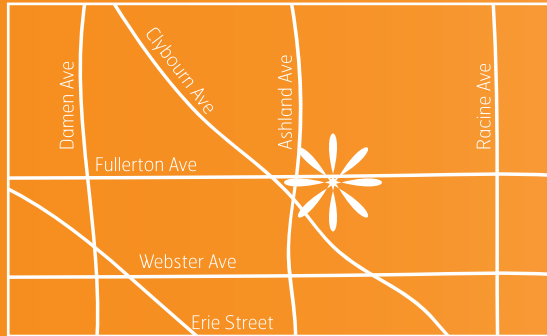


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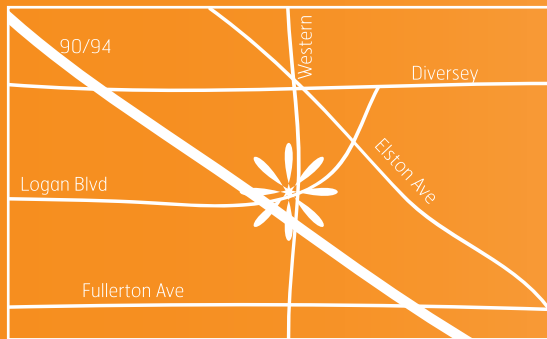


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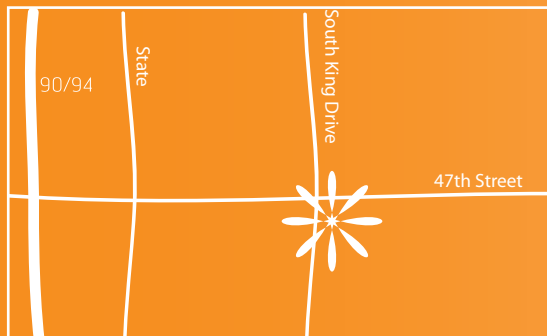
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Kerasotes Showplace 14
2600 N. Western Ave., Chicago

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Harold Washington Cultural Center
4701 S. King Drive, Chicago

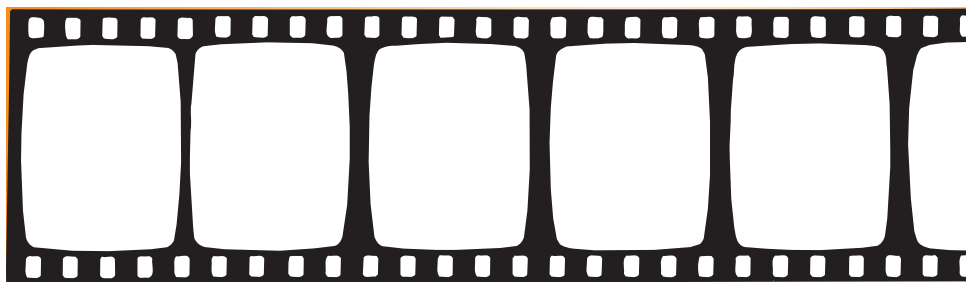
Screenings will be held on weekdays Monday, Wednesday & Friday, October 24, 27, 29 & 31. Program times are 9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. The HWCC is located at 47th & King Drive, easily accessible from Lake Shore Drive or the Dan Ryan Expressway.



Thorne Auditorium
Northwestern University Campus
375 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago (corner of Chicago & Lake Shore Drive)

Screenings will be held on weekdays Tuesday & Thursday, October 28 & 30. Additional screenings can be arranged Tuesday & Thursday, November 4 & 6. Program times are 9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Directions to Thorne Auditorium are available online at aquavite.northwestern.edu/maps

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Dear Teachers and Friends,

Want a field trip that's a real attention-grabber?

The 2008 Chicago International Children's Film Festival is a unique way to jump-start learning on every topic you teach! The CICFF's interactive, multicultural film programs use the power of media to engage your kids and hone their skills in the following areas:

- critical thinking
- values clarification
- critical thinking
- social studies
- cultural identity
- character building
- language arts
- problem-solving

After just one trip to the Festival, you'll have lesson plans for weeks to come! Each film screening is supported by curriculum and stimulating discussions with trained facilitators. Plus 150 actors and filmmakers attend the Festival and speak with students.

Highlights of 'KidsFest':

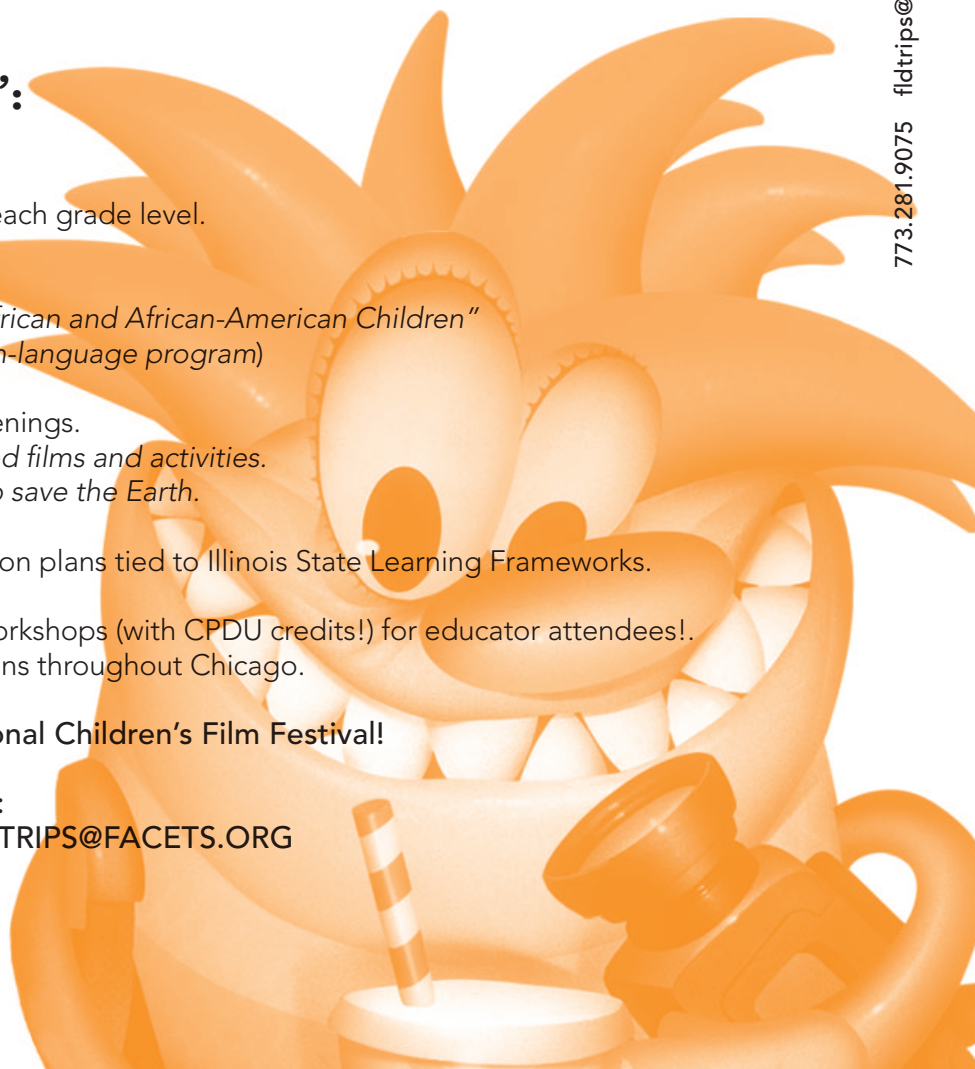
- Over 200 films from 40 countries.
- Positive film programs tailored to each grade level.
- Celebrate cultural diversity.
"Proud to Be Me: Stories of African and African-American Children"
"Español Para Todos" (Spanish-language program)
- Special literature and science screenings.
"Reel Poetry"—literacy-focused films and activities.
"Green Screen" – learn how to save the Earth.
- Free 150-page curriculum with lesson plans tied to Illinois State Learning Frameworks.
- Free Professional Development Workshops (with CPDU credits!) for educator attendees!.
- Four theaters at convenient locations throughout Chicago.

