

# **2008 WEEKEND SCHEDULE** 773.281.9075 • www.cicff.org





#### 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.



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**World Premiere** North American Premiere



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**United States Premiere** Chicago Premiere



Appearance by guest celebrity or director may follow program!

#### 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:



**Davis Theater** 4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago



#### 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.

#### TICKET WEB

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



Wilmette Theatre
1122 Central Ave., Wilmette





#### TAKE ONE! WORKSHOPS

Workshop space is limited and REGISTRATION MUST BE DONE IN ADVANCE. Please call "Kidsfest" 773-281-9075 or visit www.cicff.org for reservations and information. Workshop fees are non-refundable.

#### 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!* 

## 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 "animatics" 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!

#### **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.

#### **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!

#### **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.



<sup>\*</sup> Due to popular demand, workshop offered twice!

## FACETS CINEMA SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago



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Dooby, Dooby Moo

#### 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 magnificent grandmother, Mildred, for an afternoon of fun. Play pen pals with a world-wandering 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

The Cardhouse Builder and the Little Dog (Sweden 2006) 8 min **Try, Try, Try** (USA, 2007) 4 min Showtime (USA, 2008) 12 min

**Bruno** (Germany, 2008) 3 min

Dooby, Dooby Moo (USA, 2007) 10 min

The Little Quarterback (USA, 2008) 5 min

#### REACH FOR THE STARS!

Saturday, October 25 • 11:00 a.m. • Facets Cinema • 73 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

The Night Before Christmas (USA, 2007) 6 min The Cardhouse Builder and the Little Dog (Sweden, 2006) 8 min

Ruby Who? (Australia, 2007) 6 min

The Little Mouse Who Wanted to Touch a Star (Greece, 2007) 29 min



WORLD

Ruby Who?

## 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!



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Big Electric Light

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 Mino**r (Australia, 2007) 8 min

In Winter Still (USA, 2007) 10 min. Finder Gets Reward (Germany, 2008) 19 min Burley! (Australia, 2007) 9 min

My Dad Ralph (Canada, 2008) 12 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 spotlighting 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

(Sweden, 2007) 5 min

The Moffels: "The Arrival" (Germany, 2008) 4 min Tales For Tiny Tots: Everybody Gets to Come Along Elephants (UK, 2008) 13 min

Leon In Wintertime (Canada, 2007) 27 min

Footballers: "The Golden Football"

(Mexico, 2007) 14 min





Alien For Christmas

#### FACETS CINEMA SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago



#### PLAY IT COOL MV

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 Word (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.





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## 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 lifechanging power of music.



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## 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!





## DAVIS THEATER SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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#### 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!

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## FACETS CINEMA SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago

## **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 greenthumb 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!

Nursery Rhymes: "The Light is on at Virag's" (Hungary, 2006) 1 min

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Wild Frontier: "Sharp Teeth" (USA, 2008) 1 min

Bruno (Germany, 2008) 3 min

Three-Feet-Peter (Germany, 2007) 2 min

Tales For Tiny Tots: "Simon's Duck" (Sweden, 2007) 5 min

The Cardhouse Builder and the Little Dog

(Sweden, 2006) 8 min

Classical Baby (I'm Grown Up Now): "The Owl and the

Pussycat" (USA, 2008) 2 min

Vegetable Fairies: "The Halloween Party"

(lanan 2007) 5 min

Showtime (USA, 2008) 12 min

Miriam and the Flood (Estonia, 2006) 5 min

Don't Smash (USA, 2007) 3 min

Carrot on the Beach (Estonia, 2008) 6 min

Rupert Bear Follow the Magic: "Giant Sunflowers"

(UK, 2007) 10 min





Rupert Bear Follow the Magic: "Giant Sunflowers

## 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!

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

Fantazy, the Bear: "The Moon Country"

(Poland, 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

## WORLD Things You Think: "Love"

## **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!

Lost Monster Hop (Canada, 2007) 1 min Run Away Home (USA, 2007) 3 min The Nightwood (USA, 2008) 4 min Alex's Halloween (USA, 2008) 15 min Customer Service (Spain, 2007) 6 min

Moonlight (New Zealand, 2007) 9 min Jibber Jabber: "Night of the Werewolf" (Canada, 2007) 11 min Loon (USA, 2008) 27 min





Jibber Jabber: "Night of the Werewolf"

#### FACETS CINEMA SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

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## 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!

Colorful Planet (Croatia, 2007) 4 min Rated G (USA, 2007) 1 min

Flowers and Love (USA, 2008) 1 min The Night in Question (USA, 2007) 3 min Sumo Size Me (USA, 2007) 1 min

**Crazy Hair** (USA, 2007) 1 min

Super Kitten and the Power Pets (USA, 2008) 8 min Into the Blue (Canada, 2008) 5 min

The Car Who Dreamed of Flying Over Mt. Fuji

(USA, 2007) 1 min

A Blue Eye + A Little Ear (Taiwan, 2008) 10 min

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



WORLD That's My Movie

## DAVIS THEATER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago

## 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 armong 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*).

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## 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!





