2009 WEEKEND SCHEDULE

October 22 - November 1, 2009
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Welcome to the 26th 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 260 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 Movies 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.

World Premiere
North American Premiere
United States Premiere
Chicago Premiere

Filmmaker Appearances
The CICFF welcomes over 100 filmmakers and celebrities each year. If a filmmaker is present for their screening, there will be a Q&A following the screening.

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 your screening, be sure to cast your vote for the “Best of Fest” award. The “Best of Fest” winner is announced at the American Airlines Closing Night Awards Presentation Sunday, November 1.

Concessions
Concessions are available at all weekend Festival venues.

Admission
Regular Admission to Screenings
$6.00 for children
$9.00 for adults
Programs are in high demand and seating is limited. Program seating is ONLY guaranteed with advance ticket purchase through Ticketweb.

Advance Ticket Sales available at Ticketweb
www.ticketweb.com or by telephone at 1-866-468-3401
(Regular admission prices only. Additional fees will apply.)

Special/Discounted Ticket Prices
FREE – Patron Circle Membership Pass
Must present membership card at box office.

For more information on becoming a Facets Patrons Circle member, please visit www.facetsmovies.com or call 773-281-9075.

Group Screenings
Discounts for Groups of 25 or more are available. Contact Group Sales Coordinator at 773-281-9075, or email fltrips@facets.org for more information.

Questions?
Contact “Kidsfest” at 773-281-9075, ext. 3011 kidsfest@facets.org or visit www.cicff.org

Useful hints

Locations and Parking:

FACETS CINEMA
1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago
Unmetered street parking!

BANK OF AMERICA CINEMA
4901 W. Irving Park, Chicago
Theater is in back of building. Turn on Lavergne to get to theater and huge free parking lot!

WILMETTE THEATRE
1122 Central Ave., Wilmette
Metered and unmetered street parking!
TAKE ONE! WORKSHOPS

Workshop space is limited and REGISTRATION MUST BE DONE IN ADVANCE. Please call “Kidsfest” 773-281-9075 ext. 3011 or visit www.cicff.org for reservations and information. Workshop fees are non-refundable.

DREAM SCREEN II-ANIMATION WORKSHOP
Saturday, Oct. 24 and Sunday, Oct. 25 (Must attend both days.)
Noon to 4 p.m.
Facets Lounge
1517 W. Fullerton Ave.,
Chicago
Fee $75 - For ages 11 to 14

Join a professional animator and dive into the fun and excitement of creating an animated stop-motion film. This intensive hands-on animation workshop gives you the opportunity to brainstorm story ideas, create your own animation cut-out 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!

STOP-MOTION MAGIC: WITH THE CREATORS OF CORALINE!
Saturday, October 31
Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Facets Lounge
1517 W. Fullerton Ave.,
Chicago
Fee $50 – For ages 10 to 14

Get behind the scenes of stop-motion puppet animation with the creators of the film Coraline, LAIKA Animation Studios! Join Puppet Fabrication Supervisor Georgina Hayns, as she presents this hands-on stop-motion workshop featuring the fundamentals of puppet making and animation. Each participant will have an opportunity to animate a short sequence with a LAIKA production figure and have a chance to see the intricate detail of some Coraline production puppets.

YOU’VE GOT TALENT! AN AUDITIONING WORKSHOP
Saturday, October 24
Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Stewart Talent
58 W. Huron St., Chicago
Fee: $20 - For ages 8 to 12

Want to be an actor or model? Think you’ve got what it takes to make it in Hollywood? Join Stewart Talent Agent, Jenny Wilson and Kim Williams of Chicago’s O’Connor Casting for this fast-track auditioning workshop. Join us for an engaging workshop where you’ll have a blast practicing your pitch for stage, film and commercials and find out from a real casting director what they look for in a good audition. See your audition on videotape and get feedback from the best in the business on how to make that big impression that will take you from sidewalk to screen!

CARToON CHARACTer cREAtION
Sunday, October 25
Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Calabash Animation Studios
657 W. Ohio St., Chicago
Fee $20 – For ages 10 to 14

A great cartoon starts with great characters! Learn character development, character design, and the basics of hand-drawn animation from the ground up in this informative and self-expressive hands-on workshop lead by 40-year veteran art director, Jim Nawrocki. If you like to draw or write, this workshop is for you! Plus, kids will tour Calabash Animation Studios, a premiere Chicago-based animation studio which specializes in hand-drawn, stop-motion, and computer based work for commercials & film.

