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2005 WEEKEND SCHEDULE
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Welcome to the 22nd Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival!

The CICFF is North America's largest and most illustrious film festival devoted to films for and by kids, and it's the only Academy-qualifying children's film festival in the world! This year's CICFF features over 220 of the best films and videos for kids from 40 countries around the world.

The CICFF advocates positive programming for kids and families: creative, fun, and culturally diverse films that not only tell stories about children and teens but also present things from kids' point of view. Facets Multi-Media, Inc., a not-for-profit film and video organization, is proud to present the annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival.

HELPFUL HINTS

Age Ranges



These are suggested for each program and are offered as a general guideline only. Special programs for our youngest audiences will be indicated by the My First Movie icon.

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. Insert P, M & V symbols.



Additional Symbols

The following symbols indicate a special premiere presentation of a film or of other special events.



World Premiere



North American Premiere



United States Premiere



Chicago Premiere



**Appearance(s) by special directors
guest(s) may follow the program!**

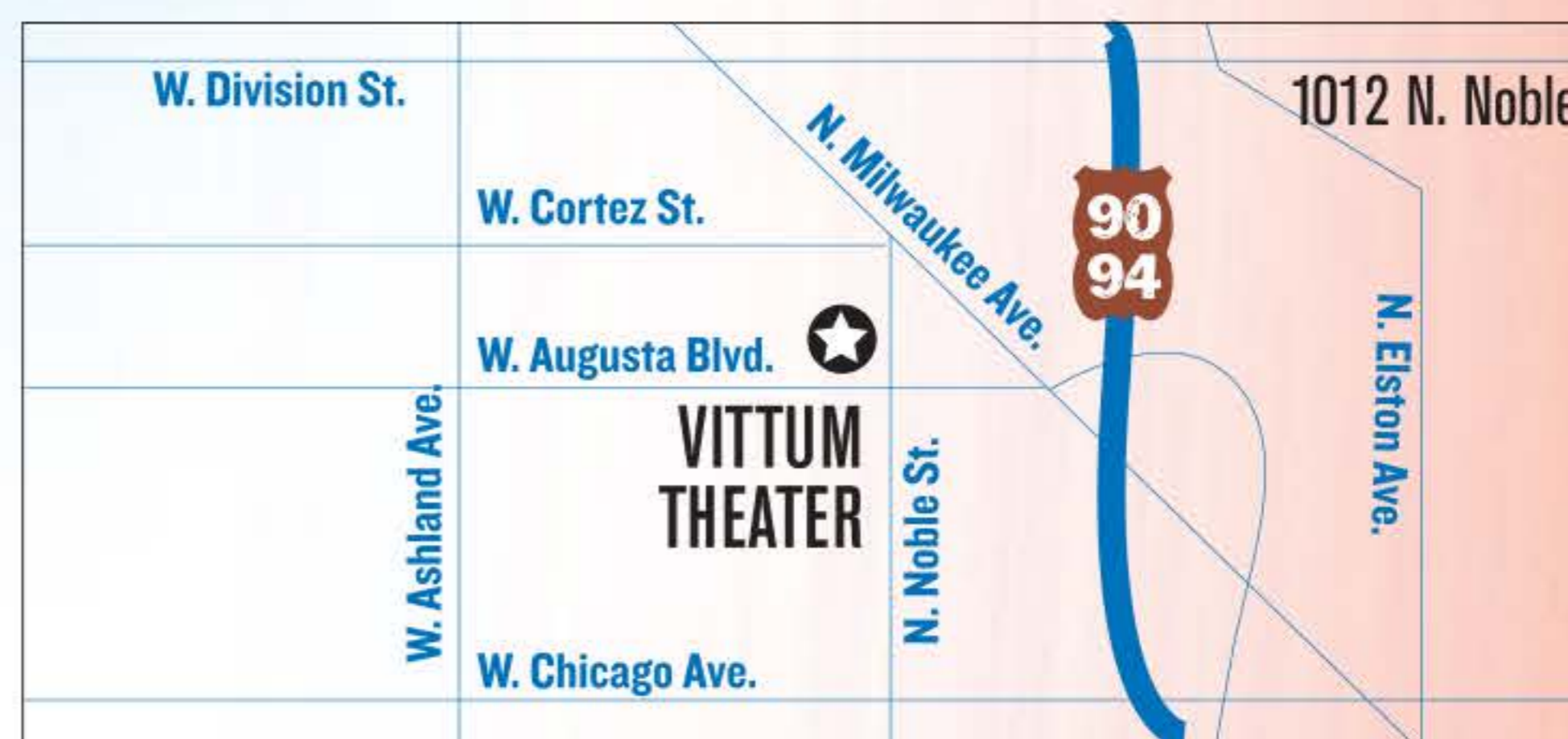
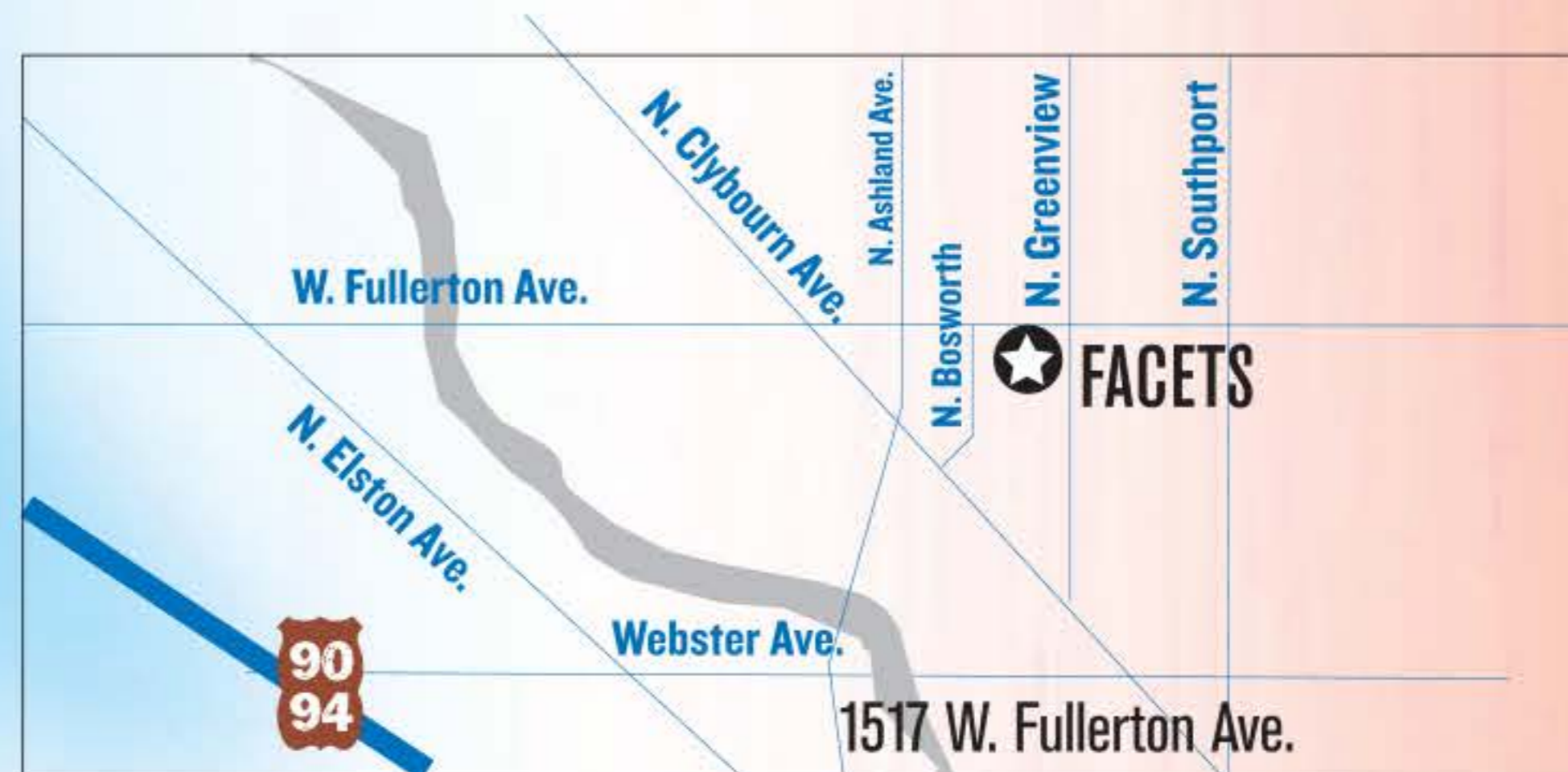
Subtitles, No Problem!

