



2009 SCHOOL AND GROUP SCHEDULE

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Locations



Facets Multi-Media

1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago

Screenings will be held on weekdays Friday, October 23 and Monday-Friday, October 26-30. Additional screenings can be arranged Monday through Friday, November 2 to November 13. Program times are 9:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. Pre-arranged refreshment packages are available at this location ONLY for \$3.00 (small popcorn & soda).



Kerasotes Showplace 14

2600 N. Western Ave., Chicago

Screenings will be held on weekdays Monday, Wednesday & Friday, October, 26, 28, 30. Program times are 9:45 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 11:15 a.m.



Harold Washington Cultural Center

4701 S. King Drive, Chicago

Screenings will be held on weekdays Friday, October 23, and Monday-Friday, October 26-30. 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

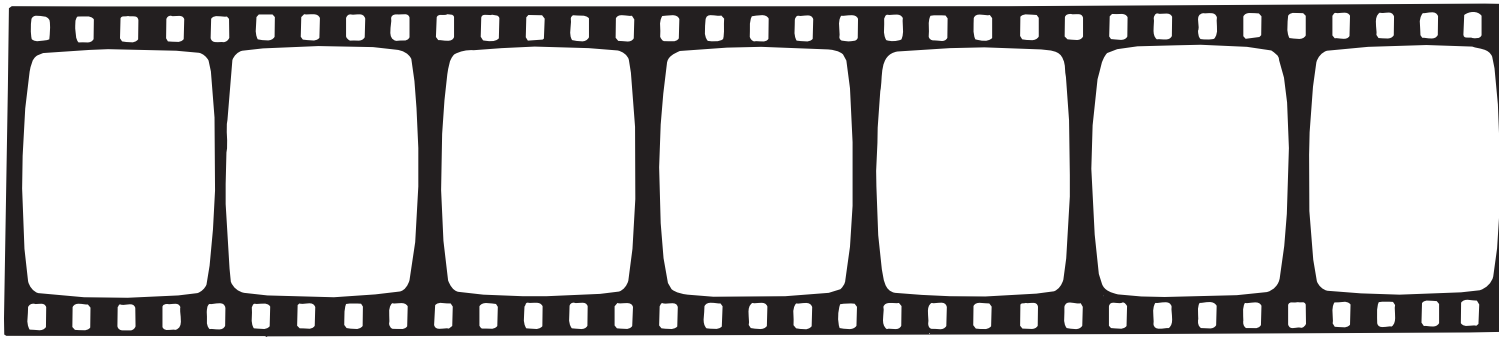
Screenings will be held on weekdays Tuesday & Thursday, October 27 & 29. Additional screenings can be arranged Tuesday, November 3. Program times are 9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. The Thorne Auditorium is located on the corner of Chicago and Lake Short Drive. Directions to the Thorne Auditorium are available online at <http://aquavite.northwestern.edu/maps>



Bank of America Cinema

4901 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago (Theater is in back of building)

Screenings will be held on Friday, October 23. Program times are 9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Directions to the Bank of America Cinema are available online at <http://cine-file.info/venues/lasalle.html>



Dear Educators,

Are you looking for an affordable field trip that will make a real impact on your students' learning? What better way to inspire and captivate young minds than through the magic of movies!

At the 2009 Chicago International Children's Film Festival, students can have fun learning about every topic in your curriculum! The CICFF's interactive, multicultural film programs use the power of media to engage and entertain your kids while honing their skills in the following areas:

- Critical Thinking
- Global Culture
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Problem-solving
- Cross-cultural Understanding
- Values Clarification
- Character Building
- Media Literacy