ACTING THE PART! WITH ALIMI BALLARD
Saturday, October 31
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Facets Multi-Media
1517 W. Fullerton Ave.,
Chicago
Fee $20 - For ages 9-14

Alimi Ballard (Numb3rs, Cartoon Network's The Super Hero Squad Show, Deep Impact) takes you through the process of acting for the camera in movies, television, commercials, TV, and in theater. Born and raised in the Bronx, New York, Alimi Ballard began his acting career while in high school. He has been inspiring young people with his story and experience ever since. Join Mr. Ballard as he talks about what it’s like to realize your dreams.

SOUND OFF! ONE, TWO....
Sunday, November 1
Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Bosco Productions
160 E. Grand Ave., Suite 600, Chicago
Fee $20 - For ages 9 to 14

Having great sound is crucial to a great movie. Sound tells you where to look, how to feel and sometimes leaves an impression that is longer lasting than the images of the film itself. Let Angelo Bosco of Bosco Productions teach you the basics of how sound design, production, recording and mixing work in TV & film. Kids will remix the sound & record new voice tracks to an animated film seen at the 2009 Chicago International Children’s Film Festival, with the film’s director!
SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET
Saturday, October 24 • 9:30 a.m. • Facets Cinema • 63 minutes • Ages 2 to 5
All it takes is the helping hand of a good friend to see the bright side of a situation! Frederic and his elephant Dodi are inseparable best friends until the Principal bans elephants in school. Young Draco learns a valuable lesson in trial and error while finding the perfect present. Samuel, Rudy, and Muffin are in a race against time to return a lost baby mouse to his family before the holidays. When raindrops fall, remember that your friends are always waiting to help you warm up and dry off on the sunny side of the street!

Miro: “Flower” (USA, 2009) 2 min
Carsten & Gitte’s Movie Madness: “Otto & the Pacifier” (Denmark, 2008) 6 min
Draco: “Present” (UK, 2008) 4 min
Tucky Tales: “Elephant” (UK, 2009) 5 min
Tiny Steps (Finland, 2008) 2 min
Nulli & Priesen: “The Toad Chorus” (Germany, 2008) 5 min

BEST BUDDIES
Saturday, October 24 • 11:00 a.m. • Facets Cinema • 62 minutes • Ages 2 to 5
Where would you be without your play pals? The characters in these touching short films stand up tall with the support of their loved ones. Miro has a whale of a problem on his hands—can a simple solution turn his blubbering buddy’s frown upside down? Luc is a bashful bug who needs a helping hand from his new friend Lucy if he wants to let his inner light shine bright. Enterprising Puppy plans to win Miss Duck’s heart on Valentine’s Day with a sweet surprise! These fast friends stand by one another through thick and thin.

Miro: “Flower” (USA, 2009) 2 min
The Show with the Elephant: “Cat Choir” (Germany, 2008) 2 min
Rainbow-colored Love Letters (Japan, 2009) 5 min
The Adventures of Pim and Pom: “Adventurers” (Netherlands, 2008) 5 min
Valteri the Blue Whale (Finland, 2008) 4 min
Glow (Canada/USA, 2009) 3 min
Owl and Rabbit Play Checkers (USA, 2009) 6 min

FRIENDS & FAMILY FIRST
Saturday, October 24 • 1:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 75 minutes • Ages 5 to 8
We all have big goals, but our dreams would fall flat without the support of our family and friends. Tempers flare and music blares when Fluffy the operatic cat objects to the groovy alley cats. An adventurous armadillo conquers the dangerous border crossing to feed his growing new family back home. The unlikely crew of the Royal Racket are on the move to seek epic adventures, and their newest crew member is out of this world. You can always count on your loved ones to help you follow your dreams!

Furtissimo (USA, 2009) 3 min
Fishing With Sam (Norway, 2009) 6 min
No, No, No! – The Hat (Finland, 2007) 7 min
Laban and the Little Ghost: “Mother Ghost Has the Hiccups” (Sweden, 2008) 8 min
The Border Armadillo (Mexico, 2009) 8 min

KIDS ROCK!
Saturday, October 24 • 3:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 74 minutes • Ages 8 to 10
This collection of cool shorts will have you marching to the beat of a different drummer. A drowsy schoolgirl gets a real surprise when her dream takes her back in time! The talkative mouse is a larger-than-life storyteller whose tallest tales come true. Alexander is supposed to stick to the classics for his recital, but his flare for improvisation proves irresistible. Keep up with these clever characters and you’ll discover possibilities you never imagined!