Professional actors will read the subtitles aloud at the screenings of all foreign-language films for kids under 10.

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 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 6

Locations



Admission

Regular Admission to Screenings

\$6.00 for children

\$8.00 for adults

Programs are in high demand and seating is limited. Program seating is ONLY guaranteed with advance ticket purchase through Ticketweb.

Advance Ticket Sales available at Ticketweb

www.ticketweb.com or by telephone at 1-866-468-3401

(Regular admission prices only. Additional fees will apply.)



Special/ Discounted Ticket Prices:

\$5.00 Facets Members & Facets Future Filmmakers

FREE - Facets Freedom Value Pass & CICFF Family Pass holders

MUST present membership card at box office.

For more information on becoming a Facets or Facets Future Filmmaker member, please visit www.facets.org or call 773-281-9075.

Group Screenings

Discounts for Groups of 25 or more are available.

Please call the "Group Sales Coordinator" at 773-281-9075 for more information.

Concessions

Concessions are ONLY available at Facets Theater.

Food and drink are not allowed in the Vittum Theater.

Questions?

Contact "Kidsfest" at 773-281-2166, 773-281-9075,

kidsfest@facets.org or visit www.cicff.org

www.cicff.org



Take One! Workshops

PRESENTS:

WORKSHOP SPACE IS LIMITED AND REGISTRATION MUST BE DONE IN ADVANCE.
PLEASE CALL "KIDSFEST" 773-281-2166 OR 773-281-9075 OR VISIT WWW.CICFF.ORG
FOR RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION.

Dream Screen II-Animation Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 29 and Sunday, Oct. 30

Noon to 4 p.m.

Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble Street

Fee \$75 For ages 11 to 14

Capacity: 25

Join award-winning animation director Mary McKay as she introduces you to the fun and excitement of creating your own animated film! This intensive hands-on animation workshop gives you the opportunity to brainstorm story ideas, create your own animation figures, design backgrounds, and learn the techniques you need to get things in motion under the animation camera. After this two-day crash course in animation, your original short film will have its world premiere during the second weekend of this year's festival.

Costumes and Characters

Saturday, October 29

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble Street

Fee \$20 For ages 7 to 11

Capacity: 25

Is Halloween your favorite holiday? Do you love dressing up? Bring your boas, rhinestones, top hats and Hawaiian shirts to this funky workshop that's all about acting for the camera using costume pieces to create crazy characters! Workshop led by stage and screen actor Nate Sears (host of Nickelodeon Live!).

Make It Up!

Sunday, October 30

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble Street

Fee \$20 For ages 7 to 14

Capacity: 40

From scary to glamorous! Join Chicago makeup master Suzy Ostos (What Women Want, Amityville Horror, The Weatherman) as she shows you make-up magic and the process of turning an ordinary actor into a totally different character.

MVP-Music Video Production

Saturday, November 5

11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble Street

Fee \$35 For ages 11-14

Capacity: 25

From the streets to the suburbs, kids use popular music to express and define themselves. Independent filmmaker and Astro Labs editor Michael Dunne teaches kids to create a dazzling array of images and effects to complement their favorite songs.

Mega-Effects!

Saturday, November 5

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble Street

Fee \$20 For ages 10 to 14

Capacity: 25

Special effects can make or break a scene. In this hands-on workshop, kids learn behind-the-scenes tricks from real movie effects artist Geoff Binns-Calvey as he demonstrates the science & magic of effects models, makeup, pyrotechnics, puppeteering, and ooey-goey slime!

Thrills and Chills: Making Scary Movies

Sunday, November 6

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble Street

Fee \$20 For ages 7 to 14

Capacity: 40

Learn how to make movies that send a chill up your spine! Learn from the pros in this fascinating hands-on introduction to suspense filmmaking, from scriptwriting to directing and editing.



Opening Night Gala

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2005

WHERE	WHEN	TICKETS	WHERE TO BUY	PARKING
Thorne Auditorium 375 E. Chicago Ave. Chicago, IL corner of Chicago & Lake Shore Drive	Thursday, October 27 6:00 p.m. Reception 7:15 p.m. Presentation	\$50 per adult \$25 per child \$75 family pass for four	Call 773-281-2166 or 773-281-9075 or visit www.cicff.org	Available at garages around the auditorium



HOSTED BY HAROLD RAMIS

Come celebrate twenty-two years of the best in children's film programming at the Chicago International Children's Film Festival's Opening Night Gala. We're warming up the projectors to kick off ten amazing days of screenings, workshops and special opportunities to meet film directors. Hosted by acclaimed director Harold Ramis (*Ice Harvest*, *Analyze This*, *Groundhog Day*), the event includes a special sneak preview of the Festival's award-winning short film offerings and a performance by magician extraordinaire "Jeffery the Great". The reception is packed with family friendly entertainment including the Radio Disney AM 1300 Party Patrol!

FEATURING:

Domo-kun and the Egg (Japan, 5 min), Daffy Duck for President (USA, 5 min), Life (Mexico, 9 min), Little Pig is Flying (Sweden, 10 min), Toni and the Great Paddle Caper (USA, 7 min), The Mantis Parable (USA, 8 min)



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2005
AMERICAN AIRLINES

CLOSING NIGHT AWARDS PRESENTATION

4:30 PM AWARDS CEREMONY
VITUM THEATER
1012 N. NOBLE STREET, CHICAGO

Drum roll, please! Join us for the 22nd annual American Airlines Closing Night Awards Ceremony and celebrate the year's very best films for children. Applaud the talented winners and enjoy a special screening of prizewinning short films. Movie stars and directors will light up the night, and they'll be happy to sign autographs during the gala reception that follows.

Admission: \$25 all seats For tickets call 773-281-2166 or 773-281-9075 or visit our web site at www.cicff.org

KENNETH AND HARLE
MONTGOMERY FOUNDATION

The Montgomery Foundation presents the Kenneth F. and Harle G. Montgomery Prizes for Best Film by an Emerging Director and Best Child-Produced Film.

