WELCOME TO THE 25TH ANNUAL
CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL
CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL!
The CICFF is North America’s largest 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.

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.

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

Subtitles, No Problem!
Professional actors will read the English subtitles aloud for programs for kids nine and under.

Festival Prizes
Kids count at the CICFF! After each screening, children receive “Best of Fest” ballots to vote for their favorite film at the Festival. The highly coveted “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 2.

Locations:
Facets Cinema
1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago

Davis Theater
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago

Victory Gardens Biograph Theatre
2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago

Wilmette Theatre
1122 Central Ave., Wilmette

Concessions
Concessions are available at all weekend Festival venues.

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 - Available at Facets ONLY:
$5.00 - Facets Members & Facets Future Filmmakers
FREE - Patron Circle Membership Pass
Must present membership card at box office.

For more information on becoming a Facets Patrons Circle 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. Contact Group Sales Coordinator at 773-281-9075 for more information.

Questions?
Contact “Kidsfest” at 773-281-9075, kidsfest@facets.org or visit www.cicff.org
DREAM SCREEN II- ANIMATION WORKSHOP
Saturday, Oct. 25 and Sunday, Oct. 26
(Must attend both days.)
Noon to 4 p.m.
Facets Multi-Media, Inc.
1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago
Fee $75 - For ages 11 to 14

Join local animator Jenny Gribble as she introduces you to the fun and excitement of creating your own animated stop motion film; based on international folktales. 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. Original, short films produced in the workshop will premiere the second weekend of the Festival in the program Top Pix - Kids' Flicks II!

CASTING CALL!
Sunday, October 26
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
REM Studios
3511 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago
Fee $20 – For ages 8 to 13

Want to be an actor or model? Think you’ve got what it takes to make it in Hollywood? Join Robert Latte from REM Studios talent agency, a member of the famed International Modeling and Talent Association (IMTA) for this fast-track auditioning workshop. Learn how to make that big impression that will take you from sidewalk to screen!

STORYBOARDS - MAPPING THE MOVIE!
Saturday, October 25
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Optimus
161 E Grand Ave., Chicago
Fee: $20 - For ages 11 to 14

A great movie starts with a plan. Learn about the history of storyboarding from “thumbnails” to comic style boards to animated “anamtics” and try out a technique for yourself in this hands-on workshop lead by storyboarding legends, Jim Nawrocki and Alan Lipson. Plus, kids will tour Optimus, a premiere Chicago post-production and editing facility!

COOL CUTS
Saturday, November 1
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Facets Multi-Media, Inc.
1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago
Fee $20 - For ages 11 to 14

Need a helping hand taking your homemade movies to the next level? Never fear...Cool Cuts is here! Join local filmmaker Chelsey Mortenson in this fun and informative workshop on basic editing techniques using iMovie. Who knows...with a little editing expertise, your next film could win an Academy Award someday!

READY FOR YOUR CLOSE-UP!
Sunday, November 2
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Victory Gardens Biograph
2433 N. Lincoln Ave.
Fee $20 - For ages 9-14

Festival-veteran and stage/screen actor Nate Sears takes you through the process of acting for the camera in movies, commercials, TV and videos. Explore the differences between stage acting and screen acting in this high-energy workshop where aspiring performers will learn what it takes to be on cue in any performance.

CREepy CReAtures
Sunday, October 26 and Saturday, November 1
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Victory Gardens Biograph
2433 N. Lincoln Ave.
Fee $20 – For ages 10 to 13

Creature characters have leading roles in many Hollywood movies – ever wonder what goes in to creating & filming movie monsters? Using puppetry, costume, makeup, and CGI examples, this hands-on workshop will give you the chance to make your very own creepy creature. 2007 Best of Fest Award-winning director of Labou, Greg Aronowitz (The Lost World: Jurassic Park), leads this hands-on creature creation workshop.
* Due to popular demand, workshop offered twice!
YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

Saturday, October 25 • 9:30 a.m. • Facets Cinema • 61 minutes • Ages 2 to 5
Friends and family make our days bright and sunny. Meet Maggie and her magnifi-
cent grandmother, Mildred, for an afternoon of fun. Play pen pals with a world-wan-
dering hamster and his adoring owner. Breathe a sigh of relief when a loving robot
reunites with his long lost best buddy. Grab your sunglasses for this series of shiny
shorts that celebrate our brightest and best!