Enter the Sandbox (Canada, 2009) 3 min
Gideon the Great: The Flying Ace (USA, 2008) 7 min
Skool Daze (UK, 2008) 10 min
Hothouse 5: “Git Gob” (Canada, 2008) 2 min
Live Music (USA, 2009) 6 min

THE SHOW WITH THE ELEPHANT
Third & Bird: “A Very Squooky Christmas”
CUTTING HEDGE ANIMATION

Saturday, October 24 • 5:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 82 minutes • Ages 11 to 15

Amazing animators at the top of their game created these edgy, surprising shorts. A battle of wits (and fonts) erupts in the Alpha Apartment Complex when the Times and the Graffiti refuse to see “I to I“. A groovy great grandma finds a new love interest that is out of this world. Guri and Gursjen are both rebels with a cause—but what they really need is a friend to share their punk-rock revolution. Get ready for animation like you’ve never seen it before!

The Hidden Life of the Burrowing Owl (USA, 2008) 6 min
Engine 371 (Canada, 2008) 9 min
Peter’s Principle (Germany, 2007) 5 min
Live Music (USA, 2009) 6 min
Alpha Beta Complex (Canada, 2009) 7 min

BANK OF AMERICA CINEMA

Saturday, October 24 • 10:00 a.m. • Bank of America Cinema • 60 minutes • Ages 2 to 5

Explore many beautiful worlds with the fascinating characters in this collection of short films. Solve a mystery in the magical land of Saari. Help Kattan and Chicchi save the day from darkness when Mr. Sun’s bright mane is shattered to pieces. Then join young Art as his wonderful artwork takes him on a special ride. Even the happiest folks can benefit from a touch of color to brighten up their day!

Saari: “The Pompom” (Spain, 2009) 4 min
Tiny Steps (Finland, 2008) 2 min
Tah-Dah (Canada/USA, 2009) 3 min
Glow (Canada/USA, 2009) 3 min
Puppy’s Super Delicious Valentine’s Day Biscuits (USA, 2009) 3 min
Rainbow-colored Love Letters (Japan, 2009) 5 min
Carsten & Gittes Movie Madness: “Otto & the Pacifier” (Denmark, 2008) 6 min

FRIENDS FOREVER

Saturday, October 24 • 11:30 a.m. • Bank of America Cinema • Germany/France/Italy, 2008 • 75 minutes • Ages 5 to 8 • Directed by Tony Doeses and Jasper Mölle

Johnny Mouse is down on his luck. Out of work and in need of a big change, Johnny moves to the small village of Mullewapp to start fresh. Just when he begins to get settled in to his cozy new life, someone kidnaps the farm’s pride and joy, a beautiful little sheep named Cloud. It is up to Johnny and his two new friends—the cockerel Franz von Hahn and the pig Waldemar—to use all of their bravery, might and cunning to save her from the Wolf. Grab your magnifying glass and help these unlikely detectives solve the case in this international collaboration adapted from the illustrated children’s book by Helme Heine.

MAKE SOME MAGIC

Saturday, October 24 • 1:30 p.m. • Bank of America Cinema • 73 minutes • Ages 5 to 8

Magic, mystery, and make-believe drive these clever characters in this special Halloween program! Young Decklin fears his first visit to Dr. Fright might be his last. The butterflies and fairies team up to save the Fairies’ Garden from the scheming lizard and wicked hen. Some furry friends find a mysterious spring with special powers. Let your imagination soar with this scintillating collection of short films.

Magic Wand (Turkey, 2008) 1 min
Snuggle Time (USA, 2008) 6 min
The Fairies’ Garden (Spain, 2008) 7 min
Decklin and the Dentist (USA, 2009) 6 min
A Fishing Bear (Finland, 2008) 6 min
Laban the Little Ghost: “Lost in the Woods” (Sweden, 2008) 8 min
Magic Water (Latvia, 2009) 10 min
The Dream Creatures (Denmark, 2009) 12 min
The King of the Island (Italy, 2009) 17 min
LITTLE ROBBERS
Saturday, October 24 • 3:30 p.m. • Bank of America Cinema • Austria/Latvia, 2009 • 80 minutes • Ages 5 to 8 • Directed by Armands Zvirbulis
When life throws you a curveball, you sometimes have to think outside the box to keep the ball in play! This is the challenge for five-year-old Robby and seven-year-old Louisa, whose world is turned upside-down when their father loses his job. Their family moves into the cramped confines of their grandparents’ home, and for young Robby, there seems to be only one solution. Robby convinces a reluctant Louisa to join his clever scheme, confident that together they can achieve almost anything. With pluck, problem solving and planning, the two almost achieve their goal before they have a change of heart. With a new and honest goal in sight, Robby and Louisa discover their talents for playing it straight.

STORYTIME ADVENTURES
Sunday, October 25 • 9:30 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 60 minutes • Ages 2 to 5
Immerse yourself in adventure and enchantment with this exciting collection of films. Young Egé has a powerful magic wand for making wishes. Molly Monster discovers her dad is more scared of the dentist than she is. One squirrel’s sassy guitar-playing leads to a furry philharmonic in the forest. When you let your imagination soar, there are no limits to the fun you will have!