See you at the 2008 Chicago International Children's Film Festival!

For reservations and more information:

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What?

The 25th Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival

When?

Weekdays October 24-31, 2008, plus two additional weeks of special screenings November 3-November 14. Screening times are 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 and 11:45 a.m. Screenings can also be arranged in the afternoons at 4:00 p.m.

Where?

Facets Multi-Media

1517 W. Fullerton Avenue, Chicago

Kerasotes Showplace 14

2600 N. Western Avenue, Chicago

Harold Washington Cultural Center

4701 S. King Drive, Chicago

Thorne Auditorium –

at Northwestern University Campus

375 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago

How Much?

Tickets are \$5.00 per child for groups of 25 or more. For groups fewer than 25, additional charges may apply. Group leaders and chaperones attend for free!

Concessions (small popcorn & soda) are available at Facets ONLY and must be ordered in advance.

Reserve your seats today by following 3 easy steps:

1. Check the Age Index on page 5 for programs appropriate for your group's age.
2. Select a program.
3. Contact Group Sales Coordinator at 773-281-9075 or fldtrips@facets.org to make your reservation or get more information on screenings. You may also fill out and fax the Group Reservation Form (found on pages 3 & 4) to 773-929-0266. We will be in touch to coordinate your screening.

Curriculum Guide

Our 120-page Curriculum Guide is free for teachers who attend the Festival (an \$80.00 value). This valuable teaching tool is written to align with Illinois State Goals for Learning.

Festival Prizes

Kids count at the CICFF! After each screening, children receive "Best of Fest" ballots on which to rate and evaluate the films. Ballots are tallied at the end of the Festival, and the film with the most "Best of Fest" votes wins the highly coveted "Best of Fest Prize." The Best of Fest Prize, along with the Adult and Children's Jury awards, will be announced at the American Airlines Closing Night Awards Presentation Sunday, November 2.

Helpful hints:

Age Ranges:

These are suggested for each program and are offered as a general guideline only.

Program Guidance:

Symbols will be used to mark programs that contain mild profanity (P), mild violence (V), or mature themes (M). The "M" symbol is similar to a PG rating.



Additional Symbols:

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



World Premiere



North American Premiere



United States Premiere



Chicago Premiere



Appearance by guest celebrity or director may follow program!

Subtitles, No Problem!

Professional actors will read the subtitles aloud at the screenings of all foreign-language films for children ages nine and under.

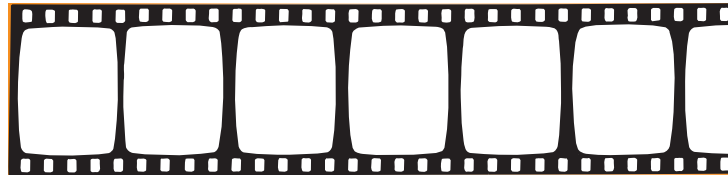
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Group Reservation Form

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Group Contact Information

name _____

school/organization _____

address _____ city _____ state _____ zip _____

work phone _____ cell phone _____ home phone _____

(It can be difficult to contact teachers during school hours...personal numbers are a big help!)

e-mail _____ work fax _____

other contact (name and number) _____

(at school or organization)

Group Information

number of children in group _____ age range _____ grade _____

number of adult chaperones _____

(Teachers and adult chaperones are admitted free of charge. There must be at least one chaperone per every 30 children. Additional fees may apply if student:chaperone ratio exceeds 10:1.)

Screening Information

- Festival Screenings: October 24, 27-31
 Post-Festival Screenings: November 3-7 and November 10-14

date _____ day of the week _____ time _____

name of program or film _____

Location

- Facets Multi-Media (1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago)
 Kerasotes Showplace 14 (2600 N. Western Avenue, Chicago)
 Harold Washington Cultural Center (4701 S. King Drive, Chicago)
 Thorne Auditorium (at Northwestern University, 375 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago)

Refreshments

A refreshment package (one small popcorn & one small soda) is available at the Facets location ONLY. Refreshment packages MUST be pre-arranged with the Group Sales Coordinator. This refreshment package is \$3.00 each, per person (student & chaperone).

_____ Yes, my screening is at the Facets location and our group would like to pre-arrange refreshment packages.

Number of refreshment packages: _____ @ \$3.00 each = _____

Refreshment restriction notes (no caffeine, etc.): _____

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Ticket Information and Pricing

Regular Admission – \$6.00 per student
 Groups of 25 or more – \$5.00 per student
 Teachers & Chaperones – FREE*



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

NUMBER OF STUDENTS

→ GROUPS OF 25+ @ \$5.00 = \$

→ GROUPS OF LESS THAN 25 @ \$6.00 = \$

NUMBER OF ADULTS & CHAPERONES =

ADDITIONAL FEES _____ = \$

Additional fees may apply for additional chaperones*.