Nursery Rhymes: "The Cricket Gets Married"
(Hungary, 2006) 1 min
Wild Frontier: "Sharp Teeth" (USA, 2008) 1 min
Maggie and Mildred (USA, 2008) 4 min
Lost Friend (USA, 2007) 1 min
Fluffy (Japan, 2006) 5 min
Dear Fatty (USA, 2008) 7 min

REACH FOR THE STARS!

Saturday, October 25 • 11:00 a.m. • Facets Cinema • 71 min • Ages 4 to 6
These delightful shorts show that you can reach the highest heights, when you
remember to keep your feet on the ground! A sun-loving snowman heats up on
a summer beach. A new bicycle inspires a great adventure. A little mouse scales
the heights and lights of a Christmas tree. Anything is possible — if you just try
hard and put your mind to it!

The Dark (USA, 2007) 2 min
World In Your Hands (Norway, 2007) 3 min
Carrot on the Beach (Estonia, 2008) 6 min
Tyler’s New Bike (USA, 2008) 8 min
Tales for Tiny Tots: Everybody Gets to Come Along
(Sweden, 2007) 5 min

LIVIN’ IT UP!

Saturday, October 25 • 1:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 71 minutes • Ages 8 to 10
Every artist needs inspiration...find yours with this creative collection of
shorts from around the world. Follow your dreams with ambitious young
Rebecca as she auditions for an esteemed orchestra. Feast your eyes
on an enchanted French garden inspired by the art of Claude Monet. Cheer
for an inspired note as he boldly reinvents the style and rhythm of Bach’s
music! Whether you’re swimming with sassy tetra fish or rocking
out to a music video, live it up with the power of art!

Don’t Let It All Unravel (UK, 2007) 2 min
Big Electric Light (USA, 2008) 5 min
Rebel (Belgium, 2007) 6 min
Triple Concerto in D Minor (Australia, 2007) 8 min

THAT’S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR!

Saturday, October 25 • 3:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 74 min • Ages 5 to 8
Grab a pal, a big tub of buttered popcorn and share these screen gems spot-
lighting the joys of friendship! A little girl’s wishes come true thanks to three
new friends from outer space. Two young sports fans learn the importance of
sharing when they buy a new soccer ball. A runaway bear braves the cold and
wild adventures with the help of his new hedgehog and elephant buddies. With
a good friend by your side, you can face anything that comes your way!

Ids (Canada, 2008) 2 min
Alien For Christmas (USA, 2007) 3 min
Apple (Sweden, 2007) 6 min
Tales For Tiny Tots: Everybody Gets to Come Along
(Sweden, 2007) 5 min

Footballers: "The Golden Football"
(Mexico, 2007) 14 min
The Moffels: "The Arrival" (Germany, 2008) 4 min
Elephants (UK, 2008) 13 min
Leon In Wintertime (Canada, 2007) 27 min
PLAY IT COOL
Saturday, October 25 • 5:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 76 min • Ages 11 to 13
When life’s challenges sizzle, don’t back down — just stay cool! Budding superheroes embrace their differences as they celebrate Cultural Awareness Day. A hip witch and a gallant prince join forces in this hilarious take on a classic fairy tale. You’ll cheer for fearless artist Laura as she battles a sneaky publisher to save her comic book!

The World (USA, 2007) 1 min
Balloons (Canada, 2007) 1 min
Red Ball (USA, 2007) 4 min
Papiroflexia (USA, 2007) 3 min
A Pickle (Canada, 2008) 12 min
Sleeping Betty (Canada, 2007) 9 min
Cookies For Sale (USA, 2007) 4 min

Funglasses (Germany, 2006) 8 min
Hangman (Norway, 2007) 9 min
Zoologic (USA, 2007) 4 min
Superhero Training Center: "Cultural Awareness Day" (USA, 2008) 6 min
Laura - In Action (Denmark, 2008) 15 min

DAVIS THEATER SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago

MOONBEAM BEAR AND HIS FRIENDS
Saturday, October 25 • 10:00 a.m. • Davis Theater • Germany, 2008
69 minutes • Ages 3 to 5 • Directed by Mike Maurus
How do you rescue five sassy ducklings from disaster? How do you get a stranded star back into the sky? And how can you throw the best birthday party ever — when you don’t have a birthday? Never fear, Moonbeam Bear is here! This delightful little creature is always ready to help out his forest friends. But Moonbeam Bear has a dream of his own — to invite the moon into his home for scrumptious home-baked honey cakes. Will he succeed? Based on the acclaimed children’s book series, this whimsical animated film celebrates kindness, friendship and the simple pleasures in life.