BEST FOOT FORWARD
Sunday, October 25 • 11:00 a.m. • Facets Cinema • 71 minutes • Ages 5 to 8
Step up to the plate with these charming characters as they dive into fun. When the heat turns up, two plucky penguins get creative to find a new home where they can play it cool. Priesemut the frog wants to croak his heart out with the toad chorus, but he has to take his tune in a new direction. Pig’s peaceful playtime is transformed when he encounters a lovely piglet from the big city. When you start out with your best foot forward, a happy ending is sure to follow!

MY TIME TO SHINE
Sunday, October 25 • 1:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 77 minutes • Ages 8 to 10
These characters know they have what it takes, all they need is their chance to shine! One young girl dreams of singing her way to stardom, but this little diva needs to stop dreaming and start believing! According to an age-old T’linget myth, the clever crow and the clumsy chicken hawk helped humans prepare the world’s first home-cooked meal. Young Dédé definitely has something to bark about when his parents decide he can’t have a dog. When you believe in yourself there’s no end to the amazing things you can accomplish!
**WALLACE AND GROMIT AND FRIENDS**

**Sunday, October 25 • 5:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 92 minutes • Ages 10+**

**A MATTER OF LOAF AND DEATH**

UK, 2008 • 29 minutes • Ages 10+ • Directed by Nick Park

Wallace and Gromit are back in top form! Wallace’s new venture is ‘Top Bun’, a thriving bakery business that delivers ‘dough to door’. While on a delivery one morning, they chance upon Piella Bakewell and her dog Fluffles who are careening out of control on a bicycle. Wallace rescues the pair moments before they tumble into the zoo’s crocodile enclosure. Romance is in the air, but mystery is afoot in Wallace and Gromit’s little village—the press are reporting the demise of a twelfth local baker! Ever watchful, Gromit grows concerned for his master’s safety when he discovers some sinister evidence at Piella’s home....

**Shown With:**
- Furtissimo (USA, 2009) 3 min
- The Hidden Life of the Burrowing Owl (USA, 2008) 6 min
- The Mouse that Soared (USA, 2009) 6 min
- Gerald’s Last Day (USA, 2008) 13 min
- Lost and Found (UK, 2008) 24 min

**BANK OF AMERICA CINEMA**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**4901 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago**

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**Seven Days of the Week (I Never Go to Work)** (USA, 2007) 2 min
- A Little Symphony in the Forest (Japan, 2009) 3 min
- Magic Wand (Turkey, 2008) 1 min
- The Show with the Mouse: “Halloween” (Germany, 2008) 2 min
- Miro: “Flower” (USA, 2009) 2 min
- Cuddlies: “Fancy Dress Party” (UK, 2008) 6 min
- The Show with the Elephant: “Bunny and Elephant Paint Each Other’s Bottoms” (Germany, 2008) 2 min
- The Happy Duckling (UK, 2008) 9 min
- Tiny Steps (Finland, 2008) 2 min
- Aqua Melodies (USA, 2009) 4 min
- Booo (Sweden, 2009) 7 min
- Ted Sieger’s Molly Monster (Switzerland/Germany/Sweden, 2009) 5 min
- The Little Crow with the Naked Bottom (Netherlands, 2008) 5 min
- Pig’s Happiness (Latvia, 2009) 10 min

**PRINCESS LILLIFEE**

**Sunday, October 25 • 11:30 a.m. • Bank of America Cinema • Germany, 2009**

70 minutes • Ages 4 to 6 • Directed by Ansgar Niebuhr

In the enchanted kingdom of Pinkovia, the fairy Princess Lillifee rules with a magic hand. Everywhere she travels, she leaves behind a blissful trail of pink butterflies and glistening stars for everyone’s enjoyment. But not everyone is content in Pinkovia—the mischievous Fairies of Pinkle have been up to no good. Now, the Farmer Pixies, the Fisher Elves and the Mermaids want to leave the kingdom! It is up to Princess Lillifee and her closest friends to restore the gentle harmony of her wonderful kingdom. This whimsical and enchanting fairy-tale is sure to delight the young and the young-at-heart.
WORLD OF FUN  
Sunday, October 25 • 1:30 p.m. • Bank of America Cinema • 71 minutes • Ages 5 to 8
We can seek adventure high and low, but sometimes excitement has its own way of finding us! Fishtronaut, Zeek, and Marina have a “fintastic” good time when they set out to repair the abandoned toy car in the garden. Miro needs to find a way to comfort the whale who has become his newest friend. One little boy is determined to return a lost penguin to its distant home—even if that means rowing all of the way to the South Pole on his own! No matter where you live, there are always exciting adventures to be found!