GROUP TICKET TOTAL = \$

DEPOSIT DUE (30% OF TOTAL TICKET) = \$

TICKET BALANCE (DUE DAY OF SCREENING) = \$

→ REFRESHMENT PACKAGES (FACETS ONLY) @ \$3.00 = \$

TOTAL DUE DAY OF SCREENING = \$

* Free chaperones are based on an approximate 10:1 ratio of students to teachers. If the ratio is higher than 10:1, additional chaperone fees may apply.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

PAYMENT METHOD (check one):

CHECK/CASH MASTERCARD VISA AmEx DISCOVER

EXPIRATION DATE

NAME ON CARD

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE

GROUP SCREENING AGREEMENT

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL EACH OF THE FOLLOWING...

I understand that my group should arrive at the theater 15 minutes before showtime. If my group arrives late,

I understand that the program will have started. Films must start on time and will not be delayed for missing or late groups regardless of their size and/or circumstance.

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

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

I (signature) _____ of (school or group) _____
 verify that I am authorized to book a program for the CICFF and understand all of the policies outlined above.

QUESTIONS?

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

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

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Friday, October 24

Badge of Courage

80 minutes Ages 8 to 10 9:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

Having the strength and determination to do the right thing unites the characters in these eight shorts. A young boy's struggles with adversity in small town America teaches tolerance to everyone that he encounters. A runaway learns the importance of home thanks to an eccentric bookstore owner full of unique, imaginative stories. Junior detectives use teamwork to solve a case...and run into a surprise. Making the right choices can be challenging, but character always pays off in the end!

The Big Adventures of Little Shawn and Gus: "Hygeia" (USA, 2008) 2 min
 Cookies For Sale (USA, 2007) 4 min
 Zoologic (USA, 2007) 4 min
 Rojo Red (Colombia, 2007) 13 min
 Rebel (Belgium, 2007) 6 min
 His Good Will (Canada/USA, 2008) 11 min
 Moustafa's Secret (Canada, 2008) 12 min
 The Hollow Tree (USA, 2008) 28 min

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International Short Film Program, Cookies For Sale



International Short Film Program, The Sand Fairies

Ahead of the Pack

73 minutes Ages 5 to 8 9:45 a.m. Harold Washington Cultural Center

Run alongside the clever characters in these short films as they chase down their dreams and fulfill their fantasies. Seize the moment with a camera-wielding cowboy who lays down his dreams through the lens. Engage in a game of cat and mouse as a little boy sneakily tries to open his gifts early on Christmas Eve. And shape the world into something beautiful with Fred, a skillful paper folder. With a can do attitude, hard work and a little skill you can stay out in front of any obstacle!

My Favorite Sport (Brazil, 2006) 2 min
 Papiroflexia (USA, 2007) 3 min
 Through the Lens (USA, 2008) 2 min
 Hungarian Folk Tales: "How I Passed My Childhood" (Hungary, 2007) 8 min
 The Night Before Christmas (USA, 2007) 6 min
 Panic Painter (Sweden, 2007) 9 min
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A Tale of Two Mozzies

Denmark, 2007 75 minutes Ages 5 to 9 9:45 a.m.

Kerasotes Showplace 14

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!

Special thanks to:



Animated Feature

Friday, October 24

The Three Investigators— The Secret of Skeleton Island

Germany, 2007 88 minutes Ages 10 to 12 10:15 a.m.
Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Florian Baxmeyer

World-famous kid detectives, the Three Investigators, are excited to take a scientific field trip to Cape Town, South Africa. But when the daughter of a tribal leader reports that her father is missing, the detectives jump to help her solve the case! All clues point to the dazzling and enigmatic Skeleton Island, and the boys must quickly learn about the

history of the island, as well as the relationships between its natives and the European immigrants. Based on the classic children's book series, this intriguing film is filled with scientific fun and riddles that will have you guessing until the very end!

Special thanks to:



Live Action Feature



Live Action Feature

Mukhsin

Malaysia, 2006 94 minutes Ages 11 to 12 10:45 a.m.
Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Yasmin Ahmad

Ten-year-old Orked is a free-spirited tomboy who dances outside in the rain, defends smaller children against neighborhood bullies, and runs away from other girls who like to play "wedding." Orked meets her match when twelve-year-old Mukhsin moves to her small Malaysian village, and the two soon become best friends. Mukhsin has faced several obstacles with his fam-

ily, and grows to love Orked's quirky, nonconformist parents. But when a misunderstanding threatens to come between Mukhsin and Orked, will their blossoming camaraderie survive? Award-winning director Yasmin Ahmad combines a cast of colorful characters in this inspirational story of a friendship you'll never forget.

Special thanks to:



Ricky Rapper

Finland, 2008 78 minutes Ages 8 to 10 11:15 a.m.
Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Mari Rantasila

Ricky likes living with his quirky Aunt Serena and loves playing drums. But things quickly change when Aunt Serena breaks her leg and cousin Fanny moves in to take care of the household. "Fanny the Freezer" is strict and orderly in all the ways that Aunt Serena was open and relaxed—and this means no drums for Ricky. With the help of his downstairs neighbor

Nelly Butterfly, Ricky seeks to restore order to the apartment and get his drums back! Join two musical friends on a mission to prove that a clean home can be a creative one, too!

Special thanks to:



Live Action Feature

Friday, October 24

Show Me The Way

78 minutes Ages 12 to 15 11:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

When standing at a crossroads, which path do you take? Life can be full of tough decisions and the choices we make often shape the direction of our lives – for better or worse. Deliver only the most delightful mail with a meddling postman who maintains the comfort zone of his community. Help John the polar bear tame his temper over tea. Learn a potent lesson about honesty from a boy whose father can't read his report card. These courageous char-

acters each consult their own moral compasses for direction when they set out to blaze the trail of their lives!

First Stories: Power of a Horse (Canada, 2007) 4 min
John and Karen (UK, 2007) 4 min
City Wasp (Switzerland/USA, 2007) 6 min
Come Again In Spring (Canada, 2007) 12 min
Easy Pickins (USA, 2007) 13 min
Post! (Germany, 2008) 13 min
It's Sunday (Algeria/France, 2008) 30 min

Special thanks to:
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International Short Film Program, It's Sunday

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International Short Film Program,
Mr. Williams Returns to the South Bronx

Take Up The Torch

79 minutes Ages 11 to 13 11:45 a.m. Harold Washington Cultural Center

Like trees, we have far-reaching roots that give us nourishment, support and identity. Human roots can take the form of many things: your family, your ethnicity, the language you speak...even the school you go to. Walk the "Red Road" with world champion dancer Dallas Arcand. Emcee in sync with a trio of Hispanic hip hoppers who know a thing or two about immigrant life. Learn a valuable lesson about beauty - inside and out - with a Mr. Clean mishap. You'll discover that staying true to yourself is how you stay grounded.