LITTLE DODO
Saturday, October 25 • 10:30 am • Davis Theater • USA, 2008 • 75 minutes
Ages 4 to 6 • Directed by Thilo Grat Rothkirch
In the depths of the green rainforest, young orangutan Dodo can imitate nearly ever sound he hears — from splashing drops of water to chirping cicadas. One day, Dodo is surprised to find a violin, or a “thingamabob,” as Darwin the wise old ape calls it. Dodo is excited about this brand-new noise — but the thingamabob sounds so terrible that it even scares the dreaded tiger! When the river dries out and the rainforest animals experience a drought, Dodo wonders if the thingamabob might save them all. Join Dodo, Darwin and a cast of crazy creatures as they listen with their hearts and discover the life-changing power of music.

WHERE IS WINKY’S HORSE?
Saturday, October 25 • 11:00 a.m. • Davis Theater • Netherlands, 2007
83 minutes • Ages 7 to 9 • Directed by Mischa Kamp
Saint Nicholas has gone back home until next year, but that’s okay with Winky. After all, she’s got plenty on her mind: she’s taking riding lessons, her mother is expecting a baby, and best of all, she’s in charge of Saint Nicholas’ beloved horse Amerigo! Winky desperately wants to ride Amerigo as well, but her aunt and uncle are afraid that the horse is too big for such a little girl. Winky thinks she knows better — but when she takes Amerigo out on a ride, the horse becomes frightened and runs away. With Saint Nicholas on his way to Holland, it’s up to Winky and her friend Bram to find Amerigo before it’s too late!
STELLA AND THE STAR OF THE ORIENT
Saturday, October 25 • 11:30 a.m. • Davis Theater • Germany, 2007
90 minutes • Ages 9 to 11
Rummaging through the attic at her grandmother’s villa, Stella is suddenly transported 100 years into the past and meets two children, Clementine and Gustav. Stella is utterly amazed when she realizes that little Clementine is her own great-grandmother! But times are tough in this cozy abode — the family faces financial ruin, and Clementine may have to give up her dream of becoming a doctor. Unless, of course, the children can find the mysterious Star of the Orient . . . Join Stella, Clementine and Gustav as they embark on an incredible journey and discover that no matter where you are in time or place, family is forever!

WORLD WIDE WONDERS
Sunday, October 26 • 11:00 a.m. • Facets Cinema • 73 min • Ages 5 to 8
Find first class tickets to new sights, sounds and splendors in these globe-trotting shorts. A curious crow from Iran gets into trouble when he steals the king’s diamond. A sweet Australian girl learns to love her unique view of life. A young Indian boy is impressed by a falling satellite. Travel the world — without leaving your seat!

DOUBLE BUBBLE, TOIL AND TROUBLE
Sunday, October 26 • 1:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 74 min • Ages 8 to 10
Put on your spookiest costume and get ready for some thrills, chills and spills! Hitch a ride with a tidy banjo-picking monster… and find unexpected treats along the way. Track down a wayward werewolf with Jib and Jabbury and stop an evil curse. Solve a mystery with Carson in the crumbling Spanish Casa Minnehaha! Surprises await you around every corner…all you have to do is unlock the door!

SUGAR, SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE
Sunday, October 26 • 9:30 a.m. • Facets Cinema • 63 min • Ages 2 to 5
If variety is the spice of life, these seasoned characters sure know how to shake it up! Satisfy your sweet tooth at a Halloween celebration. Use your green-thumb to grow a magical garden with Rupert Bear and his mentor, Mother Nature. Then hop to the beach with new friend, Carrot, and keep an eye out for hungry rabbits!

WORLD PREMIERES
Rupert Bear Follow the Magic: "Giant Sunflowers"
(Russia, 2007) 13 min
Ruby Who? (Australia, 2007) 6 min
The Tree Elves (China/Russia, 2008) 7 min
Collectibles (USA, 2007) 12 min
Once A Crow… (Iran, 2006) 18 min
AT JESUS’ SIDE
Sunday, October 26 • 3:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • USA, 2007
82 minutes • Ages 8 to 10 • Directed by Patrick Wells
At Jesus’ Side celebrates the journey of five homeless animals toward love and forgiveness. Our hero Jericho is a brave street dog unexpectedly befriended by Jesus. Encouraged by his friend Petra, the hedgehog, Jericho follows Jesus through the last week of his life and learns how to open his heart to humans. Starring Lucas Grabeel (High School Musical) and Roma Downey (Touched By An Angel).

