo-Kun and the Egg (Japan, 2005) 5 min

Mind Me Good Now (Canada, 2005) 9 min
Mondo's Myths: Where Did the Night Come From? (Brazil, 2005) 8 min
Arnie the Doughnut (USA, 2005) 17 min



Feature

9:45 a.m. AMC Theaters
Pirates in the Pacific Peru, 2005



78 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 some of the more controversial realities of Peru's history. In a story full of exciting twists 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 forever. This beautifully animated film instructs children on the importance of learning from one's own mistakes and from others' as well. With courage and understanding Alberto can prevent history from ever repeating itself again.

Special thanks to:



Feature

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 homeland. 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 Sami boy named Gustaf and develops a special relationship with a she-wolf and her two young cubs. Tension arises when the local Sami 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.

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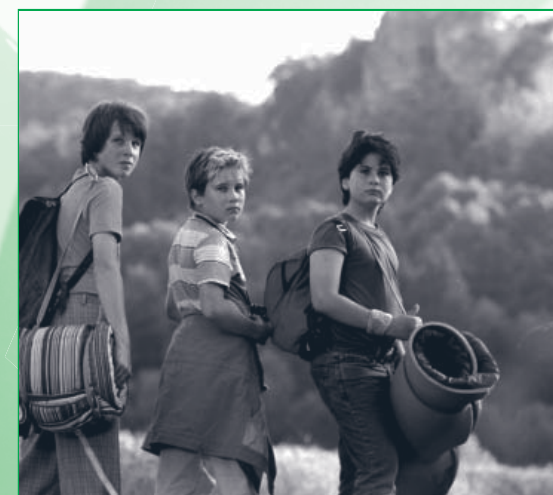
Feature

10:45 a.m. AMC Theaters
Spirit Bear: The Simon Jackson Story Canada, 2004



91 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've 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. These daring 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:



Feature

11:15 a.m. AMC Theaters
The Treasure of the White Falcon Germany, 2005



92 minutes Ages 11 to 15 Directed by Christian Zuber
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 one last thrilling adventure together? However, Jan and his friends are in for a lot more than they bargained for when they decide to take on the most dangerous test of courage in the village - to enter the mysterious Kattler 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?

Special thanks to:



Friday, October 28



International Short Film Program
Someone Else's Party

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 Shum-man, a nine-year-old Chinese girl, on an eye-opening visit to the Phillipines. Cheer on Adipas in a thrilling race through his village in Greece. 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.

Luka (Ireland, 2004) 3 min
A Song for Daniel (USA/Canada/Iraq, 2005) 9 min
The Magic Lion (Canada, 2004) 7 min
Someone Else's Party (Mexico, 2003) 10 min

The Twelve Months (Australia, 2005) 9 min
Little Manila (Hong Kong, 2003) 22 min
Pilala (Greece, 2004) 18 min



International Short Film Program
Kylie Goldstein: All American

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, despite their many differences, learn the meaning of compromise and accept each other as they are. And in a story from Belgium, watch a brother and sister finally work out a quarrel after their toys take on a life of their own. So sit back and tune in to stories that celebrate the potential in people's differences to create beautiful, soaring and uplifting harmonies.

Green #1 in D minor (USA, 2004) 4 min
Kylie Goldstein, All American (USA, 2005) 3 min
A Bag of Sweets (Germany, 2005) 5 min
Nineteen (Colombia, 2005) 8 min

Twelve Months (Poland, 2004) 13 min
The Egg (Sweden, 2003) 14 min
Little Pig Is Flying (Sweden, 2004) 10 min
Crossing the Line (Belgium, 2004) 15 min

Monday, October 31



International Short Film Program
Little Vampire: Little Vampire Goes to School

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 brain cells moving and your heart pounding. Start off your Halloween by joining Little Vampire and his unusual classmates and find out what happens in a toy maker's shop each night when the toys come alive. See the tables turn on two brothers who carefully plot to give their older sister a scare.