SPECIAL FAMILY PACKAGES

THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF THE ILLINOIS OFFICE OF TOURISM, THE CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL IS DELIGHTED TO OFFER OUT-OF-TOWN FAMILIES A SPECIAL PACKAGE DEAL TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL.

FOR ONLY \$200 YOUR FAMILY WILL ENJOY:

- One family pass that allows up to four people free admittance to all Festival weekend screenings. (Seating is not guaranteed.)
 - Coupons for meals in restaurants and unique sites that support the Festival!
- The opportunity to purchase discounted hotel rooms at the official hotel of the Festival, the Days Inn Lincoln Park-North. Located in the heart of Chicago's charming near northside, the hotel is steps from great shopping and unique dining, and only a short walk from Lake Michigan, and even Facets Multi-Media.

AS A DAYS INN GUEST YOU'LL REGIEVE:

- A special discounted room rate (insert "Days Inn Lincoln Park-North" logo)
- Rooms with one double bed, only \$104
- Rooms with two double beds, only \$124
- Complimentary Deluxe Continental Breakfast and free USA Today.
- Convenient valet parking.
- Business and meeting rooms.
- Bally's Healthclub passes.



IF YOU WISH TO BOOK A ROOM WITH THE DAYS INN LINCOLN PARK-NORTH, PLEASE CALL CINDY DREWA AT 773-525-7010, EXTENSION 101; OR FAX 773.525.6998. TO RESERVE A ROOM, PLEASE SAY THAT YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL WITH THE "FAMILY PACKAGE." A MAJOR CREDIT CARD WILL BE REQUIRED TO HOLD YOUR RESERVATION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 11 A.M. FACETS CINEMA

Snack Pack

62 MINUTES AGES 2 TO 5

This shorts program is sized just right and is sure to get you going, featuring the best in children's programs for the youngest nibblers new to the cinema. Dance, "up, down wiggle and roar!" with Kari-lan and her friends the dragons. Sing with Bing, the little bird who finds his lost voice. Then if you're still hungry for more, drop in on Toddworld to share a little pizza.

Pozzie: The Palette (Japan, 2005) 2 min, **Downward Doghouse: Dragon Dance** (USA, 2004) 2 min, **Train** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **Energy** (USA, 2005) 3 min, **Dougie in Disguise** (Spain, 2005) 7 min, **Bing Can Sing** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **Shadows and Reflections** (UK, 2004) 4 min, **The Little Monsterette** (Switzerland, 2004) 9 min, **Janie and Jerome: The Supper Surprise** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **Sundae Sunday** (USA, 2005) 3 min, **Dragon Tales: Dragon's New Hobby** (Germany, 2004) 8 min, **Backyardigans: Riding the Range** (USA, 2004) 2 min, **Toddworld: Pizza on Earth** (USA, 2004) 11 min, **Pingu's Bedtime Shadows** (UK, 2004) 5 min



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 11 A.M. VITTUM THEATER

Wiggles and Giggles

73 MINUTES AGES 2 TO 5

What gives you the giggles? Do you laugh when the trees sway in the breeze because it looks like they're dancing? Do talking fish tickle your fancy? Then come on and dance to the music of an imaginary radio station. Have a painting day, splash the world with color like Maya, and go to the sunny patch with Miss Spider. If the little wonders of life delight and surprise you than you are in for a real treat.

Domo-Kun and the Egg (Japan, 2005) 5 min, **Painting Day** (USA, 2005) 3 min, **Getting My Goat** (USA, 2005) 3 min, **My Radio** (Mexico, 2005) 8 min, **How Do You Call It?** (USA, 2005) 3 min, **Happy Holi Maya!** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **Peep and the Big Wide World: Fish Museum** (USA, 2004) 11 min, **Do Other Things** (USA, 2005) 4 min, **Armonia** (Canada, 2004) 3 min, **Bottletop Bill: The Big Swim** (Australia, 2005) 12 min, **Runaway Bathtub** (USA, 2004) 3 min, **Puff** (USA, 2005) 3 min, **Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends: Snuggle Bugs** (Canada, 2005) 13 min



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 1 P.M. FACETS CINEMA

One More Story....Please?

78 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 8

Since you asked so nicely, we couldn't resist sharing a few more wonderful animated stories like a Brazilian tale that explains where the night came from and a delightful retelling of Jules Feiffer's book, "*I Lost My Bear.*" Sit up close for the amazing adventure of a magical theatre where shadows become real!

The Brave Cat (Mexico, 2004) 3 min, **Mondo's Myths: Where Did the Night Come From?** (Brazil, 2005) 8 min, **Mind Me Good Now** (Canada, 2005) 9 min, **Apple** (Iran, 2005) 8 min, **I Lost My Bear** (USA, 2004) 10 min, **Twelve Months** (Poland, 2004) 13 min, **Marianne's Theater** (Canada, 2004) 16 min, **Little Pig is Flying** (Sweden, 2004) 10 min



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 1 P.M. VITTUM THEATER

Magic Hat

75 MINUTES AGES 2 TO 6

Hocus pocus, watch and focus, as we reach in and pull out a bouquet of shorts that will amaze and astound you. See everyday bathroom objects come to life and have some good clean fun. Ride in a runaway bathtub, and ask the Raspberry Worm King to make your wishes come true. Anything is possible!

Pingu's Bedtime Shadows (UK, 2004) 5 min, **Bathroom Bash** (India, 2004) 4 min, **Happy Holi Maya!** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **Runaway Bathtub** (USA, 2004) 3 min, **How do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?** (USA, 2005) 8 min, **My Radio** (Mexico, 2005) 8 min, **Happy Day** (Croatia, 2005) 2 min, **Puff** (USA, 2005) 3 min, **Dibo the Gift Dinosaur** (Korea, 2004) 11min, **Magical Lesson** (Mexico, 2005) 4 min, **Bing Can Sing** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **The Raspberry Worm** (Finland, 2004) 12 min



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 3 P.M. FACETS CINEMA

Eeek or Shriek!

88 MINUTES AGES 10 TO 13

If the sound of ghoulish laughter and witches' cackles makes your spine tingle then step into our darkened theater. We've got a few chilling flicks to kick off your Halloween. Timothy loves to frighten his little sister Belle with his scary monster stories until one night when the tale turns and the scare's on him. Check out Witchy's hot date with the new wizard for a few laughs. And when the lights go out in a creepy old house, remember that help is only a phone call away.