TOP PIX – KIDS’ FLICKS I
Sunday, October 26 • 5:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 84 minutes • Ages 7 to 10
Have you ever wanted to become a famous filmmaker? Or, maybe a prodigious producer of professional films? This program is made up entirely of films made by kids for kids. So grab your most creative friend and join us for this celebration of Hollywood’s up and coming stars!

A Friendly Game (USA, 2008) 2 min
Octopus Killer (Spain, 2007) 1 min
Message in a Bottle (USA, 2008) 4 min
Race for the Crown (USA, 2007) 1 min
Odysseus and the Cyclops (USA, 2007) 2 min
For Each Problem, A Solution (France, 2008) 18 min
Popsicle Boy (USA, 2008) 5 min
Sweet Tooth (USA, 2007) 4 min
1,2,3,... (Spain, 2007) 3 min
Rabbit and Mr. Rosa (USA, 2007) 1 min
That’s My Movie (USA, 2008) 6 min

SPIRIT OF THE FOREST
Sunday, October 26 • 10:00 a.m. • Davis Theater • Spain, 2008
75 minutes • Ages 4 to 6 • Directed by David Rubin and Juan Carlos Pena
When a crooked entrepreneur wants to build a highway, the wicked Mrs. D’Abondo (Oscar®-winning actress Anjelica Huston, Prizzi’s Honor, The Addams Family) sees her chance to get rid of the whole forest! Mr. Oak, his leafy companions, and all the animals that live among the trees are now in danger of losing their homes. Good thing they don’t give up easily. Gophers Furi (Sean Astin of The Lord of the Rings trilogy) and Linda rally their friends Cebolo, a nerdy town gopher, Piorno the strong-headed mouse, and the Clan of the Free Cats to save their home! Can this motley crew of flora and fauna keep Mrs. D’Abondo away for good? Also starring Giovanni Ribisi (Lost in Translation) and Ron Perlman (Disney’s the Legend of Tarzan).

AMAZON JACK 3 – JUNGO GOES BANANAS
Sunday, October 26 • 10:30 a.m. • Davis Theater • Denmark, 2007
72 minutes • Ages 5 to 10 • Directed by Jorgen Lerdam and Flemming Quist Moller
Jungo is the rarest — and cutest — jungle creature in the world. But soon, Jungo’s bright future is covered in dark clouds, as he’s pursued by a mad scientist who wants to clone him, a psychologist who wants to analyze him, and a talk show hostess who wants him to advertise her perfume! What’s a jungle creature to do when danger lurks behind every tree? Simple — turn to his wacky but loyal friends: Rita the fox, Zik and Zak the monkeys, and an eager young puppy! In this action-packed computer-animated tale from Denmark, join Jungo and his pals as they take on villains, search for a place of their own, and learn that being unique is the greatest adventure of all!
**Quest for a Heart**

Sunday, October 26 • 11:00 a.m. • Davis Theater • Finland, 2007
80 minutes • Ages 6 to 9 • Directed by Pekka Lehtosaari

Rollis are contrary creatures, full of tricks, mischief, and mayhem — and they especially dislike doing the right thing! *Quest for a Heart* is the story of a typical Rolli named .... Rolli. One day outside Rollivillage, he meets Millie, a beautiful elf girl who loves flowers and peace. In Millie, Rolli discovers a new kind of friend — even though elves and Rollies typically do not get along. But when a mysterious force begins to destroy the elf forest, Rolli, Millie and their friends must band together in their quest for a magic heart from the land of winter. Anything can happen now — and Rolli might just learn that helping others has a magic all its own!