Gruesomesteins Monsters: Russle's Tussle (Canada, 2004) 5 min
Little Vampire: Little Vampire Goes to School (France, 2004) 12 min

Dudley and the Toy Keeper's Chest (USA, 2005) 14 min
The Rock Thrower (USA, 2005) 10 min
Scary Stuff (Canada, 2004) 30 min

Monday, October 31



International Short Film Program
Ramp

9:45 a.m. Vittum Theater
Think It Over



77 minutes Ages 11 to 13

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 closely and carefully at the world around them. Help Harold solve the mystery of Mr. X and find out what it means to be a "Hapa". Join Safi as she makes a new life for herself and her baby brother in Burkina Faso. Expect the unexpected!

Harold Rosenbaum: Ledger Lad Liquidation (Canada, 2004) 5 min
Ramp (Norway, 2005) 10 min
What Are You Anyways? (Canada, 2005) 11 min

Kisses (Denmark, 2004) 10 min
Good Riddance:Snails, Escargot (Australia, 2003) 5 min
Badgered (UK, 2005) 7 min
Safi, the Little Mother (Burkina Faso/Italy/France, 2004) 29 min



Feature

9:45 a.m. AMC Theaters
Bibi Blocksberg 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 boarding school of Altenberg Castle. The classes are difficult and Bibi's roommate Carina, a Britney Spears clone, is a total pain. To make matters worse, Bibi's archenemy Rabia von Katzenstein escapes from the Dread-Marsh where she was exiled by the witch's council. Luckily, Bibi makes a new friend, and she spends all her time with her classmate Elea, who has been in a wheelchair since having an accident. Of course, Bibi wouldn't be Bibi if she didn't try to help Elea 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 caves of Altenberg.

Special thanks to:



International Short Film Program

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 mother. Hear a fascinating story about World War II told by kindly grandfather in Norway. Stand up for Safi, 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) 7 min
Rain is Falling (Germany, 2004) 15 min
All and Nothing (France, 2004) 6 min

Through My Thick Glasses (Norway, Canada, 2004) 13 min
Safi, the Little Mother (Burkina Faso/Italy/France, 2004) 29 min

Special thanks to:



Monday, October 31



Feature

10:45 a.m. AMC Theaters

The Fakir

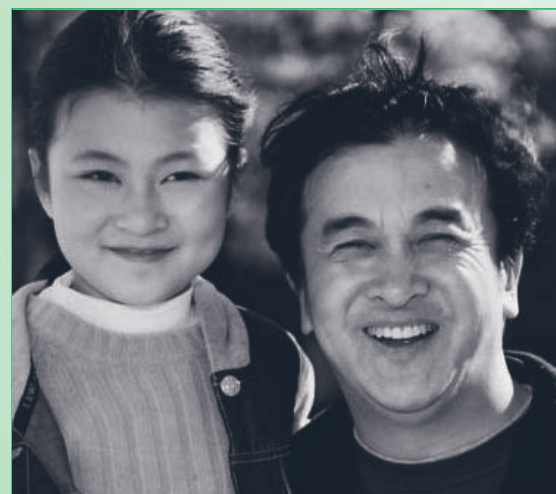
Denmark, 2004

M V P NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

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 pretences the twins realize that the hidden loot 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 ruthless 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.

Special thanks to:

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Feature

11:15 a.m. AMC Theaters

Sunshine in the Courtyard

(China, 2004)

M V P Chi PREMIERE

97 minutes Ages 8 to 13 Directed by Huang Huang
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 Niuniu 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 Niuniu 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.

Special thanks to:



International Short Film Program
Djarn Djarns

11:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

Got Your Back

M V P WORLD PREMIERE

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 O-Nu-Ri's journey across seas and mountains to rejoin her beloved crane. See how being a member of an amazing Aboriginal all-boy dance group isn't just about getting down, but being down for your friends.

Egghunt (USA, 2005) 4 min
My Buddy (Belgium, 2004) 15 min
The Mantis Parable (USA, 2005) 8 min

No Sanctuary (Australia, 2005) 10 min
O-Nu-Ri (Korea, 2003) 13 min
Djarn Djarns (Australia, 2004) 26 min

Monday, October 31



International Short Film Program
A Life to Live

11:45 a.m. Vittum Theater

How Do You See It?