Edgar and Ellen: Staring Contest (USA, 2005) 2 min, **Little Vampire Goes to School** (France, 2004) 12 min, **Story Time** (Australia, 2004) 9 min, **Gruesomestein's Monsters: Russle's Tussle** (Canada, 2004) 5 min, **The Ten Steps** (Ireland, 2004) 10 min, **Rotting Hills: Drive to School** (Canada, 2004) 5 min, **Godmother's Present** (Russia, 2003) 15 min, **Scary Stuff** (Canada, 2004) 30min



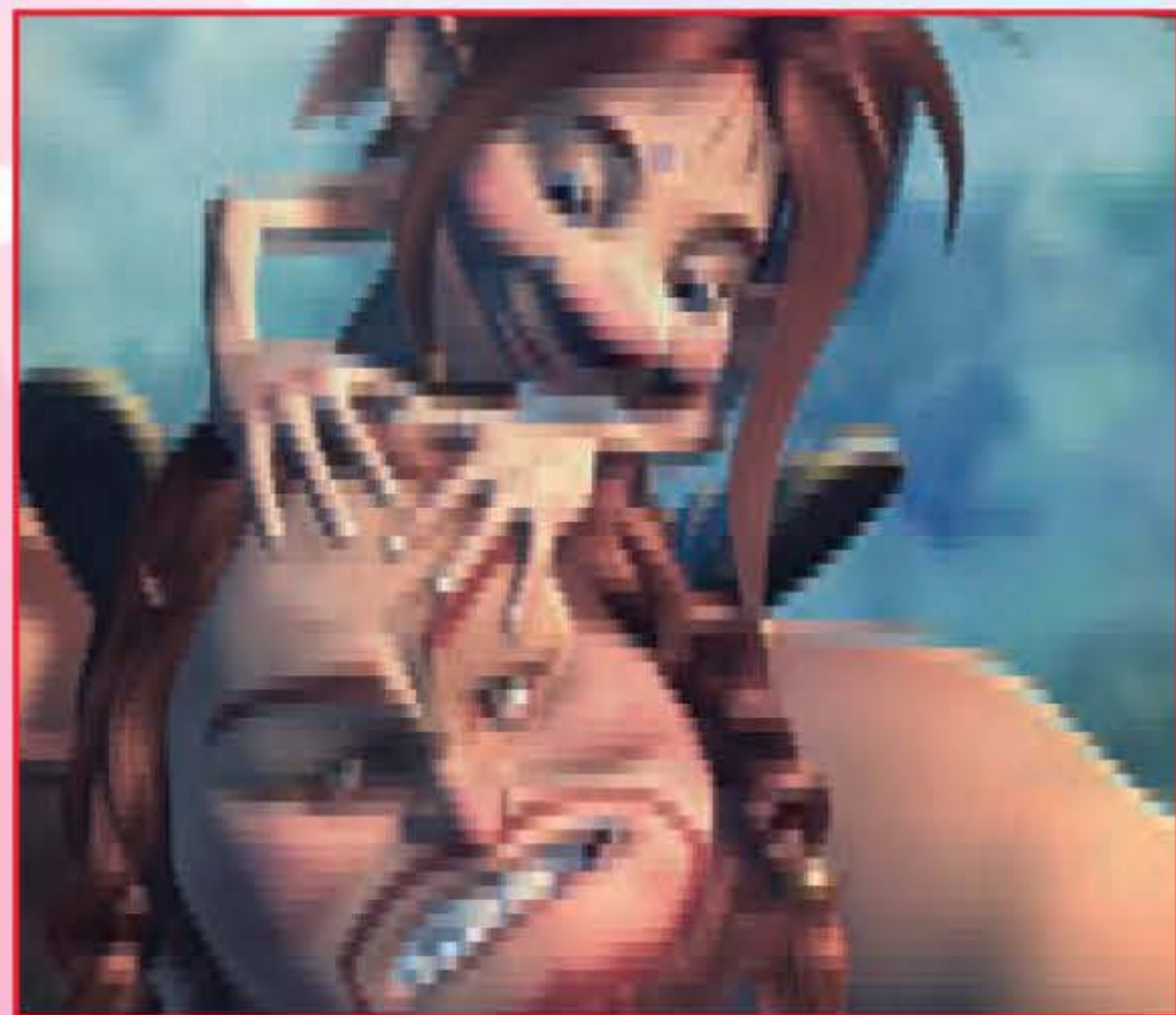
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 3 P.M. VITUM THEATER

Flip Side

84 MINUTES AGES 10 TO 13

In this shorts program, things aren't what they seem. Imagine an alternate reality where practical joking might be a course in school. Consider the world as experienced by Frankenchicken and meet a badger who's fed up with humanity. See how a group of young filmmakers turns the tables and creates their own film about a local legend. Prepare yourself for the unexpected!

Badgered (UK, 2005) 7 min, **Frankenchicken** (Australia, 2004) 8 min, **Coolman: Deep Sea Blues** (Canada, 2004) 5 min, **The Legend** (UK, 2004) 10 min, **Egghunt** (USA, 2005) 4 min, **Special People** (UK, 2005) 12 min, **Good Riddance: Snails, Escargot Cult** (Australia, 2003) 5 min, **St. Mathurin's School of Practical Joking** (UK, 2004) 10 min, **My Life As A Popat: Health Is Wealth** (UK, 2004) 23 min



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 5 P.M. FACETS CINEMA

Midsummer Dream

(SPAIN, PORTUGAL, 2005)

Directed by Ángel de la Cruz and Manolo Gómez

85 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 13

Sometimes, Helena and her dad, Theseus, Duke of Oniria simply do not understand each other. She's a realist, and he's a hopeless dreamer. But when her father falls ill, Helena vows to do anything she can to help him regain his will to live. She'll even travel to a legendary land in search of Titania, Queen of the Fairies, and champion of all dreamers. Dreams and reality clash in this charming retelling of the Shakespearean classic tale.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 5 P.M. VITUM THEATER

Spirit Bear: The Simon Jackson Story

CANADA, 2004

Directed by Stefan Scaini

92 MINUTES AGES 11 TO 13

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 rare 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 animals forces him to overcome his fears and find his voice. Starring Graham Greene, Ed Begley, Jr., and Mark Rendall.





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 3 P.M. FACETS CINEMA
My Brother is a Dog GERMANY, 2004



Directed by Peter Timm
 86 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 10

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. Soon she realizes that she wants her brother back. However, reversing the spell isn't going to be that easy. Be careful what you wish for!