Ideation (USA, 2008) 1 min
Life in Washington Heights (USA, 2007) 4 min
Aboriginality (Canada, 2007) 5 min
Me, Masi and Mr. Clean (Canada, 2007) 8 min
Sleeping Betty (Canada, 2007) 9 min
The Morse Collectors (UK, 2008) 16 min
Burley! (Australia, 2007) 9 min
Mr. Williams Returns to the South Bronx (USA, 2007) 27 min

Monday, October 27

Meet Me Halfway

72 minutes Ages 8 to 10 9:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

Sometimes two heads are better than one! And sometimes having a friend by your side makes everything easier! A left-out little boy makes the transformation he has longed for with the help of a beautiful butterfly. A worn-out watchman finds new life in the paintings he protects with a little girl at his side. The Mighty Cheetahs show the boys who is best with their girl-power goals and terrific teamwork. Get together with this cooperative collection of shorts!

Ruby Gloom: "Poepular Poet" (Canada, 2006) 1 min
Head Dwellers: "Part One" (Hungary, 2007) 3 min
Hair We Are (UK, 2007) 6 min
Maybe (Canada, 2007) 2 min
Journey Through the Palace Museum: Beauty Contest (Taiwan, 2007) 7 min
Wings of EPOH (USA, 2008) 7 min
Birthmark (USA, 2008) 10 min
Kika and Bob: "Blown Away" (Netherlands, 2008) 13 min
Kick Like A Girl (USA, 2008) 24 min

Special thanks to:
The Albert Pick, Jr. Fund

WORLD PREMIERE | M V P



International Short Film Program, Kika and Bob: "Blown Away"

Show Me What You've Got

77 minutes Ages 5 to 8 9:45 a.m. Harold Washington Cultural Center

Sometimes it takes a special talent to stand out in the crowd. Follow these youngsters as they learn that strength, courage and perseverance can take you straight to the top. A bold boy note changes the style and rhythm of his boring musical staff. Little Jolly the guinea pig helps his owner overcome some big emotions. A desire for the most delicious apple in the neighbor's tree blossoms into bravery as a young lad faces the fabled fortress next door. These diamonds in the rough really know what it takes to become a shining star!

Land of Zi (USA, 2008) 4 min
 Apple (Sweden, 2007) 6 min
 Rebel (Belgium, 2007) 6 min
 Jolly (Australia, 2007) 7 min
 A Princess Tale (Norway, 2008) 7 min
 His Good Will (Canada/USA, 2008) 11 min
 Things You Think: "Love"
 (Denmark/Germany, 2007) 5 min
 Butterflies (USA, 2007) 16 min
 Wallace's Lists (USA, 2007) 15min



International Short Film Program, Rebel



Animated Feature

Little Dodo

USA, 2008 75 minutes Ages 4 to 6 9:45 a.m.
 Kerasotes Showplace 14 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.

Special thanks to:



Mother Nanny

Philippines, 2006 99 minutes Ages 8 to 10 10:15 a.m.
 Kerasotes Showplace 14
 Directed by Pablo Biglang-Awa, Jr. and Veronica Velasco

Ruby and Louise come from different worlds but they share a connection to one important person: Norma. Ruby is Norma's daughter, but she rarely sees her mom because she lives in the country with her grandmother. Louise lives in the city with her family and loves Norma, who is her nanny. Norma works hard to be a good nanny to Louise and a good mother to her own daughter Ruby. But when Louise's family decides to move to

another country, Norma and Ruby must make a difficult choice. This lovely film from the Philippines skillfully explores the tensions stemming from class and cultural differences, and focuses on the power of love and family that can overcome them.

Special thanks to:



Live Action Feature

Red Zora

Germany/Sweden, 2007 99 minutes Ages 11 to 13
10:45 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Peter Kahane

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE | V P

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 town 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?

Special thanks to:



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Live Action Feature

No Network

Iceland, 2007 82 minutes Ages 10 to 12
11:15 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Ari Kristinsson

What happens when fantasy and reality combine? Living with his mother in the suburbs, Kalli thrives in a world of imaginary characters, and experiences almost everything through screens: movies, TV shows, and computers. When he travels to the country to spend Christmas with his father's family, Kalli is bored with

his new environment and decides to escape. However, Kalli's daydreams are soon crushed when finds himself lost in a blizzard and must face challenges from real-life and ghostly creatures—without even his cell phone! It's a race against time—and Kalli must use both practicality and imagination to get back home!

Special thanks to:



Horse of a Different Color

72 minutes Ages 11 to 13 11:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

WORLD PREMIERE | M V P

It takes all kinds of colorful characters to make the world go round and this program showcases some of the best! Discover that you aren't the only one with an eccentric uncle. See past the surface with a pair of insightful spectacles. Gain wisdom from an omniscient outsider who seems to know the way. Embrace the beautiful bits of "different" in each of us that make this planet such a pretty place to be!

Penguins, Penguins, Penguins (USA, 2007) 2 min
Elemental (USA, 2008) 2 min
My Uncle Loved The Color Yellow (Sweden, 2008) 9 min
The Weatherman (UK, 2007) 3 min
Funglasses (Germany, 2006) 8 min
The Storyteller (USA, 2008) 5 min
Toyland (Germany, 2007) 14 min
Zoologic (USA, 2007) 4 min
The Trophy (New Zealand, 2008) 11 min
Laura In Action (Denmark, 2008) 15 min

Special thanks to:

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International Short Film Program, Funglasses

Next Exit, Main Street

USA, 2007 75 minutes Ages 12 to 16 11:45 a.m.

Harold Washington Cultural Center

Directed by Jeff Baldo, Travis Cook, Dana Mannion and Jeremy von Stilb

In a nation of 300 million people of all ethnicities, shapes, and ideas, how do we define what makes an "American"? That's what four recent college graduates seek to answer as they traverse the United States for 40 days, filming stories about real life in our country. They hope to prove that Americans are not tied together by political identity, geographic location, or belief systems—but

by universal truths such as dreams, love, and hope. As you view this insightful and thought-provoking documentary, ask yourself: when it comes to what is really important, are we all more alike than we think?



Live Action Feature

Tuesday, October 28



International Short Film Program, *The Watchman and the Little Girl*

Higher Ground

76 minutes Ages 8 to 10 9:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

When you believe in yourself no one can limit what you can achieve! Dig deep with an ambitious student whose science fair worm project gives her family the wiggles. Swim against the current with a brave tetra fish who won't back down when teased by a gang of bogus bottom feeders. Play beautiful music with a girl whose heart belongs to the symphony orchestra and whose determination gets her there. Whatever your dreams might be this group of films proves they are never out of reach!