WORLD PREMIERE

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, stopping to consider the world through the eyes of another makes the world a much richer and interesting place.

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, 2005) 13 min
Art of Writing (Hong Kong, 2004) 15 min

Tuesday, November 1



International Short Film Program
Ruzz and Ben

9:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

We're In This Thing Together

M V P

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 what we say or don't say, what we do or don't do. When a young Mexican 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. Ruzz 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.

The Baseball Card Shop (USA, 2004) 7 min
Life (Mexico, 2005) 9 min
Stokebird: Twig in the Forest (Netherlands, 2003) 5 min
Hibernation (UK, 2005) 15 min

Domo-kun and the Egg (Japan, 2005) 5 min
The Legend (UK, 2004) 10 min
Ruzz and Ben (Canada, 2005) 24 min



International Short Film Program
Battle of Eshu and Iku

9:45 a.m. Vittum Theater

Proud to be Me: Stories of African American Children

M V WORLD PREMIERE

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 fur coat. Follow young Maya's quest for the perfect gift for her grandmother Carrie Mae, played by Chicago native, Irma P. Hall. Watch Jalil's confidence grow through the love of his new adoptive family and the inspiring African folktales that his Uncle shares with him. This shorts program will show you the talent, determination, spirit, and humor of children of African descent.

Riley (USA, 2005) 7 min
Toni and the Great Paddle Caper (USA, 2004) 7 min
My Purple Fur Coat (USA, 2004) 11 min

Gift for the Living (USA, 2005) 17 min
Battle of Eshu and Iku (USA, 2004) 27 min



Feature

9:45 a.m. **AMC Theaters**
Laura's Star Germany, 2004



75 minutes Ages 5 to 8 Directed by Piet De Rycker and Thilo Rothkirch
 Moving can be scary because everything seems so unfamiliar. You miss your friends and your neighborhood and you wish you could just go back. This is exactly how Laura feels when she and her family move from the country to the big city. But one night a strange thing happens. A little star falls from its home in the sky and Laura finds her kindred spirit. Together Laura and this little star find their own happiness and magic in this sweet story of friendship and growth. With the help of her enchanted star, a little girl learns to adjust to her surroundings, makes new friends, and finds out that change can be good.

Special thanks to:



Feature

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 and 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.

Special thanks to:



Feature

10:45 a.m. **AMC Theaters**
The Treasure of the White Falcon Germany, 2005



92 minutes Ages 11 to 15 Directed by Christian Zuber
 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 one last thrilling adventure together? However, Jan and his friends are in for a lot more than they bargained for when they decide to take on the most dangerous test of courage in the village – to enter the mysterious Kattler 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?

Special thanks to:



Feature

11:15 a.m. **AMC Theaters**
Hayat Iran, 2005



80 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 infant sister 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.

Special thanks to:



International Short Film Program
 Frau Holle

11:45 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 Hansel and Gretel story. Learn the special power of the magic lion 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.

Mondo's Myths: Where Did the Night Come From? (Brazil, 2005) 8 min
 O-Nu-Ri (Korea, 2003) 13 min
 Mind Me Good Now (Canada, 2005) 9 min
 Frau Holle (Germany, 2004) 13 min

See the World of Mortals Happily and Peacefully (Taiwan, R.O.C., 2004) 6 min
 The Magic Lion (Canada, 2004) 7 min
 Bah Ya Bah 2: Caught by a Plot (United Arab Emirates, 2005) 15 min



International Short Film Program
 Jacob Two Two: Jacob Two Two and the Furry Felon

11:45 a.m. **Vittum Theater**
Thunderbolts and Lightning



63 minutes Ages 8 to 10
 Prepare to be transformed by films that will challenge everything you thought you knew and introduce you to things you've never even considered. Funny, clever, and thought-provoking, these shorts are guaranteed to spark new ideas and strike at our funny bones. Observe cavemen strategize in a hilarious short film about a prehistoric egg hunt. Look for the answers to life's mysteries in art and nature with the artist Michelangelo. Consider the complexities of human nature...from a raccoon's perspective!