One Small Step (USA, 2009) 3 min  
Angel Waltraut Can’t Fly (Germany, 2007) 6 min  
Laban the Little Ghost: “Lost in the Woods” (Sweden, 2008) 8 min  
Spot and Splodge in Snowstorm (Sweden, 2008) 8 min

FISHTRONAUT: “The Case of the Lost Toy”  
(Brazil, 2009) 11 min  
The Young Detectives: “World of Imagination”  
(Norway, 2008) 11 min  
Lost and Found (UK, 2008) 24 min

FROGS AND TOADS  
Sunday, October 25 • 3:30 p.m. • Bank of America Cinema • Netherlands, 2009  
70 minutes • Ages 6 to 9 • Directed by Simone van Dusseldorp
When Max’s big brother Jannus goes into the hospital to have his tonsils removed, Max embarks on a fantastic quest. Jannus is convinced that he will never speak again without the aid of “frogspawn” and he gives young Max the mission of finding frog eggs in the wild. With his friend Jesse by his side, Max sets out into nature to save the day. Will they succeed in finding the “frogspawn” and saving Jannus’ voice? Come along for the ride as Max and Jesse discover the hidden treasures of nature in this gripping tale of dedication, determination, and adventure.

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**Facets Cinema**
1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago

**Saturday, October 31**

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**Twists and Turns**
Saturday, October 31 • 1:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 75 minutes • Ages 8 to 10
These cool characters always have a helpful trick up their sleeves! For a baby mouse taken in by cheerful bluebirds, learning to fly has its ups and downs. Two boys refuse to believe the not-so-tall-tale of their father defeating Dracula, until he discovers a sure-fire way to defeat their doubts. Matthew and Manson are meticulous monster-hunters, but the corner-cutting tactics of their rivals will put them out of a job unless they can find their edge fast. Come along with this colorful manegerie and join the adventure!

- The Mouse that Soared (USA, 2009) 6 min
- Weight of the World (USA, 2009) 6 min
- Matt’s Monsters (France, 2008) 13 min
- Peer Pressure (USA, 2008) 11 min

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**World of Fun**
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**Imagine That!**
Saturday, October 31 • 5:00 p.m. • Facets Cinema • 75 minutes • Ages 8 to 10
This fantastic collection of short films will delight thrill-seekers of all ages. One fired-up dragon lets his sweet-tooth get the better of his “killer” instincts. When young Markus’ musical plans backfire, he discovers that there is almost nothing a little otherworldly advice can’t fix. Jill Hopkins has her work cut out for her if she hopes to find the hidden treasure of Skull Rock before Captain Scabb makes her walk the plank. Hold on to your popcorn during this special Halloween program, it will definitely be a wild ride!

- Nian Monster (Taiwan, 2008) 2 min
- The Missing Sock (New Zealand, 2007) 3 min
- Thunder and Lightening (Canada, 2009) 6 min
- The Curse of Skull Rock (UK, 2007) 12 min

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**Sunny Side of the Street**
Saturday, October 31 • 10:00 a.m. • Facets Cinema • 63 minutes • Ages 2 to 5
All it takes is a little extra effort and the helping hand of a good friend to see the bright side of every situation! Frederic and his elephant Dodi are inseparable best friends, but the Principal’s ban on elephants in school threatens to pull them apart! Young Draco learns a valuable lesson in trial and error while finding the perfect present. Samuel, Rudy, and Muffin are in a race against time to return a lost baby mouse to his family before the holidays. When raindrops fall, remember that your friends are always waiting to help you warm up and dry off on the sunny side of the street!

- Miro: “Flower” (USA, 2009) 2 min
- Carsten & Gitte’s Movie Madness: “Otto & the Pacifier” (Denmark, 2008) 6 min
- Draco: “Present” (UK, 2008) 4 min
- Tucky Tales: “Elephant” (UK, 2009) 5 min
- Tiny Steps (Finland, 2008) 2 min
- Nulli & Prioseumut: “The Toad Chorus” (Denmark, 2008) 5 min
- The Sad Fate of Tin Tibble (Finland, 2008) 5 min
- Red & Blue (USA, 2008) 5 min
- Frederic and his Elephant (Taiwan, 2009) 3 min
- Carsten & Gitte’s Movie Madness: “Pinkie” (Denmark, 2008) 7 min
- Third & Bird: “A Very Squooky Christmas” (UK, 2008) 19 min

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**Wilmotte Theatre**
1122 Central Ave., Wilmette

**Saturday, October 31**

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**World Premiere**
Lost and Found