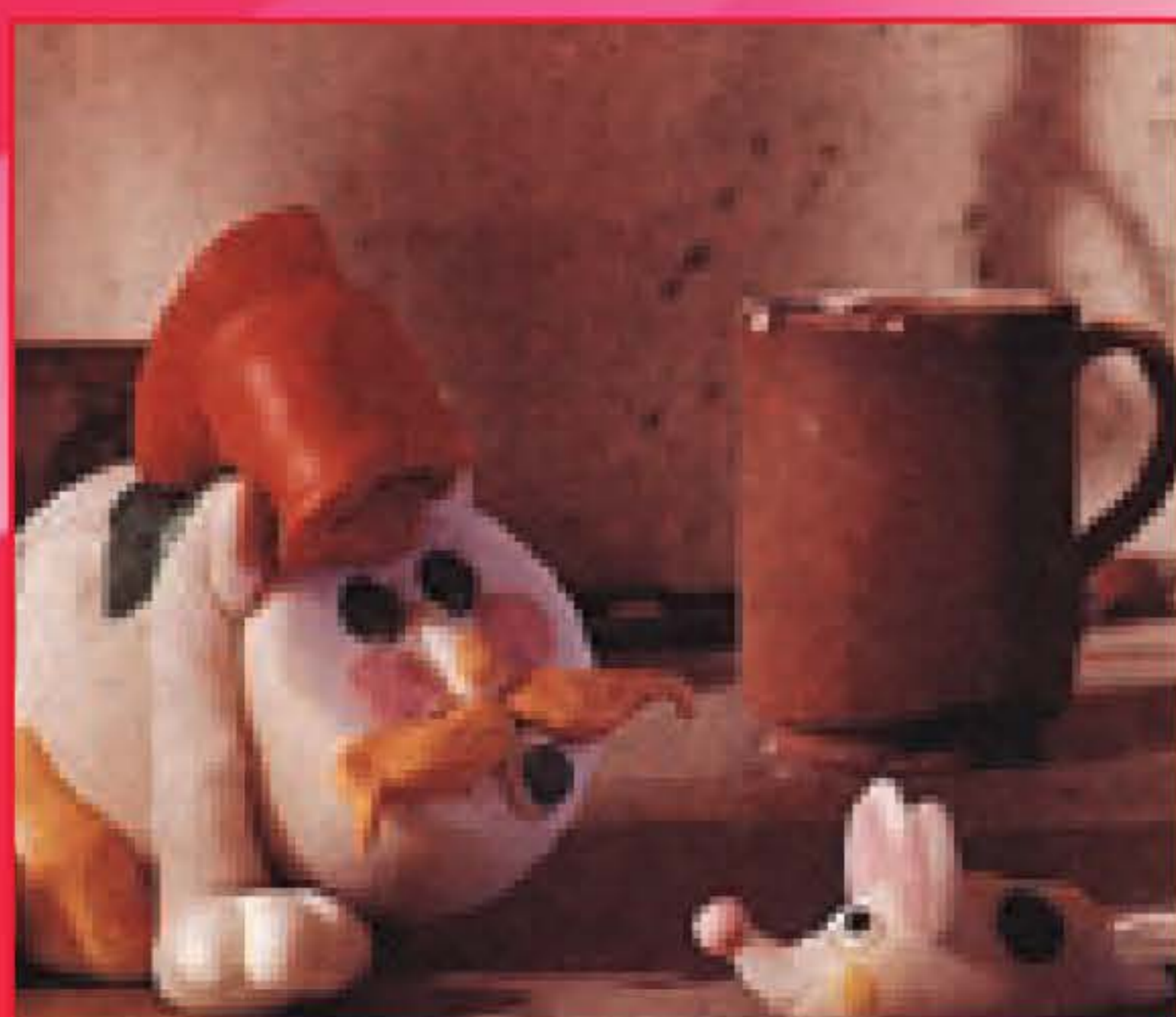
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 3 P.M. VITTUM THEATER
Through Thick and Thin



81 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 10

Wherever you go, whatever you do it's sweeter when you bring a friend along! This program celebrates those who tough it out and stand beside their friends. Meet Celamy, a very special friend who is always there when you need her. See Nineteen, a friend of a different feather, who teaches young Pipe how to connect with others. Help Jacob stand up for his friend the furry felon. Don't worry, we've got your back on this one.

Green #1 in D Minor (USA, 2004) 4 min, **The Dog and the Ball** (Brazil, 2004) 4 min, **Nineteen** (Colombia, 2005) 8 min, **Stokebird: Twigs in the Forest** (Netherlands, 2003) 5 min, **Domo-Kun and the Egg** (Japan, 2005) 5 min, **Little Vampire Goes to School** (France, 2004) 12 min, **Celamy** (USA, 2005) 19 min, **Jacob Two Two and the Furry Felon** (Canada, 2003) 24 min



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 5 P.M. FACETS CINEMA
Czech This Out: Animation Gone Wild!

80 MINUTES AGES 10 TO 13

Travel through wondrous landscapes and experience touching stories created by some of the best contemporary animators from the world-famous Zlin School of animation in the Czech Republic. This screening will transport you half way around the world, bringing you the beauty and imagination of the Zlin Studios for the past 50 years. Cheer on a colony of clever ants as they try to outsmart an evil spider. Find out if cave dwellers can catch the pesky mammoth who's been annoying them. Then enjoy a colorful game of cat-and-mouse!

Stone and Life (Czech Republic 1965) 8 min, **Up roar at the Castle** (Czech Republic 1984) 7 min, **Ant Ferda** (Czech Republic 1942) 11 min, **Knot on the Pocket Handkerchief** (Czech Republic 1958) 15 min, **How to Catch a Mammoth** (Czech Republic 1982) 11 min, **Car Romance** (Czech Republic 1990) 10 min, **Mr. Prokouk** (Czech Republic 1949) 10 min, **Caterwauling** (Czech Republic 1987) 8 min



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 5 P.M. VITTUM THEATER
Top Kid Pix-Young Filmmakers Forum

81 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 13

You've made it and we're showing it! Here is a program of short films that features the latest and greatest by young filmmakers in Chicago and around the world. From clay animation to live action to documentary, you name it, and these young filmmakers have filmed it. See the work, get inspired and maybe next year the screen will be yours!

Pop Art (USA, 2005) 1 min, **Dancing Skeleton** (USA, 2005) 1 min, **Magical Lesson** (Mexico, 2005) 4 min, **Goulaff** (Belgium, 2004) 2 min, **The Green Worm** (USA, 2005) 3 min, **Adventures of the Shoes** (Finland, 2005) 5 min, **Godzilla vs Gigantus** (USA, 2004) 8 min, **Color Crazy** (Wales, UK, 2004) 3 min, **A Case On A Peel** (USA, 2004) 3 min, **The Selfish Giant** (Scotland, UK, 2004) 6 min, **The Phantom's Opera** (Mexico, 2004) 4 min, **Toys** (USA, 2005) 5 min, **Camel and Cactus** (Taiwan, R.O.C., 2005) 4 min, **When the Lights Went Out** (USA, 2004) 4 min, **The Legend** (UK, 2004) 10 min, **We Are** (India, 2005) 5 min, **Gangz** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **The Incredible Splat** (UK, 2004) 3 min, **Green Tee** (Canada, 2005) 8 min

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 11 A.M. FACETS CINEMA

Jet Set

75 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 8

Jet away to places far and wide! See new faces and new places. Join Luka in Ireland on his chase for the balloon that got away and take a road trip to Granny's house in Holland. Visit Jo and Julie at home in Belgium as their dolls and action figures come to life. Then, hop over to the Caribbean for an island twist on the story of Hansel and Gretel.



Sientje: Visiting Granny (Netherlands, 2003) 4 min, **Maya the Indian Princess** (USA, 2004) 3 min, **Luka** (Ireland, 2004) 3 min, **Tusks in Danger** (Belgium, 2004) 3 min, **Robotman vs Ochomonster** (USA, 2005) 6 min, **A Precious Pal and a Delicious Bud** (Iran, 2005) 6 min, **Crossing the Line** (Belgium, 2004) 15 min, **I Lost My Bear** (USA, 2004) 10 min, **Charlotte's Red** (Northern Ireland, 2005) 15 min, **Mind Me Good Now** (Canada, 2005) 9 min



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 11 A.M. VITTUM THEATER

Creature Features

64 MINUTES AGES 2 TO 7

If it walks, wags, purrs, chirps, waddles or hops you'll find it in this shorts program that celebrates our fine feathered and furry friends. Meet a tuned in teddy bear who's got his owner's best interests at heart. Help a young hedgehog find his way home. Then, learn how to make bedtime shadows with two adorable penguins, Pingu and Pinga.