- Zoologic (USA, 2007) 4 min
- Triple Concert In D Minor (Australia, 2007) 8 min
- Because You're Gorgeous! (South Africa, 2007) 5 min
- His Good Will (Canada/USA, 2008) 11 min
- Burley! (Australia, 2007) 9 min
- The Watchman and the Little Girl (Germany, 2007) 10 min
- Rebel (Belgium, 2007) 6 min
- Pirates and Pills (USA, 2007) 9 min
- The Weatherman (UK, 2007) 3 min
- The Trophy (New Zealand, 2008) 11 min

Español Para Todos

77 minutes Ages 9 to 11 9:45 a.m. Thorne Auditorium

Laugh along with a cheery children's clown named Juan who can't get his rabbit to come out of the hat! Say 'yee-haw!' with Anibal, a young Kilihua boy from Mexico, as he shows us the fascinating tradition of wrangling his people have passed on for centuries. Score a goal with playful Pepe, who would rather pass the soccer ball with friends than help out at home for his sister's forthcoming Quinceañera festivities. You don't have to be bi-lingual to enjoy this Spanish language film fiesta!

- Life In Washington Heights (USA, 2007) 4 min
- Magic Juan (USA, 2007) 10 min
- Window To My Community: "Kilihuas" (Mexico, 2006) 9 min
- Feet, Why Do I Need Them? (Mexico, 2007) 2 min
- The Dry Tree (Spain, 2007) 13 min
- Light Feet, A Ramamuri Tale (Mexico, 2008) 14 min
- Titiriwe - El Canto De La Noche (Venezuela, 2007) 10 min
- Footballers: "My Sister's 15th Birthday" (Mexico, 2007) 15 min

Special thanks to:



International Short Film Program, *Window To My Community: "Kilihuas"*

Tuesday, October 28

Spirit of the Forest

Spain, 2008 75 minutes Ages 4 to 6 9:45 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14
Directed by David Rubin and Juan Carlos Pena



When a crooked entrepreneur wants to build a highway, the wicked Mrs. D'Abondo 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 and Linda rally their friends Cebolo, a transplanted

town gopher, Piorno the strong-headed mouse, mischievous flies Hu-Hu and Ho-Ho, and the Clan of the Free Cats (led by the conceited-but-brave Tiger) to save their home. When they all work together, can this motley crew of flora and fauna keep Mrs. D'Abondo away for good?

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Animated Feature



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Mozart In China

Austria, 2008 91 minutes Ages 8 to 10
10:15 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Bernd Neuburger

After a minor soccer injury, young Austrian Danny forms a bond with Lu Wei, a Chinese boy he meets in the hospital. When Lu Wei invites Danny to spend summer vacation at his grandfather's house in China, the fun begins! Upon hearing about the upcoming trip, Danny's elegant Mozart marionette stows away in his suitcase. Every night, the mischievous and talented Mozart comes alive to pursue new Asian melodies and

inspiration. When Lu Wei and Danny learn that Grandfather is in danger of losing his home, they decide to put on a show to raise money—with Mozart's help, of course! Watch as loyalty is tested, respect is earned, and shadow puppets are brought to life in this enchanting story that seamlessly brings together Chinese and Austrian culture and music!

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Hands Off Mississippi

Germany, 2007 98 minutes Ages 9 to 11
10:45 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Detlev Buck

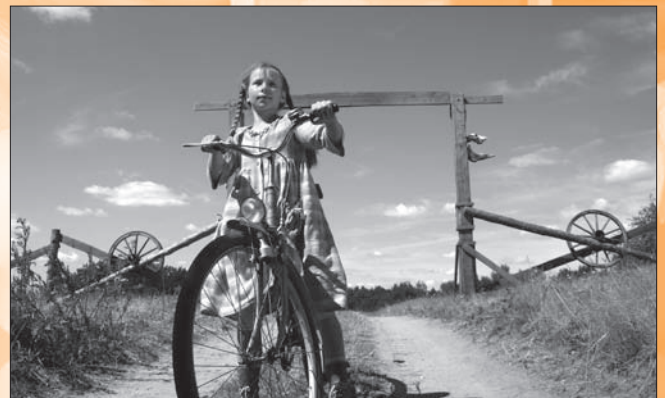


10-year-old Emma loves visiting her grandmother's farm every summer, where she spends happy times with human and animal friends in the little country town. But this summer is different—the evil Albert Klipperbusch is scheming to build a huge supermarket on the property now occupied by the charming local shops! Albert also plans to sell Emma's favorite horse, Mississippi. Despite Mississippi's reputation as a stubborn

and willful animal, Emma gains the horse's trust with the help of her practical and quick-witted grandmother Dolly. Can Emma save Mississippi and the town from the clutches of this unscrupulous businessman? Based on a popular children's novel by the "German J.K. Rowling," this journey through the picturesque countryside will teach you to always stand up for what is right!

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Live Action Feature

Christmas Story

Finland, 2007 80 minutes Ages 11 to 13
11:15 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Juha Wuolijoki

In a remote village in Lapland hundreds of years ago, the world's most enduring children's story was born. After little Nikolas is orphaned through a tragic accident, his fellow villagers decide to raise the boy together. Each family will take care of Nikolas for one year, and on Christmas Day, Nikolas will move to a new home. To express his gratitude, Nikolas begins making toys for the children of each family, and over the

years almost every house receives Christmas gifts on their doorstep. But one day, the village suffers a food shortage, and Nikolas must go work for the cruel carpenter Isakki, who hates children and forbids Nikolas to make any presents. Will Nikolas' time-honored tradition come to an end? This unique take on a beloved legend will restore your belief in the true meaning of Christmas.

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International Short Film Program,
Alien For Christmas

It's A Small World After All

74 minutes Ages 5 to 8 11:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

Ever notice how many different types of people there are in your neighborhood? This cozy shorts program celebrates the differences alongside the similarities of inhabitants on our diverse planet. A curmudgeonly cardhouse builder learns to share his home and heart when a loving little dog comes knocking. Extraterrestrials top the wish list of one little boy's Christmas desires. And a spider professes his love for the squirrel next door. It takes all kinds of people to fill our colorful world, proving that diversity is always beautiful!

Classical Baby (I'm Grown Up Now): How Do I Love Thee (USA, 2008) 2 min
Alien For Christmas (USA, 2007) 3 min
Squirrel Next Door (Canada, 2007) 1 min
The Cardhouse Builder and the Little Dog (Sweden, 2006) 8 min
Skylab is Falling! (USA, 2007) 7 min
The Tree Elves (China/Russia, 2008) 7 min
Toward A Theory of the Evolution of the Turkey (USA, 2007) 7 min
Tomboy (Canada, 2008) 14 min
His Good Will (Canada/USA, 2008) 11 min
The Bear is Coming (Latvia, 2008) 16 min

Proud to Be Me: Stories of African and African-American Children

78 minutes Ages 11 to 13 11:45 a.m. Thorne Auditorium

Enjoy each unique pick in this celebratory shorts program that showcases children of African descent. Follow two young Afro-Caribbean girls who explore and celebrate their identity through the ever-changing art of hair. Learn anew some deep rooted stories about African culture in a colorful animation inspired by spoken word poetry. Watch as the new kid in class makes some unexpected friends under the most unlikely circumstances. Together these films show what a special gift it can be to be you!