Egghunt (USA, 2005) 4 min
 E Pur Si Muove (Mexico, 2003) 5 min
 Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists: Michelangelo (USA, 2005) 23 min

Toni and the Great Paddle Caper (USA, 2004) 7 min
 Jacob Two Two: Jacob Two Two and the Furry Felon (Canada, 2003) 24 min

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...well, 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
Nick News with Linda Ellerbee: Never Again?
From the Holocaust to the Sudan (USA, 2005) 22 min



International Short Film Program
Special People



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



International Short Film Program
The Peace Tree



9:45 a.m. AMC Theaters My Brother is a Dog Germany, 2004

86 minutes Ages 5 to 10

Directed by Peter Timm

Be careful what you wish for. When young Marietta receives a magic rock from Africa on her birthday she wishes for a pet dog. She's absolutely thrilled when a sweet little dog suddenly appears on her couch, until she discovers that her pesky little brother, Tobias is missing. But Tobias isn't missing. He's the dog! Marietta loves him that way, but she knows he can't stay that way forever. She wants her brother back. However, reversing the spell isn't going to be that easy. Marietta has to solve problems and shoulder responsibilities she never thought she would have. Soon Marietta realizes that we don't always need wishes. Sometimes we already have everything we need to be happy.

Special thanks to:



Feature

Wednesday, November 2



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 mother. Hear a fascinating story about World War II told by kindly grandfather in Norway. Stand up for Safi, 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) 7 min
Rain is Falling (Germany, 2004) 15 min
All and Nothing (France, 2004) 6 min

Through My Thick Glasses (Norway, Canada, 2004) 13 min
Safi, the Little Mother (Burkina Faso/Italy/France, 2004) 29 min

Special thanks to:



International Short Film Program



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 Siphon are friends bonded like brothers in the township of Kayeltisha, 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. Siphon chooses a gun. He joins a gang and uses the gun to gain power and respect. Madiba chooses a camera. He hides the camera inside a 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.

Special thanks to:



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11:15 a.m. AMC Theaters Bibi Blocksberg 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 boarding school of Altenberg Castle. The classes are difficult and Bibi's roommate Carina, a Britney Spears clone, is a total pain. To make matters worse, Bibi's archenemy Rabia von Katzenstein escapes from the Dread-Marsh where she was exiled by the witch's council. Luckily, Bibi makes a new friend, and she spends all her time with her classmate Elea, who has been in a wheelchair since having an accident. Of course, Bibi wouldn't be Bibi if she didn't try to help Elea 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 caves of Altenberg.

Special thanks to:



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Wednesday, November 2



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 falling behind his classmates, Stanley must buckle down in his studies and find a way to impress his teacher. Ten-year-old Greg seeks 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 her piano teacher, Mr. Mergler, and in all who watch her story.

Painting Day (USA, 2005) 3 min
Charlotte's Red (Northern Ireland, 2005) 15 min
St. Mathurin's School of Practical Joking (UK, 2004) 10 min

I Am Strong (Netherlands, 2004) 15 min
Mr. Mergler's Gift (Canada, 2004) 31 min



International Short Film Program
I Am Strong



11:45 a.m. Vittum Theater

Pelican Man

Finland, 2004

90 minutes Ages 8 to 10

Directed by Liisa Helminen

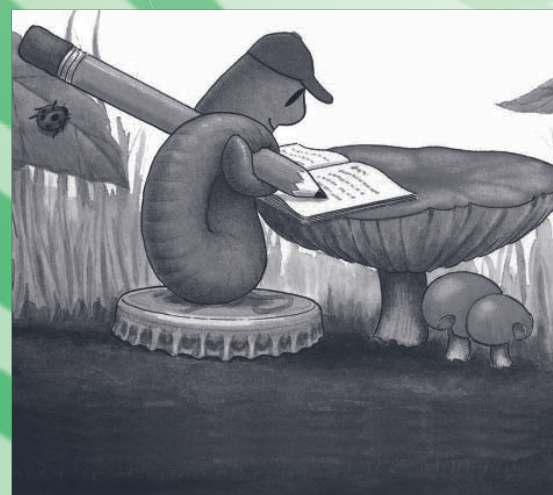
When a curious little pelican lands on a beach in Finland, he becomes so fascinated by humans that he decides to stay and live among them in human form. As the pelican learns about being human there are some truly hilarious and poignant moments that illustrate the best and the worst that mankind has to offer. The Pelican Man somehow manages to land a job at the opera house, befriend two wonderful children, and even fall 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.