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**Kids come in your Halloween costume and get a free small popcorn! (Wilmette only)**
THE HAPPY CRICKET AND THE GIANT BUGS

Hand in hand

Hand in hand
Saturday, October 31 • 12:00 p.m. • Wilmette Theatre • 74 minutes • Ages 5 to 8
Tag along as these chipper characters discover the value of true friendship. When close friends move away from one another, it takes a special promise sealed in a bottle to rekindle their friendship. Two balloons, Red and Blue, race every single day, but Blue doesn’t like being bullied by Red and decides to take matters into his own strings. A humble pawn defends a queen and wins her heart by changing the rules of the game. There is no better way to go about your day than with a true friend by your side!

Hungarian Folk Tales: “The Wee King”
(Hungary, 2008) 8 min

The Young Detectives: “Compass of Love”
(Norway, 2008) 9 min

Check Date, An Underdog Love Story
(USA, 2008) 5 min

Laban and the Little Ghost: “Big”
(Sweden, 2008) 7 min

Angel Waltraut Can’t Fly
(Germany, 2007) 6 min

THE MISSING LYNX

The missing lynx
Saturday, October 31 • 12:30 p.m. • Wilmette Theatre • Spain, 2008
97 minutes • Ages 8 to 10 • Directed by Raúl García
Eccentric millionaire, Noah hires the world-renowned hunter Newmann to collect two animals of every species to be held in his own personal collection. Fighting to outrun Newmann and save their captured companions, Felix, Gus, Astarte, Beeety, and Ruppert join forces to form an unlikely team of misfits. To save the day and his beloved lynxette, Felix the lynx must overcome his supreme streak of bad luck and outwit Newmann and his band of henchmen. The hunters and hunted collide head-on in the climactic moments of his exciting game of survival, heroism, and unlikely friendships. In his first ever animated project, producer Antonio Banderas utilizes the best in computer animation to create this clever and exciting eco-adventure.

SECRETS AND SURPRISES

Secrets and surprises
Saturday, October 31 • 2:00 p.m. • Wilmette Theatre • 75 minutes • Ages 8 to 10
With an open heart and an honest nature we can keep our bearings no matter how many surprises come our way. Adam Avenger creates a master plan to recapture his mom’s attention and save the day. Gerald needs to shape up and let his inner-pooch shine if he hopes to find a new owner before his time at the pound runs out. The girls are definitely not worried about cooties as they prepare for their big showdown against the boys on the soccer field. This program is bursting with surprises and twists galore to keep you guessing what comes next!

Tah-Dah (Canada/USA, 2009) 3 min
Complementary in Every Way (USA, 2009) 3 min
Listen to Me (Hungary, 2008) 4 min
Aladdin’s Journey (UK, 2008) 4 min
Red & Blue (USA, 2008) 5 min
Frog (Sweden, 2008) 8 min
A Bottled Promise (Canada, 2009) 5 min
Carsten & Gitte’s Movie Madness: “Pinkie”
(Denmark, 2008) 7 min

Adam Avenger (Canada, 2008) 14 min
Gerald’s Last Day (USA, 2008) 13 min
Girls (Germany, 2008) 20 min
THE LETTER FOR THE KING
Saturday, October 31 • 4:00 p.m. • Wilmette Theatre • Netherlands, 2008
107 minutes • Ages 11 to 13 • Directed by Pieter Verhoeff
Sixteen-year-old squire Tiuri is about to achieve his cherished dream of becoming a knight. But when he discovers a mysterious courier who has been ambushed in the woods, he risks his own future as a knight and promises to deliver a letter to the king without fail. The fate of the kingdom now rests on his shoulders! Faced with deceit, trickery, and threats, the young Tiuri, though just a squire, must gather the courage and will to carry out the mission. Eventually, with the help of trustworthy companions, Tiuri learns the true challenge that faces him, and he realizes that his sword and shield are not the only weapons he will need to succeed. Based on the book by Tonke Dragt, The Letter for the King is a rich and exhilarating tale of honor, valor, and love.

COLOR MY WORLD
Sunday, November 1 • 9:30 a.m. • Facets Cinema • 60 minutes • Ages 2 to 5
Explore beautiful worlds with the fascinating characters in this collection of short films. You’ll solve a mystery in the magical land of Saari when a lone pompom turns up loose on the forest floor. Help Kattan and Chicchi save the day from darkness when Mr. Sun’s bright mane is shattered to pieces. Then join young Art as his wonderful artwork and boundless imagination take him on a magical ride. Even the happiest folks can benefit from a touch of color to brighten up their day!