Hair We Are (UK, 2008) 6 min
His Good Will (Canada/USA, 2008) 11 min
Migrations (USA, 2007) 7 min
Hakim (Germany/Tanzania, 2008) 15 min
Pudge (Canada, 2008) 17 min
The Vulnerable Ones (Congo/USA, 2007) 14 min
New Boy (Ireland, 2007) 11 min

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International Short Film Program,
Pudge

31 Minutes, The Movie

Brazil/Chile/Spain, 2007 80 minutes Ages 5 to 8
9:45 a.m. Facets Cinema Directed by Pedro Peiroano and Alvaro Diaz



As the last of an exotic species called the Juanins, Juan Harry is very special. He works as a producer of the news show 31 Minutes—until one day, everything changes. Thanks to the conspiracy of malevolent animal collector Catirula Godan, Juan is suddenly captured and taken to an isolated island where Catirula lives in a castle with her army

of dolls. Luckily, Juan's loyal boss Tulio and the rest of the TV station's wacky employees have embarked on a frantic voyage to rescue their favorite coworker! This whimsical animated adventure will keep you on the edge of your seat as it teaches you about the value of freedom!



Animated Feature



Proud to Be Me: Stories of African and African-American Children

74 minutes Ages 8 to 10 9:45 a.m. Harold Washington Cultural Center



International Short Film Program, His Good Will

Journey through the eyes of seven special African and African American characters who aren't afraid to "tell it like it is". Revisit a bold act of American civil disobedience when one brave and beleaguered woman stood up by sitting down. Cheer for the new boy in school who lets his classmates know he's a force to be reckoned with. Smell the home cooking on Sunday afternoon as a family gathering reminds two parents that love is all you need.

- Hair We Are (UK, 2008) 6 min
- His Good Will (Canada/USA, 2008) 11 min
- Rosa (USA, 2007) 14 min
- Southern Cross (USA, 2008) 14 min
- The Night Before Christmas (USA, 2007) 6 min
- Hakim (Germany/Tanzania, 2008) 15 min
- New Boy (Ireland, 2007) 11 min

Special thanks to:



Nanhe Jaisalmer

India, 2007 109 minutes Ages 8 to 10
9:45 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Samir Karnik



Young Nanhe is everyone's favorite tour guide! He's only ten years old, but he speaks several languages and helps his family earn a living by giving camel rides to tourists in the town of Jaisalmer. Ever since a chance encounter with famous actor Bobby Deol many years before, Nanhe idolizes the celebrity—and it's a dream come true when Bobby comes to Jaisalmer for a movie

shoot. Bobby quickly befriends his fan, encouraging Nanhe to attend night school so that he can grow up to be an educated man. But is Bobby really all that he seems? Over the course of thirty days, Nanhe's life changes in ways he never thought possible as he learns to use his most powerful asset—his brain.

Special thanks to:



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Stella and the Star of the Orient

Germany, 2007 90 minutes Ages 9 to 11
10:15 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14

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!

Special thanks to:



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Live Action Feature

Little Greek Godfather

Greece, 2007 90 minutes Ages 11 to 12
10:45 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Olga Malea

In the summer of 1963, eleven-year-old Alex, the son of a famous Greek politician, is sent to the island of Crete to baptize the baby of a local supporter. Alex tries very hard to stand in for his father and be "the good son," but soon finds that this mission is much more difficult than he imagined. Raised in California, Alex struggles to memorize the Greek speech his father wrote for

him. He also must win the support of two feuding families, which requires brushing up on his manners and even eating snails! Luckily, Alex finds new friends in the local children—will he pull everything together in time to make his father proud?

Special thanks to:



Hamoon and Darya

Iran, 2008 86 minutes Ages 12 to 16
11:15 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Ebrahim Forouzesh

Fourteen-year-old Hamoon lives with his grandmother in the small Iranian village of PirDerakht, and plays the dotaar, a beautiful musical instrument requiring great skill. Seventeen-year-old Darya (which means "sea"), greatly admires Hamoon's gift for music, and finds her own joy in the art of weaving carpets. Darya and Hamoon become deeply attached to one another, much to the anger of Darya's older brother Toofan (which

means "storm".) Toofan wants Darya to marry the son of the village master and he'll stop at nothing to drive Hamoon out of the village! Will Hamoon and Darya's love survive family conflict, illness, and the prejudice of their community? This heartwarming tale of overcoming the odds will inspire you to cherish those who are most valuable to you.

Special thanks to:



Live Action Feature

Wednesday, October 29

Reel Poetry

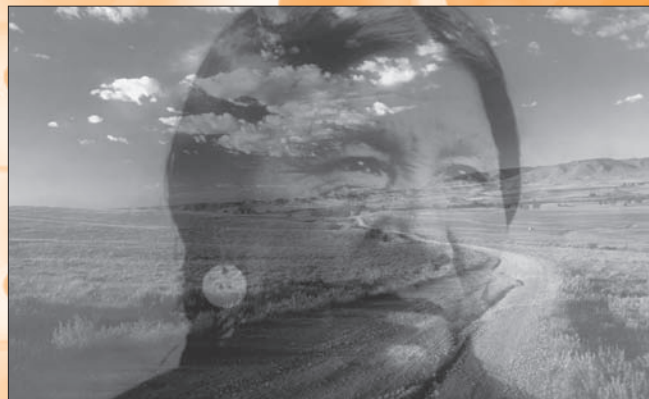
74 minutes Ages 11 to 13 11:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

Your students will celebrate the art of poetry with this rich array of short films based on contemporary poems! Supported by a special curriculum and trained teaching artists, Reel Poetry gives students experience in performing and writing poetry, while also teaching them to compare and contrast written and visual imagery.