Shown with: Daffy Duck for President (USA, 2004) 5 min.



Feature

Thursday, November 3



9:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

Creature Comforts

64 minutes Ages 7 to 9

This collection of shorts will show us that we can learn a thing or two from our furry, wild, and wily friends from the animal kingdom! Let Daffy Duck take you on a tour of the constitution in an animated treasure brought to life by native Chicago animators. See how Pipe gains his own self-confidence through the friendship he develops with a proud pet rooster. Help Emil bounce back after he loses his rabbit in a touching film from Denmark. From the wilds of African jungle to the pets in our own backyards, these gifted creatures will envelop you with their warmth and wisdom.

Getting My Goat (USA, 2005) 3 min
Armonia (Canada, 2004) 3 min
The Dog and the Ball (Brazil, 2004) 4 min
Daffy Duck for President (USA, 2004) 5 min
Nineteen (Colombia, 2005) 8 min

The Magic Lion (Canada, 2004) 7 min
Diary of a Worm (USA, 2004) 10 min
Cheer Up! (Denmark, 2005) 24 min



Special thanks to:



International Short Film Program
Diary of a Worm

Thursday, November 3



9:45 a.m. Vittum Theater

Español Para Todos

66 minutes Ages 8 to 10

These shorts will give you a taste of the richness of the Spanish language and insights into the lives and experiences of young people living in Mexico and South America. A little boy notices something special when he visits a cathedral in Mexico City with his very critical grandmother. Take a trip to the Red Planet in a pick-up truck and keep track of a clever cat who tells his friends a tall tale. Then salute a brave little girl determined to enjoy a birthday party at the home of her mother's employer.

The Brave Cat (Mexico, 2004) 3 min
E Pur Si Muove (Mexico, 2003) 5 min
The Magical Lesson (Mexico, 2005) 4 min
Life (Mexico, 2005) 10 min
The Phantom's Opera (Mexico, 2004) 4 min

Nineteen (Colombia, 2005) 8 min
Harmony (Mexico, 2005) 4 min
Someone Else's Party (Mexico, 2003) 10 min
Journey to Mars (Argentina, 2004) 18 min

Special thanks to:



International Short Film Program
Journey to Mars



9:45 a.m. AMC Theaters

Spoon

Netherlands, 2005

92 minutes Ages 8 to 10

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 Pleun who he finds hiding behind the sweaters in a department store. With a little help from Lepel, the store manager Miss Broer, 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.

Special thanks to:



Feature

10:15 a.m. AMC Theaters

Come Away Home

USA, 2005

103 minutes Ages 11 to 13

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 reconsiders 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 awareness - all-important landmarks on the journey towards adulthood. Starring Tom Gibson (*Dharma and Greg*); Lea Thompson, Sonya Eddy and Jordan-Clare Green.

Special thanks to:



Feature

Thursday, November 3



Feature

10:45 a.m. **AMC Theaters**
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. There, an evil, magical being named Thorsen 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 17th 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.

Special thanks to:



Thursday, November 3



African American Tribute Screening
 The Battle of Eshu and Iku

11:45 a.m. **Vittum Theater**
Proud to be Me: Stories of African American Children



85 Minutes Ages 8-11
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Riley (USA, 2005) 7 min
 Toni and the Great Paddle Caper (USA, 2004) 7 min
 My Purple Fur Coat (USA, 2004) 11 min

Gift for the Living (USA, 2005) 17 min
 Battle of Eshu and Iku (USA, 2004) 27 min

Special thanks to:



Feature

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.