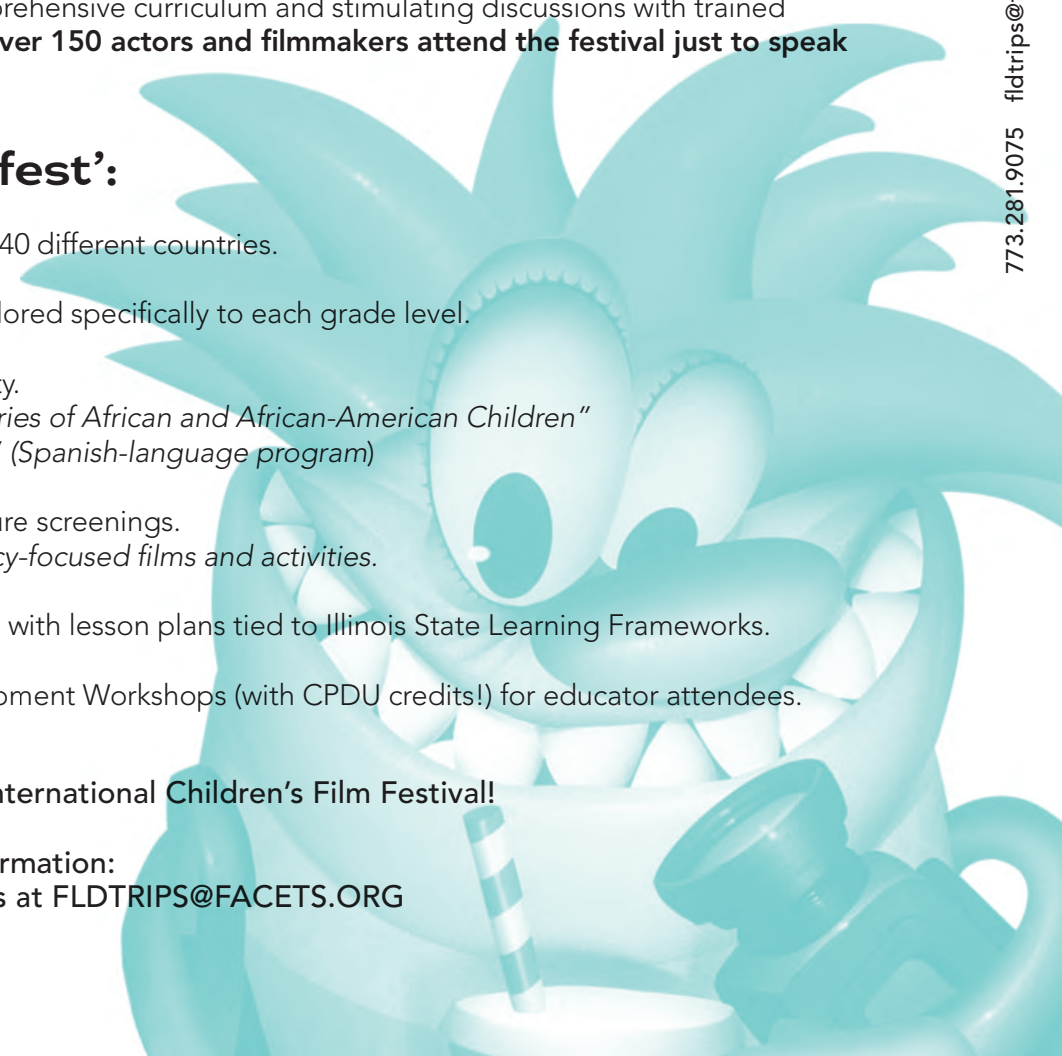
"Kidsfest" film programs also introduce students to media literacy, and provide you with lesson plans and assignments that will move your students' learning forward for weeks to come! Each film screening is supported by a comprehensive curriculum and stimulating discussions with trained facilitators. **As a special bonus, over 150 actors and filmmakers attend the festival just to speak with students.**

Highlights of 'Kidsfest':

- More than 250 films from 40 different countries.
- Positive film programs tailored specifically 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 interactive literature screenings.
"Reel Poetry"—literacy-focused films and activities.
- Free 150-page curriculum with lesson plans tied to Illinois State Learning Frameworks.
- Free Professional Development Workshops (with CPDU credits!) for educator attendees.

See you at the 2009 Chicago International Children's Film Festival!

For reservations and more information:
Call: (773) 281-9075 or email us at FLDTRIPS@FACETS.ORG



What?

The 26th Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival

When?

Weekdays October 23-30, 2009, plus two additional weeks of special screenings November 2-13. 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

Bank of America Cinema

4901 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago

Busses turn on Lamon to get to parking lot. Theater is in back of building.

How Much?

Tickets are \$6.00 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 150-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 1.