## DAVIS THEATER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago



## QUEST FOR A HEART P

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 V

Sunday, October 26 • 11:30 a.m. • Davis Theater • USA, 2008

108 minutes • Ages 9 to 11 • Directed by Mark Stouffer

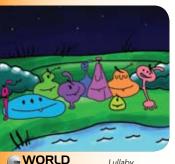
It starts out as a normal day for twelve-year-old Owen (Luke Benward, How To Eat Fried Worms)...until he must rescue an innocent dog from the hands of a notorious diamond thief and two accomplices! Owen hides himself and the dog in his secret forest fort, which is protected with ingenious booby traps. 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.)



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## BIOGRAPH THEATRE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago



Lullaby

#### MAGIC AND MAKE-BELIEVE

Saturday, November 1 • 9:30 a.m. • Biograph Theatre • 60 min • Ages 2 to 5 Close your eyes and imagine your way into this collection of storybook shorts, where magic and make-believe rule the land! A sleepy town is surprised when a savage beast washes ashore ready to attack - but wait, he just wants to be friends! Sunflower stalks grow as high as the sky with the help of a magical mixture. A crafty sparrow escapes the cunning woodsman who is in pursuit of his coveted treasure. You'll be sure to fall under the spell of these magical films.

Nursery Rhymes: "Mouse, Mouse Get Out of the House" (Hungary, 2006) 1 min

Lullaby (USA, 2008) 2 min

Miriam's Theatre (Estonia, 2007) 5 min The Sparrow and the Boll (Iran, 2007) 12 min

Vegetable Fairies: "The Secret" (Japan, 2007) 5 min

Rupert Bear Follow the Magic "Giant Sunflowers" (UK. 2007) 10 min

Tales for Tiny Tots: "Simon's Duck" (Sweden, 2007) 5

Trv. Trv. Trv (USA, 2007) 4 min The Bear Is Coming (Latvia, 2008) 16 min

## PERFECT PEDIGREE

Saturday, November 1 • 11:00 a.m. • Biograph Theatre • 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 Colorful Planet (Croatia, 2007) 4 min Elephants (UK, 2008) 13 min The Bear is Coming (Latvia, 2008) 16 min





The Moffels: "The Arrival"

#### FACETS CINEMA SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago



WORLD

#### 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 rumbly 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:

Nursery Rhymes: "The Cricket Gets Married" (Hungary, 2006) 1 min

The Coyote and the Tortoise (USA, 2007) 3 min

Fluffy (Japan, 2006) 5 min

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

#### WILD AT HEART V

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!

The Big Adventures of Little Shawn and Gus:

"Mystery Meat" (USA, 2008) 1 min Papiroflexia (USA, 2007) 3 min Cookies For Sale (USA, 2007) 4 min Let Them Grow! (France, 2008) 8 min My Dad Ralph (Canada, 2008) 12 min The Nostril of Buddha (Japan, 2008) 5 min Roio Red (Colombia, 2007) 13 min Plain and Simple (USA, 2007) 30 min



My Dad Ralph

WORLD

First Bass

## NEW VIEW, NEW YOU M V

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

**Penguins, Penguins**, **Penguins** (USA, 2007) 2 min **Life In Washington Heights** (USA, 2007) 4 min The Weatherman (UK, 2007) 3 min Crane and Digger (Germany, 2008) 4 min Burley! (Australia, 2007) 9 min

First Bass (USA, 2007) 15 min Noise Control (New Zealand, 2008) 11 min We Who Stayed Behind (Denmark, 2008) 25 min



#### WILMETTE THEATRE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

1122 CENTRAL Ave., WILMETTE





WORLD Miriam and the Flood

#### SUGAR, SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE

Saturday, November 1 • 11:45 a.m. • Wilmette Theater • 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 the Vegetable Fairies' Halloween celebration. Use your green-thumb to grow a magical garden with Rupert Bear and his mentor, Mother Nature. Hop to the beach with your new friend, Carrot, as you hide from hungry rabbits. A little "dab'll do ya" with this yummy collection of short films.

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Wild Frontier: "Sharp Teeth" (USA, 2008) 1 min

Bruno (Germany, 2008) 3 min

Three-Feet-Peter (Germany, 2007) 2 min Tales For Tiny Tots: "Simon's Duck"

(Sweden 2007) 5 min

The Cardhouse Builder and the Little Dog

(Sweden 2006) 8 min

Classical Baby (I'm Grown Up Now): "The Owl and the

Pussycat" (USA, 2008) 2 min

Vegetable Fairies: "The Halloween Party"

(Japan, 2007) 5 min

Showtime (USA, 2008) 12 min

Miriam and the Flood

(Estonia, 2006) 5 min

Don't Smash (USA, 2007) 3 min

Carrot on the Beach (Estonia, 2008) 6 min Rupert Bear Follow the Magic: "Giant Sunflowers"

(UK, 2007) 10 min

#### WORLD WIDE WONDERS

Saturday, November 1 • 1:00 p.m. • Wilmette Theater • 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 vour seat!

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 Fantazy, the Bear: "The Moon Country"

(Poland, 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



WORLD

Collectibles

#### 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 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





## SURPRISE ME! M V

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).