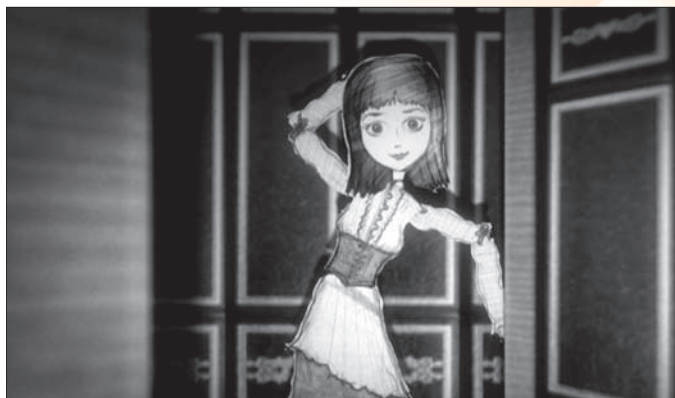
A thrilling montage of images brings to life an historic Eli Siegel poem and a beautifully animated film from Mexico explores the poetic journals of Frida Kahlo. "Migrations", by a young Latino poet, artfully juxtaposes visions of opulent trade goods bound for the Americas with the experiences

of slaves traveling on those same ships. Each "reel poem" is preceded by poetry performances, and followed by interactive discussions and creative exercises. This dynamic program of poetry-based short films will guide your students to discover the transformative power of poetry in their own lives.

Rhymes and Rubbish (Finland, 2007) 4 min
Migrations (USA, 2007) 7 min
Feet, Why Do I Need Them? (Mexico, 2007) 2 min
Hot Afternoons Have Been In Montana (USA, 2006) 13 min
Witherwood (USA, 2008) 8 min



International Short Film Program, *Hot Afternoons Have Been In Montana*



International Short Film Program, *Thank You Note*

Into The Looking Glass

77 minutes Ages 11 to 13
11:45 a.m. Harold Washington Cultural Center

Run life's obstacle course as a winner alongside the tough cookies in this collection of short films. Take a peek into a passerby's mind with two creative and curious co-workers. Explore your passion for learning with a ravenous reader who finds her sanctuary at the local library. Look on as a glamorous animal learn a lesson about looking in the mirror. By looking deep inside yourself you may find that the strength you were searching for is already within.

Thank You Note (USA, 2007) 2 min
Rhymes and Rubbish (Finland, 2007) 4 min
Zoologic (USA, 2007) 4 min
A Pickle (Canada, 2008) 12 min
Because You're Gorgeous (South Africa, 2007) 5 min
My Name Is Lisa (USA, 2007) 6 min
Sleeping Betty (Canada, 2007) 9 min
The Vulnerable Ones (Congo/USA, 2007) 14 min
Superhero Training Center: Cultural Awareness Day (USA, 2008) 6 min
First Bass (USA, 2007) 15 min

Thursday, October 30

Ricky Rapper

Finland, 2008 78 minutes Ages 8 to 10
9:45 a.m. Facets Cinema Directed by Mari Rantasila

Ricky likes living with his quirky Aunt Serena and loves playing drums. But things quickly change when Aunt Serena breaks her leg and cousin Fanny moves in to take care of the household. "Fanny the Freezer" is strict and orderly in all the ways that Aunt Serena was open and relaxed—and this means no drums for Ricky. With the help of his downstairs neighbor

Nelly Butterfly, Ricky seeks to restore order to the apartment and get his drums back! Join two musical friends on a mission to prove that a clean home can be a creative one, too!

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Live Action Feature

Big Kid Bonanza!

71 minutes Ages 5 to 8 9:45 a.m. Thorne Auditorium

Growing up sure comes with its share of hard work and headaches - but these young friends know it's all worth it in the end. Celebrate with Tomas as his soccer-inspired industriousness pays off. Bebop down a bustling city street where an unusual encounter with graffiti teaches a young man about the power of words. And do a jig with Ruby as she dances through the discovery that just being yourself is best! Take it from these guys, growing up can be quite the party!

The Word (USA, 2007) 1 min
 Ids (Canada, 2008) 2 min
 Nana (Australia, 2007) 6 min
 Things You Think: "Poor and Rich" (Denmark/Germany, 2007) 5 min
 Ruby Who? (Australia, 2007) 6 min
 The Cardboard Piano (USA, 2008) 8 min
 Footballers: "Goal For Rent" (Mexico, 2007) 13 min
 Max's Words (USA, 2007) 12 min
 Stella and the Storks (Germany, 2007) 21 min

Special thanks to:



International Short Film Program, Ruby Who?

Amazon Jack 3 – Jungo Goes Bananas

Denmark, 2007 72 minutes Ages 5 to 10

9:45 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14

Directed by Jorgen Lerdam and Flemming Quist Moller



Animated Feature

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!

Where Is Winky's Horse?

Netherlands, 2007 83 minutes Ages 7 to 9

10:15 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 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!

Special thanks to:



Live Action Feature

Thursday, October 30

Red Zora

Germany/Sweden, 2007 99 minutes Ages 11 to 13
10:45 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Peter Kahane

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?

Special thanks to:



Live Action Feature

Please Vote For Me

China, 2007 66 minutes Ages 9 to 13
11:15 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Weijun Chen



Live Action Feature

This eye-opening documentary centers on a simple social experiment: a third-grade class in modern-day China hold a democratic election to determine who the classroom monitor will be. Soon, three candidates emerge: tough Luo Lei, regarded as a class leader and bully; pudgy Cheng Cheng, who deliberately plans every step of his campaign; and shy but ambitious Xiafei. These three young children throw themselves into

the election—cooking up plots to topple other candidates, enlisting fellow students as political consultants, and modifying their own behavior around potential supporters. Who will win the coveted title of classroom monitor? And more importantly, what will these students learn about the role of democracy in the world around them?

Shown with: Noise Control (New Zealand, 2008) 11 min

Special thanks to:



Master Minds

75 minutes Ages 11 to 13 11:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

Navigating around a sticky situation can be tough - but take a few cues from these primo problem solvers and you'll be on your way to becoming a master. Achieve great heights with a wacky weatherman who refuses to go with the flow. Stick with two bumbling bullies who target the wrong old-timer. Seek a solution with two teen girls who know there is more to their heritage than headscarves and religious holidays. With perseverance, insight and a little elbow grease, the challenges in our lives don't seem so tricky after all!

- The Weatherman (UK, 2007) 3 min
- Scarves, Crosses and Incense: "Ep. 4" (Finland, 2007) 4 min
- Noise Control (New Zealand, 2008) 11 min
- Run (New Zealand, 2007) 15 min
- Because You're Gorgeous (South Africa, 2007) 5 min
- Newsround on Knives (UK, 2008) 10 min
- Funglasses (Germany, 2006) 8 min
- Superhero Training Center: "Cultural Awareness Day" (USA, 2008) 6 min
- Easy Pickins (USA, 2007) 13 min

Special thanks to:

The Albert Pick, Jr. Fund



International Short Film Program, Superhero Training Center: "Cultural Awareness Day"

Green Screen

77 minutes Ages 9 to 11 11:45 a.m. Thorne Auditorium

Having respect for where we live keeps our planet beautiful and strong. Just like when your mom tells you to keep your room tidy, Mother Earth wants us to keep her spaces clean and healthy, too. Follow along as we learn why wasting water is all washed up. Bug-out when you hear that some of humanity's most valuable inventions are based on the behavior of bugs! And partner up with a plain little penguin named Pauly who realizes the value of being himself when his greedy keepers push him to turn a profit.