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



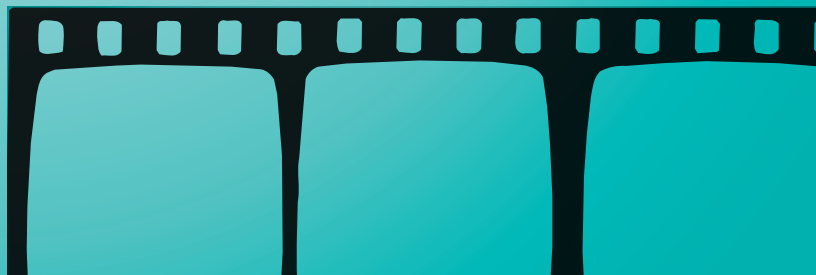
Appearance by guest celebrity or director may follow program!

Subtitles, No Problem!

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

Questions?

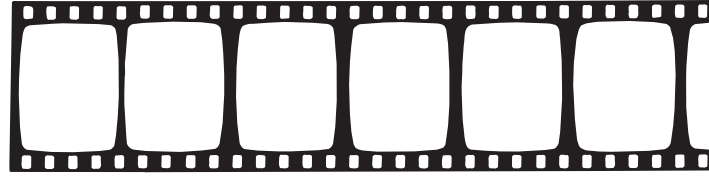
Contact "Kidsfest" at 773-281-9075, fldtrips@facets.org or visit us online at www.cicff.org



Group Reservation Form

2009 Chicago International Children's Film Festival

c/o Facets Multi-Media, Inc.
1517 W. Fullerton Ave. Chicago, IL 60614
Tel: 773-281-9075 Fax: 773-929-0266
kidsfest@facets.org fldtrips@facets.org www.cicff.org



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 10 children. Additional fees may apply if student:chaperone ratio exceeds 10:1.)

Screening Information

- Festival Screenings: October 23, 26-30
 Post-Festival Screenings: November 2-6 and November 9-13

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)
 Bank of America Cinema (4901 W. Irving Park Rd., 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.): _____

Ticket Information and Pricing

Regular Admission – \$7.00 per student
Groups of 25 or more – \$6.00 per student
Teachers & Chaperones – FREE*

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

NUMBER OF STUDENTS

→ GROUPS OF 25+ @ \$6.00 = \$

→ GROUPS OF LESS THAN 25 @ \$7.00 = \$

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 = \$

Refreshment packages MUST be pre-arranged with Group Sales Coordinator.

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?

Please contact Group Sales at 773-281-9075, fldtrips@facets.org or by fax at 773-929-0266.
Visit our website at www.cicff.org for complete Festival info!

Please make a copy of this form and send the original form with deposit to:
Chicago International Children's Film Festival (CICFF), Attn: Group Sales, 1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago, IL 60614

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Hidden Solutions

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

Problems can be pesky, but when we dig a little deeper we're rewarded with real solutions! Follow a young Italian boy as he creates an exciting imaginary world that helps him face his fears when he doesn't feel well. Join a caring grandfather who reaches out to his hearing impaired grandson with stories that awaken the child's creativity. The solutions to our problems may not always be obvious, but it's worth the effort to do our best to find them.

Flights (Scotland, 2008) 3 min.
 Dawn (Italy, 2009) 9 min.
 The Missing Sock (New Zealand 2007) 3 min.
 Doggie (The Netherlands, 2007) 9 min.
 Paper Tulips (Canada, 2007) 6 min.
 One Small Step (USA, 2009) 3 min.
 The Storyteller (Spain/USA, 2009) 14 min.
 The Girl Who Cried Flowers (USA, 2008) 25 min.

WORLD PREMIERE | **P**



Doggie

WORLD PREMIERE | **M** **V** **P**



Believe It

Operation: Cooperation

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

It's not always easy to share and work with others but we're halfway there when we try. Feel the rhythm as a guitar and a violin check each other out before they start groovin' to the music together. Jump to the future and discover how our smallest actions today can impact our precious earth in the long run. Kick it with a group of young soccer players as the boys take on the girls in an epic match. Dive into these stories and you'll discover the value of working together towards a solution!