Cartoon Animal Kingdom (USA, 2005) 3 min, **Domo-Kun and the Egg** (Japan, 2004) 5 min, **Mischief** (USA, 2005) 3 min, **The Brave Cat** (Mexico, 2004) 3 min, **Do Other Things** (USA, 2005) 4 min, **Returning Home** (Iran, 2004) 11 min, **Getting My Goat** (USA, 2005) 3 min, **Camel and Cactus** (Taiwan R.O.C., 2005) 4 min, **Pingu's Bedtime Shadows** (UK, 2004) 5 min, **Janie & Jerome: The Last Note** (USA, 2004) 2 min, **Goodnight Charlie** (USA, 2004) 7 min, **For a Coconut** (Belgium, 2004) 4 min, **Little Pig is Flying** (Sweden, 2004) 10 min



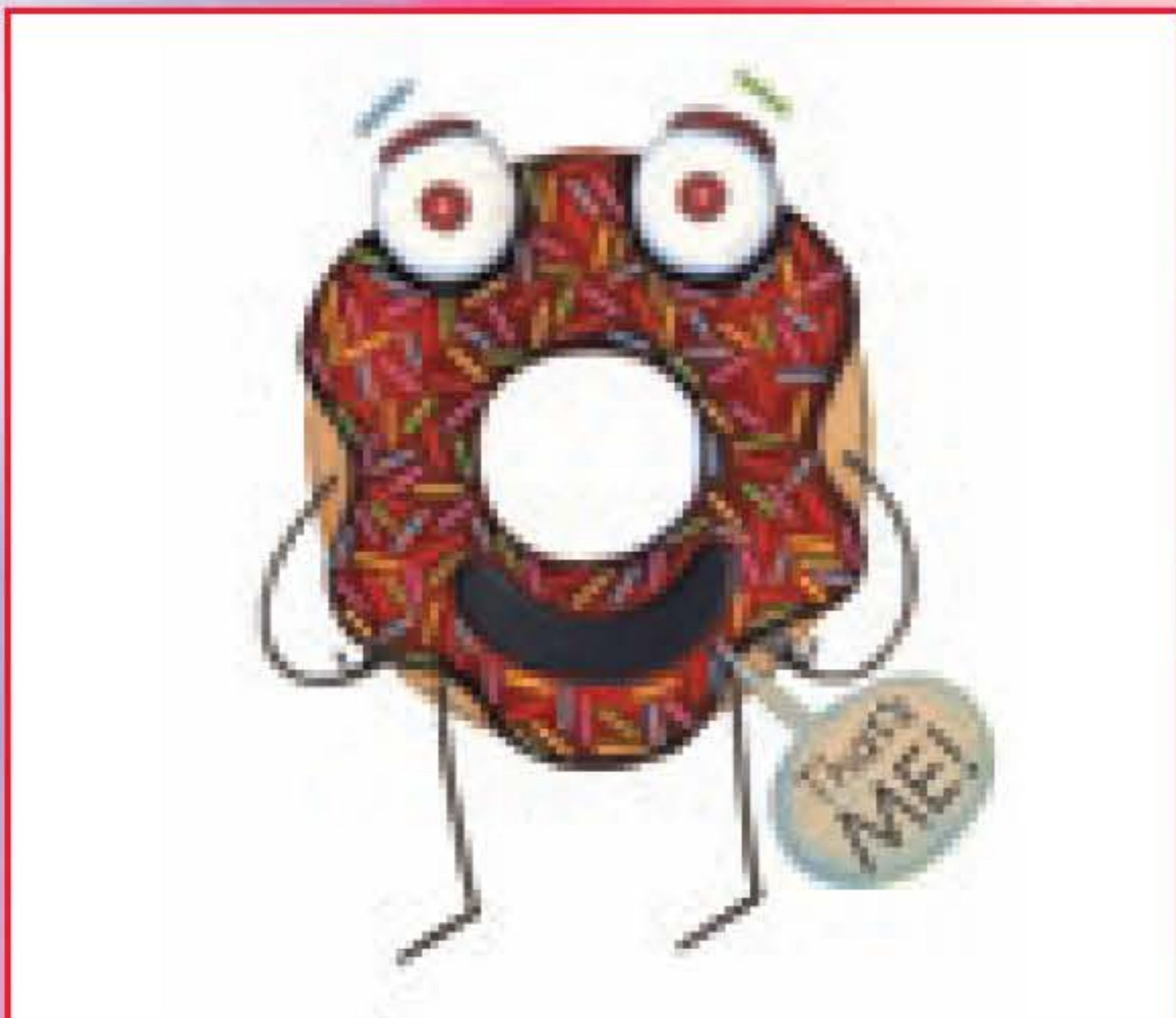
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Bibi Blocksberg and the Secret of the Blue Owls

GERMANY, 2004 Directed by Franziska Buch

113 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 10

Bibi Blocksberg is a full-fledged witch who could give Harry Potter a run for his broomstick! It seems that Bibi has been spending too much time on wizardry and too little on her studies. So she must spend summer vacation in the all-work-no-play boarding school of Altenberg Castle. Things get interesting when Bibi visits the secret caves beneath the castle to help a friend in trouble. Meanwhile, the evil Rabia von Katzenstein has escaped from the Dread Marsh with a rotten plot against the whole Blocksberg family. Find out if Bibi can use her usual blend of wit and witchcraft to save the day



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 1 P.M. VITTUM THEATER

Think Fast!

76 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 8

Stay on your toes for this clever collection of shorts. Arnie wants more out of life than counting his own sprinkles so he must think fast or end up like all the other pastries. Riley tries anything and everything just to get his hands on a delicious ice cream sundae. Domo-Kun takes a crash course in parenting when he cares for a little lost egg, but how will he teach his baby to fly?



Sunday Sundae (USA, 2005) 3 min, **Tale of What I Want and Don't Want** (El Salvador, 2004) 5 min, **ToddWorld: Quill She or Won't She** (USA, 2004) 11 min, **Riley** (USA, 2005) 7 min, **Domo-Kun and the Egg** (Japan, 2005) 5 min, **A Bag of Sweets** (Germany, 2005) 5 min, **Crossing the Line** (Belgium, 2004) 15 min, **Mind Me Good Now** (Canada, 2005) 9 min, **Arnie the Doughnut** (USA, 2005) 17 min

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5



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Laura's Star

GERMANY, 2004

Directed by Piet De Rycker and Thilo Rothkirch

75 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 8

In this beautiful animated film from Germany, a young girl named Laura moves to a new city with her family. She feels lonely and a little sad until she finds and befriends a magical star that has fallen from its home in the sky. She mends its broken point and the little star shines light and happiness in Laura's life, helping her adjust to her new surroundings and make new friends. Little by little Laura learns that change can be good. Come see what wonder, whimsy and a little twinkle dust can do to lift your spirits!

US
PREMIERE



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 11 A.M. VITTUM THEATER

Friends and Family

72 MINUTES AGES 2 TO 5

This warm and wonderful program is all about love, friendship and family. You'll go on a special road trip with Dad, play with shadows at bedtime and enjoy make-believe adventures in the backyard with your friends.