FRIENDS & FAMILY FIRST
Sunday, November 1 • 11:00 a.m. • Facets Cinema • 75 minutes • Ages 5 to 8
We all have big goals, but our dreams would fall flat without the support of our family and friends. Tempers flare and music blares when Fluffy the operatic cat objects to the groovy alley cats. An adventurous armadillo conquers the dangerous border crossing to feed his growing new family back home. The unlikely crew of the Royal Racket are on the move to seek epic adventures, and their newest crew member is out of this world. You can always count on your loved ones to help you follow your dreams!
**WILMETTE THEATRE**  
1122 Central Ave., Wilmette

**STORYTIME ADVENTURES**

Sunday, November 1 • 10:00 a.m. • Wilmette Theatre • 60 minutes • Ages 2 to 5

Immerse yourself in adventure and enchantment with this exciting collection of films. Young Ege has a powerful magic wand for making wishes. Molly Monster discovers her dad is more scared of the dentist than she is. One squirrel’s sassy guitar-playing leads to a furry philharmonic in the forest. When you let your imagination soar, there are no limits to the fun you will have!

- **Seven Days of the Week (I Never Go to Work)**  
  (USA, 2007) 2 min
- **A Little Symphony in the Forest**  
  (Japan, 2009) 3 min
- **Magic Wand**  
  (Turkey, 2008) 1 min
- **The Show with the Mouse: “Halloween”**  
  (Germany, 2008) 2 min
- **Miro: “Flower”**  
  (USA, 2009) 2 min
- **Cuddlies: “Fancy Dress Party”**  
  (UK, 2008) 6 min
- **The Show with the Elephant: “Bunny and Elephant Paint Each Other’s Bottoms”**  
  (Germany, 2008) 2 min
- **The Happy Duckling**  
  (UK, 2008) 9 min
- **Tiny Steps**  
  (Finland, 2008) 2 min
- **Aqua Melodies**  
  (USA, 2009) 4 min
- **Booo**  
  (Sweden, 2009) 7 min
- **Ted Sieger’s Molly Monster**  
  (Switzerland/Germany/Sweden, 2009) 5 min
- **The Little Crow with the Naked Bottom**  
  (Netherlands, 2008) 5 min
- **Pig’s Happiness**  
  (Latvia, 2009) 10 min

**MAKE SOME MAGIC**

Sunday, November 1 • 12:00 p.m. • Wilmette Theatre • 73 minutes • Ages 5 to 8

Magic, mystery, and make-believe drive these clever characters in this special Halloween program! Young Decklin fears his first visit to Dr. Fright might be his last. The butterflies and fairies team up to save the Fairies’ Garden from the scheming lizard and wicked hen. Some furry friends find a mysterious spring with special powers. Let your imagination soar with this scintillating collection of short films.

- **Magic Wand**  
  (Turkey, 2008) 1 min
- **Snuggle Time**  
  (USA, 2008) 6 min
- **The Fairies’ Garden**  
  (Spain, 2008) 7 min
- **Decklin and the Dentist**  
  (USA, 2009) 6 min
- **A Fishing Bear**  
  (Finland, 2008) 6 min
- **Laban the Little Ghost: “Lost in the Woods”**  
  (Sweden, 2008) 8 min
- **Magic Water**  
  (Latvia, 2009) 10 min
- **The Dream Creatures**  
  (Denmark, 2009) 12 min
- **The King of the Island**  
  (Italy, 2009) 17 min

**SUNSHINE BARRY AND THE DISCO WORMS**

Sunday, November 1 • 10:30 a.m. • Wilmette Theatre • Denmark/Germany, 2008 78 minutes • Ages 8 to 10 • Directed by Thomas Borch Nielsen

Barry is a young, ambitious earthworm who is fed up with being at the bottom of the food chain. The other backyard creatures treat the earthworms like dirt, and Barry can’t imagine being stuck making compost for his entire life. But when he accidentally stumbles upon an old disco record, Barry has a life-changing idea: he’s going to form the greatest disco band of all time! But is the backyard entertainment world ready for an all-worm band? This touching animated film captures the dreams and desires of a youngster who refuses to be trapped by his circumstances and whose imagination and determination are limitless.