Don't Let It All Unravel (UK, 2007) 2 min
 The Bushman of Bunyip Billabong (Australia, 2006) 3 min
 Plow Day (USA, 2007) 2 min
 Polemos (Russia, 2008) 4 min
 Papiroflexia (USA, 2007) 3 min
 Nine-And-A-Half: "Water" (Germany, 2007) 10 min
 Let Them Grow! (France, 2008) 8 min
 Smalltalk Diaries: "Inventors" (UK, 2008) 15 min
 Plain and Simple (USA, 2007) 30 min

Special thanks to:



International Short Film Program, *Let Them Grow!*

Friday, October 31



International Short Film Program, *Elephants*

Animal Antics

73 minutes Ages 5 to 8 9:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

The crazy critters in this collection of short films know that treating others as you would like to be treated is the golden rule. Chase after an enterprising family of bugs as they escape an enthusiastic entomologist. Join the revolt in a strict zoo whose keeper is forced to shape up. And spread your wings with an unlikely thief who sees the error of his ways. Whether you have scales, feathers or fur, being kind to one another is topdog.

Classical Baby (I'm Grown Up Now): Skylark (USA, 2008) 2 min
 Zoologic (USA, 2007) 4 min
 Toward A Theory of the Evolution of the Turkey (USA, 2007) 7 min
 Carrot on the Beach (Estonia, 2008) 6 min
 Elephants (UK, 2008) 13 min
 The New Species (Latvia, 2008) 9 min
 Butterflies (USA, 2007) 16 min
 Once A Crow (Iran, 2006) 18 min

Special thanks to:

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No Bones About It!

72 minutes Ages 11 to 13
 9:45 a.m. Harold Washington Cultural Center

Join us for some ghoulish good times with this chilling collection of Halloween hair-raisers in honor of our favorite holiday! Adventure deep into the dark forest at night under the haunting glow of eerie eyes. Discover why everyone is so "grey" in a ghost town whose only remaining inhabitants are kids. Watch as a young aristocrat with an old family curse finds himself in over his head out at sea. This shorts program is definitely more treat than trick!

Lost Monster Hop (Canada, 2007) 1 min
 Run Away Home (USA, 2007) 3 min
 The Nightwood (USA, 2008) 4 min
 Funglasses (Germany, 2006) 8 min
 Sainte Barbe (Canada/Switzerland, 2007) 8 min
 Hugo (Australia, 2007) 15 min
 Witherwood (USA, 2008) 8 min
 We Who Stayed Behind (Denmark, 2008) 25 min



International Short Film Program, *Hugo*

Friday, October 31

Quest For A Heart

Finland, 2007 80 minutes Ages 6 to 9

9:45 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 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, Roll 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!



Animated Feature



Live Action Feature

Stella and the Star of the Orient

Germany, 2007 90 minutes Ages 9 to 11

10:15 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14

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!

The Ghost in the Swamp

Croatia, 2006 90 minutes Ages 10 to 12

10:45 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Branko Istvancic



Brother and sister Miron and Melita can't wait to visit their friend Zoltan on the island of Kopacevo for winter vacation. On the night they arrive, however, Miron and Melita get much more than they bargained for. A boy named Halasz is found half-frozen at the edge of a swamp, where he claims he encountered a mysterious white ghost. Thanks to a wise old woman in the village, Miron, Melita and Zoltan soon locate

the white ghost and discover her plans for the island. As the three friends bargain with the white ghost, they must rely on their brainpower, teamwork and knowledge of nature to make Halasz well again. Expect the unexpected with these three heroes as they swallow their fear, overcome obstacles, and learn the importance of protecting the environment and all who share it.



Live Action Feature

The Ten Lives of Titanic the Cat

Norway, 2007 74 minutes Ages 11 to 13
11:15 a.m. Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Grethe Boe

Do you dare to follow the black cat? Twelve-year-old Liv is ecstatic when she receives a very special birthday present, but a series of mysterious occurrences threaten her happiness. Upon further investigation, Liv and her best friend Thomas find a secret room in her basement, complete with a yellow-eyed black cat who appears out of nowhere! Liv also begins to experience strange visions from a time long past—are they

related to a catastrophe that happened over 100 years ago? When adults refuse to believe them, it's up to Liv and Thomas—and their furry friend—to unlock the secrets of the past and prove that there is always more than you see at first glance.

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International Short Film Program,
Home Away From Home

Keepin' It Cool

71 minutes Ages 8 to 10 11:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

When the pressure is on, how do you keep your cool? Problem-solving and conflict resolution skills are put to the test in these nine short films. See a headstrong little penguin test the patience of a fussy, controlling zookeeper. Find inspiration in the uplifting story of the friendship between a courageous boy and an understanding butterfly. Observe a warthog overcome the hilarious consequences of vanity in the scorching savannah sun. When things get hot under the collar, keeping a cool head is always the right move!

Thank You Note (USA, 2007) 2 min
Zoologic (USA, 2007) 4 min
Big Electric Light (USA, 2008) 5 min
Wings of EPOH (USA, 2008) 7 min
Collectibles (USA, 2007) 12 min
Because You're Gorgeous (South Africa, 2007) 5 min
Home Away From Home (Finland, 2008) 15 min
Moustafa's Secret (Canada, 2008) 12 min
New Boy (Ireland, 2007) 11 min

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World's Fair

71 minutes Ages 8 to 10 11:45 a.m.
Harold Washington Cultural Center

Meet people from around the world --from Japan and India to Africa and Iran -- in this globe-spanning collection of shorts! Watch a young archer from India learn concentration and discipline skills that will make him a hero. Follow two Afro-Caribbean girls who discover strength and empowerment in their cultural heritage. Chart a boy's mischievous, and eye-opening experiences in a Japanese Buddhist temple. Though the locales may be diverse, the collective experiences ring true for us all.

Arjuna (USA, 2006) 3 min
Hair We Are (UK, 2007) 6 min
Crane and Digger (Germany, 2008) 4 min
Shikashika (Peru/USA, 2007) 10 min
The Nostril of Buddha (Japan, 2008) 5 min
Nine-and-a-half: "G8 Summit - Help For Africa?"(Germany, 2007) 10 min
Journey Through the Palace Museum: "Beauty Contest" (Taiwan, 2007) 7 min
The Bird Who Could Tell Fortunes (Denmark, 2007) 26 min

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