Sientje: Visiting Granny (Netherlands, 2003) 4 min, **Happy Day** (Croatia, 2005) 2 min, **Backyardigans: Riding the Range** (USA, 2004) 2 min, **Bottletop Bill: The Big Swim** (Australia, 2005) 12 min, **Maya the Indian Princess** (USA, 2004) 3 min, **Pozzie: The Palette** (Japan, 2005) 2 min, **Bing Can Sing** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **Janie and Jerome: The Supper Surprise** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **Toddworld: Quill She or Won't She** (USA, 2004) 11 min, **Petalocity** (USA, 2005) 6 min, **Sway** (Canada, 2004) 2 min, **Pingu: Pingu's Bedtime Shadows** (UK, 2004) 5 min

US
PREMIERE



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 1 P.M. FACETS CINEMA

Game Time

76 MINUTES AGES 9 TO 14

Get pumped for this shorts program especially for players and gamers. How far will a dog go for the love of a ball? What positions do baseball cards really play in their secret nighttime games? What can Mario do to convince his soccer-crazy dad to let him play football? (It's called "footy", Down Under.) No matter what your game is don't miss this chance to play!

The Dog and the Ball (Brazil, 2004) 4 min, **No Sanctuary** (Australia, 2005) 10 min, **The Baseball Card Shop** (USA, 2004) 7 min, **Bloody Footy** (Australia, 2005) 15 min, **Dream Team** (Hong Kong, 2003) 22 min, **Pilala** (Greece, 2004) 18 min

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 1 P.M. VITTUM THEATER

Leaping Legends

91 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 10

Jump into this delightfully entertaining program of tall tales from here, there and everywhere. A young girl sent into the woods to complete three impossible tasks finds the help she needs from a friendly giant. See the true story of a man who dared to walk on a rope between two towers with skill and grace. You'll cheer as Catfish brings his music from Mississippi to Chicago and laugh as a group of thieves gets caught up in their own plot.

Mondo's Myths: Where Did the Night Come From? (Brazil, 2005) 8 min, **Toni and the Great Paddle Cap** (USA, 2004) 7 min, **The Twelve Months** (Australia, 2005) 9 min, **The Man Who Walked Between the Towers** (USA, 2005) 10 min, **Bah Ya Bah 2: Caught by a Plot** (United Arab Emirates, 2005) 15 min, **St Mathurin's School of Practical Joking** (Scotland, 2004) 10min, **Catfish Blues** (France, 2003) 28 min

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 3 P.M. FACETS CINEMA

Come Away Home

USA, 2005

Directed by Doug McKeon

103 MINUTES AGES 11 TO 14

In this film starring Jordan-Claire Green (*School of Rock*) and Paul Dooley (*Breaking Away*) a grandfather and granddaughter get a rocky start before learning to admire and appreciate each other. School's out for the summer and twelve-year-old Annie can't wait to start having fun with her friends in the city. But her parents have already made plans for her stay with her grandfather in South Carolina for the entire summer. As she gets to know the colorful local characters, Annie realizes that they have some fascinating stories to tell – especially her grandfather! When all is said and done it will be the best summer ever. Also starring Lea Thompson, Thomas Gibson and Sonya Eddy.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 3 P.M. VITTUM THEATER

The Golden Blaze

USA, 2004

Directed by Bryon Carson

81 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 10

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 with an unfortunate tendency towards bad luck, however, one fateful day an accident leads to something amazing and Jason's dad actually becomes "The Golden Blaze". But he's not the only one affected and the school bully's dad becomes "Quake", the hero's archenemy. This animated adventure ultimately brings father and son closer together as they realize that success is not about superpowers or capes but who you are inside. Featuring the voices of Blair Underwood, Michael Clarke Duncan and Neil Patrick Harris.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 5 P.M. FACETS CINEMA

Animation Nation

83 MINUTES AGES 10 TO 13

Do you love animation? Then check out this program of animated work from around the world. Daffy Duck and Bugs Bunny lead the show in a film with a timely political twist, based on storyboards from the master himself, Chuck Jones. A little girl with thick glasses is mesmerized by her grandfather's stories and a hapless homeowner gets some unexpected growth out of a patchy lawn. From pen and ink to sand and water color, from clay animation to CGI, this program has it all.

Daffy Duck for President (USA, 2004) 5 min, **Wind** (Netherlands, 2004) 5 min, **Harold Rosenbaum: Ledger Lad Liquidation** (Canada, 2004) 5 min, **The Mantis Parable** (USA, 2005) 8 min, **Bright** (Australia, 2004) 4 min, **Through My Thick Glasses** (Norway, Canada, 2004) 13 min, **Troublegum** (Germany, 2005) 3 min, **There Was the Moon and a Fox** (Iran, 2005) 13 min, **Grass** (New Zealand, 2004) 7 min, **O-Nu Ri** (Korea, 2003) 13 min



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 5 P.M. VITTUM THEATER

Pelican Man

FINLAND, 2004

Directed by Liisa Helminen

90 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 10

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. You'll laugh out loud as the pelican learns all about being human with the help of two young friends. When he is ruthlessly carted off to the zoo, only his friends can help him escape and return to his life as a bird. Sweet, funny and heartwarming, Pelican Man provides a bird's eye view of humanity colored with humor and kindness.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 11 A.M. FACETS CINEMA

Trekkers

73 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 8

Are you ready for adventure? Well grab your backpack and come along for this adventurous shorts program. Follow the path of a butterfly through a forest and set off for Africa to save endangered elephants. Brave the desert with the help of a cactus. You'll travel across six countries before the show is over!

Runaway Bathtub (USA, 2004) 3 min, **Egghunt** (USA, 2005) 4 min, **Great Penguin Adventures: Ice Meets Rice** (Canada, 2004) 3 min, **The Magic Lion** (Canada, 2004) 7 min, **Mondo's Myths: Where Did the Night Come From?** (Brazil, 2005) 8 min, **Camel and Cactus** (Taiwan, R.O.C., 2005) 4 min, **The Fisherman and his Wife** (USA, 2004) 15 min, **Mind Me Good Now** (Canada, 2005) 9 min