The Big Adventures of Little Shawn and Gus:

"Hygeia" (USA, 2008) 2 min Zoologic (USA, 2007) 4 min

Cookies For Sale (USA, 2007) 4 min Because You're Gorgeous (South Africa, 2007) 5 min Elephants (UK, 2008) 13 min Burley! (Australia, 2007) 9 min DogBoy (Canada, 2007) 11 min Robbie the Reindeer - Close Encounters of the Herd

Kind (UK. 2007) 29 min





Because Your're Gorgeous

## WILMETTE THEATRE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

1122 CENTRAL Ave., WILMETTE



## PING PONG PLAYA MVP

Saturday, November 1 • 3:30 p.m. • Wilmette Theater • USA, 2007
96 minutes • Ages 11 and up • Directed by Jessica Yu
In the shadow of his older brother, Michael, a ping pong champion,
Christopher "C-dub" Wang is a free spirit who loves hip hop music and
basketball. C-dub wants nothing to do with the family tradition of ping
pong, especially the family-run ping-pong store, and his mother's class at
the local Chinese Community Center. But with a national tournament coming
up and an injured Michael unable to defend his title, C-dub must become the
player he pretends to be and defend his family's ping pong dynasty!

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#### RED ZORA V P

Saturday, November 1 • 5:00 p.m. • Wilmette Theater • Germany/Sweden, 2007 99 minutes • Ages 11 to 13 • Directed by Peter Kahane

Twelve-year-old Branko has only one dream: to play violin alongside his longlost 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?



NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

## **BIOGRAPH THEATRE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago

**WORLD** 

The New Species

#### **BE MY BUDDY**

Sunday, November 2 • 9:30 a.m. • Biograph Theatre • 64 minutes • Ages 2 to 5
A friend is someone you share many things with: your toys, your books, even your secrets.
A gang of eager eavesdroppers discovers their friend's hidden hideaway. When energetic Bunny brings down Monkey's precisely perched palace of cards the two come together for a lesson in caution and care. After dressing up in cool and colorful costumes to fit in, little Ruby learns that being your own friend can be fun, too.

Lost Friend (USA, 2007) 1 min Nursery Rhymes: "The Light is on at Virag's" (Hungary, 2006) 1 min

**Don't Smash** (USA, 2007) 3 min **Lullaby** (USA, 2008) 2 min

Tyler's New Bike (USA, 2008) 8 min Dear Fatty (USA, 2008) 7 min

Carrot on the Beach (Estonia, 2008) 6 min

Bruno (Germany, 2008) 3 min
The Cardhouse Builder and the Little Dog
(Sweden, 2006) 8 min

Ruby Who? (Australia, 2007) 6 min Miriam's Picnic (Estonia, 2007) 5 min

Vegetable Fairies: "The Secret" (Japan, 2007) 5 min

The New Species (Latvia, 2008) 9 min

#### **REACH FOR THE STARS!**

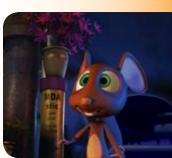
Sunday, November 2 • 11:00 a.m. • Biograph Theatre • 73 min • Ages 4 to 6
These delightful shorts show that you can reach the highest heights, when you remember to keep your feet on the ground! A sun-loving snowman heats up on a summer beach. A new bicycle inspires a great adventure. A little mouse scales 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 The Night Before Christmas (USA, 2007) 6 min The Cardhouse Builder and the Little Dog (Sweden, 2006) 8 min

Ruby Who? (Australia, 2007) 6 min The Little Mouse Who Wanted to Touch a Star (Greece, 2007) 29 min





The Little Mouse Who Wanted to Touch a Star

#### FACETS CINEMA SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago



#### A TALE OF TWO MOZZIES M

Sunday, November 2 • 11:00 a.m. • Facets Cinema • Denmark, 2007 75 minutes • Ages 5 to 9 • Directed by Jannik Hastrup and Flemming Quist Moller In this bubbly and vivacious story from Denmark, two young "Mozzies" (short for "mosquitoes") are living the good life — Dagmar is devoted to her dancing, and Egon plans to tour the world on his new bicycle! But when the red ant queen Dominella and her soldiers take over the nearby black ants' colony, the Mozzies are drawn into an exciting drama that puts their friendship to the test and drives them to really use their talents. Together with a horde of interesting creatures — beetles, bees, fleas, and even a troll! — the Mozzies will stop at nothing to protect the newborn ant princess and save their world!

CHICAGO

#### 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)

The World in a Crystal Ball (Croatia, 2006) 3 min

**Bullies!** (Italy, 2007) 13 min



WORLD

Bullies

## WILMETTE THEATRE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

1122 CENTRAL Ave., WILMETTE

WORLD Carrot on the Beach

## 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



Sunday, November 2 • 10:30 a.m. • Wilmette 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!





#### WILMETTE THEATRE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

1122 CENTRAL Ave., WILMETTE



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Elephants

#### 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

## 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!



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# THE LOST TREASURE OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR III: THE MYSTERY OF THE SNAKE CROWN

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



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