**Diamond Dog Caper**

Sunday, October 26 • 11:30 a.m. • Davis Theater • USA, 2008
108 minutes • Ages 9 to 11 • Directed by Mark Stouffer

It starts out as a normal day for twelve-year-old Owen (Luke Benward, *How To Eat Fried Worms*)...until he must rescue an innocent dog from the hands of a notorious diamond thief and two accomplices! Owen hides himself and the dog in his secret forest fort, which is protected with ingenious booby traps. Desperate to retrieve the $5 million in stolen jewels that they stashed on the dog, the thugs are in hot pursuit of Owen and his new pal. Can one kid with a super fort protect an animal from three determined thieves? This fast-paced film combines action, comedy, and imagination to create a heart-warming tale of bravery and friendship! Starring French Stewart (*Third Rock From The Sun*) and Kevin Farley (*Beverly Hills Ninja*).
**WILD AT HEART**

Saturday, November 1 • 3:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 76 min • Ages 8 to 10

Take a walk on the wild side! Journey to tidy Tokyo with klutzy Howard and explore an unusual temple. Peddle cookies door-to-door with a determined little entrepreneur — and find more than you bargained for! Reshape the world in the beautifully animated tale of a skillful paper folder. If you jump in and test the waters of the world you’ll find you’re up for the challenge!

*Shown with:*
- **Nursery Rhymes: “The Cricket Gets Married”** (Hungary, 2006) 1 min
- **The Coyote and the Tortoise** (USA, 2007) 3 min
- **Fluffy** (Japan, 2006) 5 min

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**NEW VIEW, NEW YOU**

Saturday, November 1 • 5:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 73 min • Ages 11 to 13

Break out of your comfort zone — and enjoy the ride — with these unique short films that explore what happens when things aren’t what we expect. Upright bass prodigy Abbey sneaks out to Wrigley Field — and discovers a life-changing secret. Brian loves being a weatherman — but will he still love it after his trusty forecasting machine goes haywire? Then enter a ghostly town where young people discover how to bring color and light back to their world. Facing change can be challenging, but with friends by your side and courage in your heart, you’ll find that it can be a lot of fun too!

*Shown with:*
- **My Dad Ralph** (Canada, 2008) 12 min
- **The Nostril of Buddha** (Japan, 2008) 5 min
- **Rojo Red** (Colombia, 2007) 13 min
- **Plain and Simple** (USA, 2007) 30 min

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**TOMTE TUMMETOTT AND THE FOX**

Saturday, November 1 • 1:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • Germany, 2007

60 min • Ages 2 to 5 • Directed by Sandra Schiessl

It is a calm and sleepy Christmas night. All of the shiny presents have been unwrapped, the yummy holiday leftovers have been bundled and all of the house is settling down to bed. All is quiet – even the animals in the barn. Only gnome Tomte is up and about to protect the precious residents of the family farm from sly Fox and his rumblly tummy. Tricky Tomte knows just how to fool his old friend Fox! Let the games begin in this classic show of cat-and-mouse shenanigans shown with a cluster of charming shorts.

*Shown with:*
- **Dooby, Dooby Moo** (USA, 2007) 10 min
- **Big Ears Lee** (Taiwan, 2006) 5 min
- **Bruno** (Germany, 2008) 3 min
- **Tales For Tiny Tots: “Simon’s Duck”** (Sweden, 2007) 5 min

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SUGAR, SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE
Saturday, November 1 • 11:45 a.m. • Wilmette Theater • USA, 2008 • 75 min • Ages 4 to 6
Directed by Thilo Grat Rothkirch
In the depths of the green rainforest, young orangutan Dodo can imitate nearly every sound he hears — from splashing drops of water to chirping cicadas. One day, Dodo is surprised to find a violin, or a “thingamabob,” as Darwin the wise old ape calls it. Dodo is excited about this brand-new noise — but the thingamabob sounds so terrible that it even scares the dreaded tiger! When the river dries out and the rainforest animals experience a drought, Dodo wonders if the thingamabob might save them all. Join Dodo, Darwin and a cast of crazy creatures as they listen with their hearts and discover the life-changing power of music.

WORLD WIDE WONDERS
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My Favorite Sport: “Swimming” (Brazil, 2006) 2 min
World In Your Hands (Norway, 2007) 3 min
Things You Think: “Love” (Denmark/Germany/Ireland, 2007) 5 min
Skylab is Falling! (USA, 2007) 7 min
Fantasy, the Bear: “The Moon Country” (Poland, 2007) 13 min

LITTLE DODO
Saturday, November 1 • 1:30 p.m. • Wilmette Theater • USA, 2008
75 minutes • Ages 4 to 6 • Directed by Thilo Grat Rothkirch
In the depths of the green rainforest, young orangutan Dodo can imitate nearly every sound he hears — from splashing drops of water to chirping cicadas. One day, Dodo is surprised to find a violin, or a “thingamabob,” as Darwin the wise old ape calls it. Dodo is excited about this brand-new noise — but the thingamabob sounds so terrible that it even scares the dreaded tiger! When the river dries out and the rainforest animals experience a drought, Dodo wonders if the thingamabob might save them all. Join Dodo, Darwin and a cast of crazy creatures as they listen with their hearts and discover the life-changing power of music.