Domo-Kun and the Egg (Japan, 2005) 5 min, **Ant Lion** (Latvia, 2004) 13 min

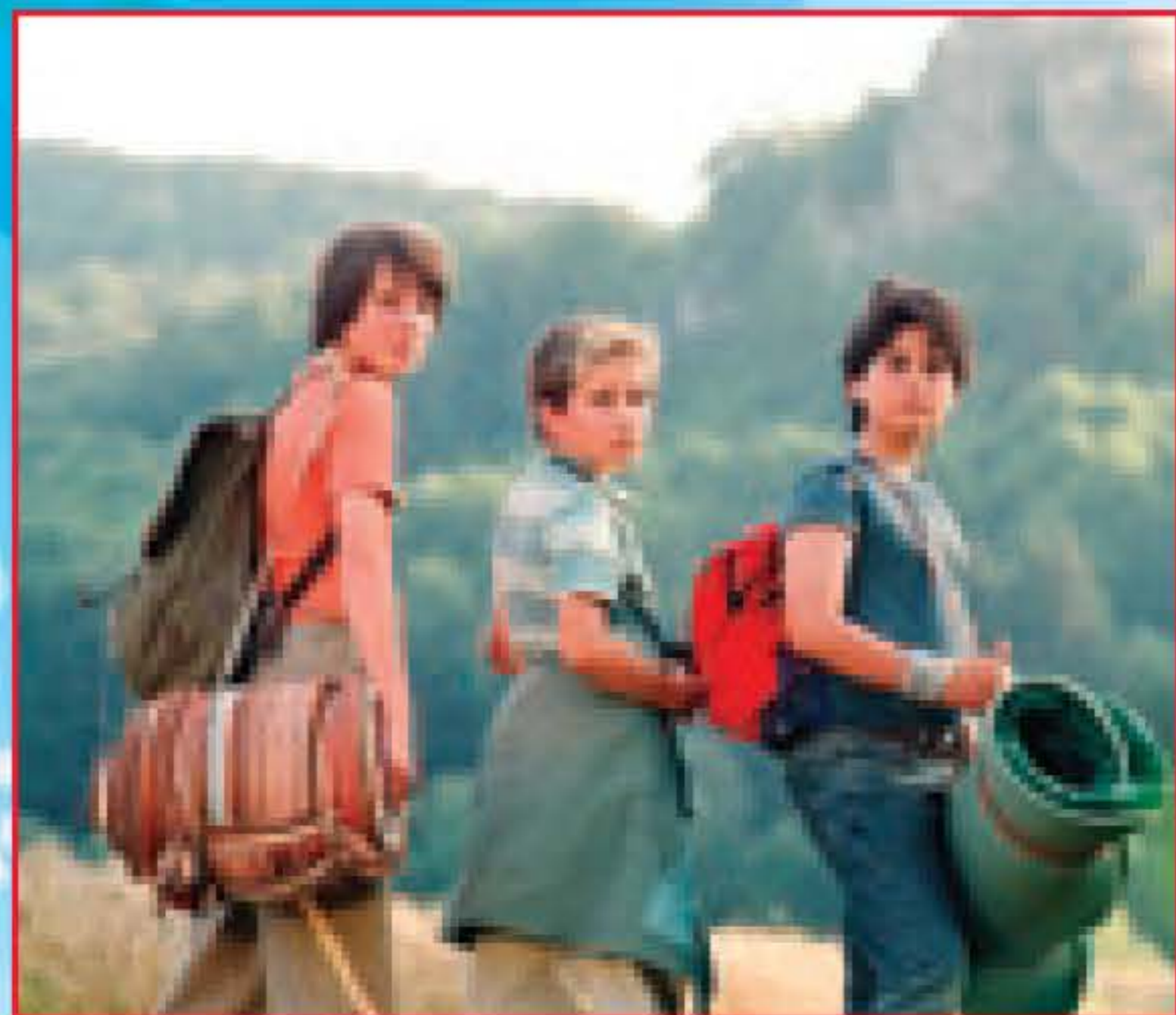
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 11 A.M. VITTUM THEATER

Planet Rock

70 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 10

It's up to us. Can we treat this old rock right? Check out this program that celebrates the beauty of our planet and everything on it. Help Puff, the alien, understand life on earth. Join Ozzy Ozone's high flying adventures in the atmosphere. Then dive into a water odyssey dedicated to the all the creatures below the surface.

Cartoon Animal Kingdom (USA, 2005) 3 min, **Puff** (USA, 2005) 3 min, **Ozzy Ozone** (Spain, UK, 2003) 9 min, **When the Earth Shakes** (Portugal, 2005) 8 min, **Tusks in Danger** (Belgium, 2004) 3 min, **Genie in a Bottle: Unleashed** (USA, 2005) 15 min, **Water** (Croatia, 2005) 2 min, **Ruzz and Ben** (Canada, 2004) 24 min



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 1 P.M. FACETS CINEMA

The Treasure of the White Falcons

GERMANY, 2005



Directed by Christian Zubert

92 MINUTES AGES 11 TO 15

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. What better way to say farewell than one last adventure together? Jan and his friends decide to take on the ultimate challenge of entering the mysterious Kattler Villa. It will prove to be a true test of courage and more than they bargained for. After the boys find an old coded map that leads to a treasure, the plot twists and turns will keep you on the edge of your seat!

Shown with: **Special People** (UK, 2005) 12 min



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 1 P.M. VITTUM THEATER

Top Kid Pix II-Young Filmmakers Forum

80 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 13

Young filmmakers from around the world and here in Chicago take the CICFF screen and show their vision and creations. These funny, creative, and thought provoking works will impress and inspire you to share your films with us next year!

Pop Art (USA, 2005) 1 min, **The Brave Cat** (Mexico, 2004) 3 min, **The Gift** (India, 2005) 6 min, **Happy Day** (Croatia, 2005) 2 min, **A Message From An Alien** (Canada, 2004) 1 min, **Kill the Rock** (USA, 2004) 3 min, **Goodbye Howard** (USA, 2005) 7 min, **Genie in a Bottle: Unleashed** (USA, 2005) 15 min, **Fine Art** (USA, 2005) 10 min, **Fishing with Craig** (USA, 2005) 10 min, **Horsezilla vs. Chimpkong** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **Breakdancing, Through the Eyes of the Street** (USA, 2004) 10 min, **Dream Screen II** (USA, 2005) 10 min

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 SPECIAL MATINEE!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - SPECIAL MATINEES!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 9:45 AM FACETS CINEMA

From the Inside Out



78 MINUTES AGES 11 TO 15

It's good to see any situation from both sides. Through these unique short films from Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Canada and France, we learn how important it is to consider and value the perspectives of others.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 11:45 A.M. VITTUM THEATER

The Golden Blaze

USA, 2004



Directed by Bryon Carson

81 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 10

Young Jason Fletcher gets bullied a lot and he sure wishes that his dad had superhero powers like the characters in his comic books!. In this entertaining animated adventure Jason grows to appreciate his scientist father, after realizing that true success is about the recognition of one's own unique talents and inner strengths.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 9:45 A.M. VITTUM THEATER

The Red Glasses

GHANA, 2004



Directed by Yinka Djin

43 MINUTES (TOTAL PROGRAM TIME: 62 MINUTES) AGES 5 TO 8

On their walk along the beach, a brother and sister find a pair of magical glasses. But their wonderful discovery attracts the interest of those who seek to take advantage of others. Don't miss this sweet and original film perfect for younger audiences.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 11:45 A.M. FACETS CINEMA

White Balance

Israel, 2003



Directed by Dorit Hakim

69 MINUTES AGES 11 TO 14

Itamar is twelve years old and ice-skating is his deepest passion. In this beautiful film from Israel, Itamar and his skating partner, Natalie navigate the complicated world of adolescence, leading them to their real challenges and ultimate triumphs.

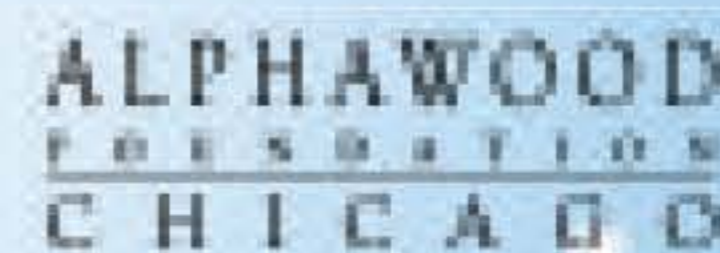
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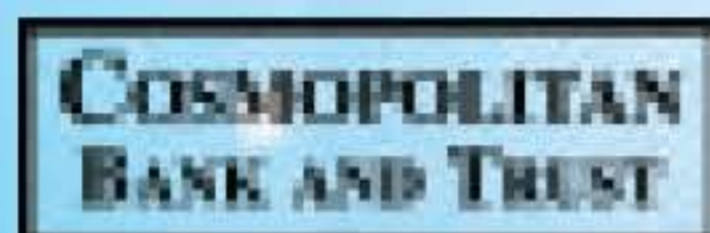
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