- **Robbery in the Louvre**  
  (Australia, 2009) 2 min
- **The Corner**  
  (USA, 2008) 3 min
- **Hamburger**  
  (Belgium, 2008) 1 min
- **Wow! What a Great Question!**  
  (USA, 2008) 4 min
- **I Love Internet**  
  (Croation, 2008) 3 min
- **Benchmates**  
  (USA, 2008) 3 min
- **My Crisis**  
  (Canada, 2009) 4 min
- **RoBo**  
  (USA, 2009) 3 min
- **The Dispute**  
  (Finland 2008) 6 min
- **Roots and Wings**  
  (USA, 2008) 10 min
- **Titanic Halifax**  
  (Canada, 2009) 5 min
- **Thump It! Stomp It!**  
  (USA, 2009) 4 min
- **Warda**  
  (Belgium/Palestine, 2009) 5 min
- **Our Boat is Our Address**  
  (Bangladesh, 2009) 5 min
- **Tiny Pillows**  
  (Canada, 2009) 5 min
- **Rhyd y Car – Back to the Future**  
  (UK, 2008) 6 min
- **Freedom: What it Means to Teens**  
  (USA, 2009) 7 min
- **The Wings of a Lion**  
  (Finland, 2008) 7 min
- **Skool Daze**  
  (UK, 2008) 10 min
**KEEPIN’ IT REEL**

Sunday, November 1 • 2:00 p.m. • Wilmette Theatre • 83 minutes • Ages 11 to 15

Find inspiration in the trials and triumphs of teens and tweens. When a high school slacker runs out of ink the night before a big project is due, he crafts a clever solution. Shy Felix finds his voice online but there’s something surprising he’s hiding from his internet crush. A group of teens tell it like it is when they reveal what it takes to be popular in a hilarious mockumentary. This cool collection of shorts will open your eyes to real life—and its endless possibilities!

**Due Tomorrow (USA, 2007)** 5 min
**Alpha Beta Complex (Canada, 2009)** 7 min
**Felix (Germany, 2007)** 21 min
**Articles of War (USA, 2008)** 13 min
**Bollywood Beckons (Canada, 2009)** 16 min
**The Mouse that Soared (USA, 2009)** 6 min
**How to Be Popular (USA, 2007)** 15 min

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**A SHINE OF RAINBOWS**

Sunday, November 1 • 12:30 p.m. • Wilmette Theatre • Canada/Ireland, 2008
104 minutes • Ages 11 to 13 • Directed by Vic Sarin

Tomás is a shy eight-year-old boy who spends much of his time alone at the orphanage where he lives. But when beautiful Maire O’Donnell whisks him to her home on magnificent Corrie Island, his life is turned upside-down! Maire introduces Tomás to the wonders of his new world, sharing with him the secret of the seals and the mystery of the stone giants. Little by little, Maire shows him that you can find magic anywhere if you really look. Just when Tomás begins to settle in to his new home, he is presented with the greatest challenge of his young life. From director Vic Sarin comes an inspirational story about the power of love and the joys of finding the rainbows that emerge after the storm. Starring Aidan Quinn (Legends of the Fall) and Connie Nielsen (Gladiator).

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**FIRST AT FACETS!**

**EVENING FESTIVAL SCREENINGS**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 24**
7pm
**A Shine of Rainbows**

A lonely boy finds a new family and friends on beautiful Corrie Island. Starring Aidan Quinn and Connie Nielsen.

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 24**
9pm
**Wallace and Gromit and Friends**

Wallace falls in love but Gromit suspects his fiancée of foul play!

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 25**
7pm
**From Time to Time**

A stirring tale of “family” ghosts and time travel. Starring Maggie Smith, Timothy Spall and Alex Etel.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 25**
9pm
**Through a Glass, Darkly**

An angel befriends a teenage girl during her illness. Starring Liv Ullmann.
OPENING NIGHT GALA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Be there when the 26th Annual Chicago International Children’s Film Festival kicks off with this jam-packed evening of family fun, fantastic food, and of course, film! Sure to be a night to remember, this star-studded event is overflowing with activities for the whole family! Strap on your dancing shoes and pump up the volume with Radio Disney’s Party Patrol, after switching up your look with some funny face painting. The food will be great, but don’t forget to save some room for popcorn and a soda before you enjoy some of the very best short films from this year’s Festival in a special opening-night program. Everyone is invited to join in the fun—you won’t need a VIP pass to be treated like a star on this magical night!

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

When?
Thursday, October 22
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

Crema Suprema (Canada, 2008) 3 min.
Live Music (USA, 2009) 6 min.
Dawn (Italy, 2009) 9 min.
Fishing With Sam (Norway, 2009) 6 min.
The Mouse that Soared (USA, 2009) 8 min.
Iker Stubborn Hair (Mexico, 2009) 7 min.
The Happy Duckling (UK, 2008) 9 min.

Running Time: 44 minutes

AMERICAN AIRLINES
CLOSING NIGHT AWARDS PRESENTATION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
6:00 P.M. 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 Awards Ceremony for the 26th 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 edge 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 2009 Festival with food, music and family-friendly fun!

Admission: $25 all seats

KENNETH AND HARLE
MONTGOMERY FOUNDATION

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

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

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