SURPRISE ME! MV
Saturday, November 1 • 3:00 p.m. • Wilmette Theater • 77 min • Ages 8 to 10
Keep your eyes peeled, your ears perked and your mind open for surprises! Share hijinks and shenanigans with amateur junior high detectives Shawn and Gus. Befriend live-in elephants and plucky penguins with a fussy zookeeper and an adventurous little girl! Then embark on a mission with Robbie the Reindeer to defeat a sinister extra-terrestrial plot (with the voices of Ozzy Osbourne and Keira Knightley).
Twelve-year-old Branko has only one dream: to play violin alongside his long-lost father. Branko sets about making this dream come true by trekking along the Mediterranean coast, but his father remains elusive. During his search, Branko finds an ally in fourteen-year-old Red Zora, the leader of a gang of outlaw orphans. Chased by the rich kids of the local well-to-do families and the local police, Zora and her gang face down their opponents with remarkable ingenuity and spirit. When Branko is offered the opportunity to learn the violin from the gorgeous and gifted mayor’s daughter Zlata, he must decide what is more important: his long-awaited dream or his newfound friends?
**TOP PIX – KIDS’ FLICKS II**

Sunday, November 2 • 1:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 83 minutes • Ages 11 to 13

These high-energy, creative short films are made by a handful of the best young international filmmakers that we could get our hands on! Representing seven different countries, the films in Top Pix - Kids’ Flicks I were hand picked by our international youth jury. Two bumbling bell boys wreak comic chaos at a hotel, competing magicians turn the world upside down and a high-noon showdown spoofs classic spaghetti Westerns.

- The Artist (USA, 2007) 5 min
- Rose (Croatia, 2006) 2 min
- Cat-astrophe in the Hotel del Gallo (Mexico, 2006) 4 min
- Treasure Diversity (USA, 2007) 10 min
- Skirmish (UK, 2007) 3 min
- The Good, the Bag, and the Ugly (USA, 2007) 4 min
- Claustrophobia (Croatia, 2007) 2 min
- New Orleans (USA, 2007) 6 min
- Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow (USA, 2007) 2 min
- Life Like Smoke (Bangladesh, 2007) 10 min
- Of King and Man (USA, 2007) 7 min
- I Can Still Dream (Australia, 2008) 6 min
- The Amazing Adventures of Sarah Waters (USA, 2007) 6 min
- The World in a Crystal Ball (Croatia, 2006) 3 min
- Bullies! (Italy, 2007) 15 min

**WILMETTE THEATRE**

**SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL**

Sunday, November 2 • 10:00 a.m. • Wilmette Theater • 60 min • Ages 2 to 5

Shimmy and shake down the aisles during this energetic shorts program that is sure to leave you feeling snappy. Make friends with a sweet hearted snowman before he’s melted by spring in, Breaking the Ice. Sing songs ‘until the cows come home’ with Dooby, Dooby Moo’s blue-ribbon barnyard band. And have a blast under the Big Top with Showtime’s talented traveling circus.

- Lost Friend (USA, 2007) 1 min
- Three-Feet-Peter (Germany, 2007) 2 min
- Breaking the Ice (USA, 2007) 1 min
- Maggie and Mildred (USA, 2008) 4 min
- Miriam’s Picnic (Estonia, 2007) 5 min
- Dooby, Dooby Moo (USA, 2007) 10 min
- Carrot on the Beach (Estonia, 2008) 6 min
- The Little Quarterback (USA, 2008) 5 min
- The Coyote and the Tortoise (USA, 2007) 3 min
- Lullaby (USA, 2008) 2 min
- Dear Fatty (USA, 2008) 7 min
- The Dark (USA, 2007) 2 min
- Showtime (USA, 2008) 12 min

**QUEST FOR A HEART**

Sunday, November 2 • 10:30 a.m. • Wilmette Theater • Finland, 2007

80 minutes • Ages 6 to 9 • Directed by Pekka Lehtosaari

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STELLA AND THE STAR OF THE ORIENT [P]
Sunday, November 2 • 12:30 p.m. • Wilmette Theater • Germany, 2007
90 minutes • Ages 9 to 11
Rummaging through the attic at her grandmother's villa, Stella is suddenly transported 100 years into the past and meets two children, Clementine and Gustav. Stella is utterly amazed when she realizes that little Clementine is her own great-grandmother! But times are tough in this cozy abode — the family faces financial ruin, and Clementine may have to give up her dream of becoming a doctor. Unless, of course, the children can find the mysterious Star of the Orient... Join Stella, Clementine and Gustav as they embark on an incredible journey and discover that no matter where you are in time or place, family is forever!