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



International Short Film Program
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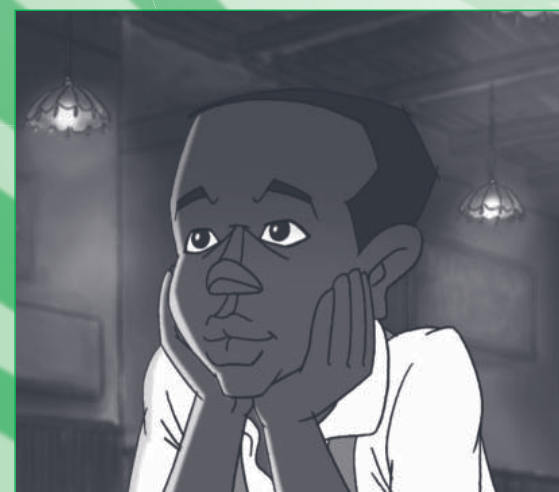
9:45 a.m. **Facets Cinema**
From the Inside Out



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 Lester 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.

Frankenchicken (Australia, 2004) 8min
 Closer (New Zealand, 2004) 15 min
 Coolman: Deep Sea Blues (Canada, 2004) 5 min

Dream Team (Hong Kong, 2003) 22 min
 Catfish Blues (France, 2003) 28 min



International Short Film Program
 Catfish Blues

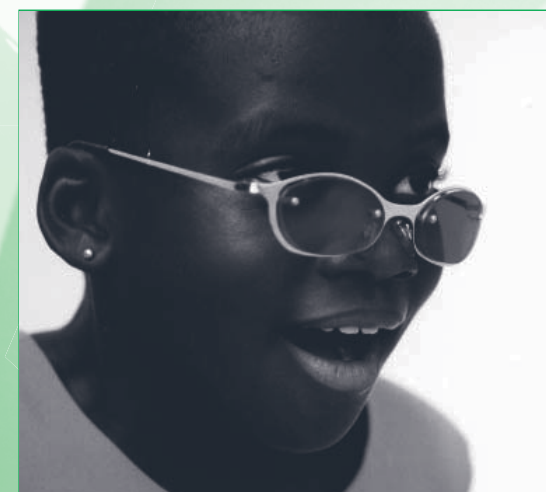
11:45 a.m., **Facets Cinema**
Good Thinking!



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 figured out how to get back up again, right? Get a taste of William Shakespeare in an entertaining and insightful approach to Julius Caesar. Find out how to get to sleep without counting sheep. Finally, you'll follow a young blues musician from Mississippi to Chicago as he struggles to survive amidst hardship and racism in pursuit of a dream. This shorts program will surely inspire good thinking and leave you prepared to face challenges in your life.

Mantis Parable (USA, 2005) 8 min
 Schoolyard Secrets (Netherlands, 2004) 7 min
 Julius Caesar (USA, 2004) 12 min

The Ten Steps (Ireland, 2004) 10 min
 Insomnia (Latvia, 2004) 7 min
 Catfish Blues (France, 2003) 28 min



International Short Film Program
 The Red Glasses

9:45 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 can't believe their luck! They have so much fun that they want to share the experience with everyone they meet. When two shortsighted bad guys decide that they want to use the red glasses for profit, they find a way to steal them. Little do they know that the glasses reward the young and the good at heart but not those who seek to take advantage of others. In a lesson delivered with warmth and humor, the children help the bad guys see the error in their ways. Don't miss this sweet and original film perfect for younger audiences.

Tusks in Danger (Belgium, 2004) 3 min
 Mind Me Good Now (Canada, 2005) 9 min

The Magic Lion (Canada, 2004) 7 min



International Short Film Program
White Balance

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 orders to cut back on skating and his parents are determined to get him off the ice for his own good. His new skating partner, Natalie 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



Feature

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 superheroes in his comic books. What his 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 "Quake" 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.

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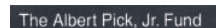
The CICFF presents professional development workshops that help teachers turn media into a cross-curricular teaching tool. These workshops use "media literacy" to improve traditional literacy skills and core competencies needed for success on standardized tests. Some of the skills covered in these workshops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

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