PERFECT PEDIGREE
Sunday, November 2 • 11:30 a.m. • Wilmette Theater • 79 min • Ages 5 to 8
From pachyderms to aliens, creatures great and small show their winning sides in these captivating shorts. A determined bird meets its match in a little bug. A little boy learns to tame the butterflies in his stomach. A herd of clever elephants hide inside a house and find a special friend. You'll cheer for these champions who prove that it takes kindness and caring to be best in show.

The Squirrel Next Door (Canada, 2007) 1 min
Alien For Christmas (USA, 2007) 3 min
Big Electric Light (USA, 2008) 5 min
The Sparrow and the Boll (Iran, 2007) 12 min
The Moffels: “The Arrival” (Germany, 2008) 4 min
Butterflies (USA, 2008) 16 min
The New Species (Latvia, 2008) 9 min
Elephants (UK, 2008) 13 min
The Bear is Coming (Latvia, 2008) 16 min

Sunday, November 2 • 1:30 p.m. • Wilmette Theater • Denmark, 2008
80 minutes • Ages 11 to 14 • Directed by Giacomo Campeotto
Four courageous friends team up with the Grand Master of the Knights Templar to return the lost treasure of the Snake Crown to its rightful owners, the Maltese Knights. To do this, they must travel to the ancient island of Malta, where they are awed by its beauty but opposed by its inhabitants. Can a lovely and sympathetic local girl provide the answers they need? And what will they do when the Snake Crown is suddenly stolen? This intelligent and inspired adventure will keep you on the edge of your seat!
OPENING NIGHT GALA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Kick off the 25th Annual Chicago International Children’s Film Festival with a star-studded celebration for the whole family. Ten days of Festival fun begins here at the party-of-the-year: dance to sounds from Radio Disney’s Party Patrol; interact with roving youth news reporters; laugh with friends getting funny face paintings; enjoy mouth-watering, kid-friendly food; meet international filmmakers; and catch some of the top short films from this year’s Festival. Even more opening night surprises await—and you’re invited to join the fun!

Papiroflexia (USA, 2007) 3 min
Through the Lens (USA, 2008) 2 min
Rebel (Belgium, 2007) 6 min
Things You Think: “Love” (Denmark/Germany/Ireland, 2007) 5 min
The Watchman And The Little Girl (Germany, 2007) 10 min
Bruno (Germany, 2008) 3 min
His Good Will (Canada/USA, 2008) 11 min
Zoologic (USA, 2007) 4 min

Running Time: 44 minutes

Where?
Thorne Auditorium
375 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL
(corner of Chicago & Lake Shore Drive)

When?
Thursday, October 23
6:00 p.m. Reception
7:15 p.m. Opening Remarks
7:45 p.m. Film Presentation

Tickets:
$60 per adult
$25 per child
Call “Kidsfest” at 773-281-9075
or visit www.cicff.org

Parking: Available at garages around the auditorium

AMERICAN AIRLINES
CLOSING NIGHT AWARDS PRESENTATION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
5:00 PM AWARDS CEREMONY

Film Row Cinema – Columbia College Chicago
1104 S. Wabash, 8th Floor, Chicago

Feel the rush of energy and anticipation at the Closing Night Award Ceremony for the 25th Annual Chicago International Film Festival. This exciting night of surprises promises to be one to remember, as actors, celebs, Festival friends and over 100 filmmakers wait on the edges of their seats for the awards— including the prestigious $10,000 Poetry Foundation Prize! After the ceremony, everyone’s a winner at the Closing Party, where friends, filmmakers, stars and more meet to close the curtains on the 2008 Festival with food, music and family-friendly fun!

Admission: $25 all seats

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.

The Poetry Foundation presents the $10,000 Poetry Prize for Excellence in the arts of poetry and film.

For tickets call 773-281-9075 or visit our web site at www.cicff.org
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