One Small Step (USA, 2009) 3 min.
 Color by Number (USA, 2008) 4 min.
 Live Music (USA, 2009) 6 min.
 Believe It (Canada/USA, 2009) 10 min.
 The Finger Trap (Scotland, 2008) 4 min.
 Weight of the World (USA, 2009) 6 min.
 Garb Age (Taiwan, 2009) 12 min.
 Everybody (UK, 2008) 5 min.
 Crema Suprema (Canada, 2008) 3 min.
 Girls (Germany, 2008) 20 min.

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The Letter for the King

Netherlands, 2008 107 minutes Ages 11 to 13 9:45 a.m.
 Bank of America Cinema 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.

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CHICAGO PREMIERE | **V**



Live Action Feature

High Hopes

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

The characters in this thought-provoking collection of short films are linked by a common knowledge—that the power to change is ours. When a lonely young boy catches a mysterious goldfish while fishing out on the lake, he is in for a surprise of epic proportions. Habib needs supernatural intervention if he hopes to woo his big crush, Paris, before summer vacation. Alex dreams of being great at basketball, but not before Kiat schools him in her idea of the best defense against the hotheaded local bullies.

Even when there is no obvious solution to your problems, with a little ingenuity, an open mind, and the help of a loyal friend, you can overcome even the greatest obstacles.

The Legend of Ol' Goldie (UK, 2008) 8 min.
 Generation of Consolidation (USA, 2008) 12 min.
 Furtissimo (USA, 2009) 3 min.
 Habib: "The Ghost in the Basement" (Sweden, 2007) 30 min.
 Due Tomorrow (USA, 2007) 5 min.
 Basket Bronx (Spain, 2009) 14 min.

WORLD PREMIERE | **V** **P**



Habib: "The Ghost in the Basement"

WORLD PREMIERE | **V**



How People Got Fire

Believe It!

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

Follow along as the characters in these seven shorts face down the unknown and discover the best ways to bring out their potential. A puzzled sock seeker challenges the mysteries of the clothes dryer to answer the age old question: where do socks go when they disappear? A young pianist gains a secret ally in his efforts to jazz up a familiar piece of music. Felix has his eye on a special friend but he'll have to

learn more than a new language to win her heart. When you believe in yourself there's no end to the amazing things you can accomplish!

The Missing Sock (New Zealand, 2007) 3 min.
 Workingdogs (Finland, 2008) 6 min.
 The Mouse That Soared (USA, 2009) 6 min.
 Alchemy (Australia, 2008) 9 min.
 How People Got Fire (Canada, 2008) 16 min.
 Pupil's Concert (Norway, 2009) 10 min.
 Felix (Germany, 2007) 21 min.

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Sunshine Barry and the Disco Worms

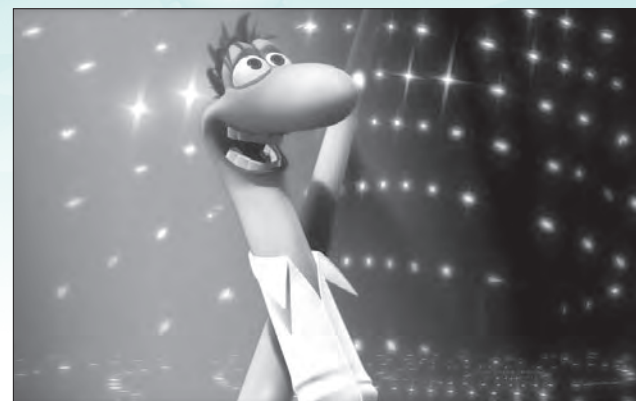
Denmark/Germany, 2008 78 minutes Ages 9 to 11 11:45 a.m.
 Bank of America Cinema Directed by Thomas Borch Nielsen

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 feels the groove and suddenly has a life-changing idea—he's going to form the greatest disco band of all time!

After working their little tails off, Sunshine Barry and the Disco Worms are ready to hit the stage for their big breakout performance. But is the backyard entertainment world ready for an all-worm band, or has all of Barry's work been in vain? This touching animated film captures the hopes, dreams and desires of a youngster who feels trapped by his circumstances but whose imagination and determination are limitless.

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Live Action Feature

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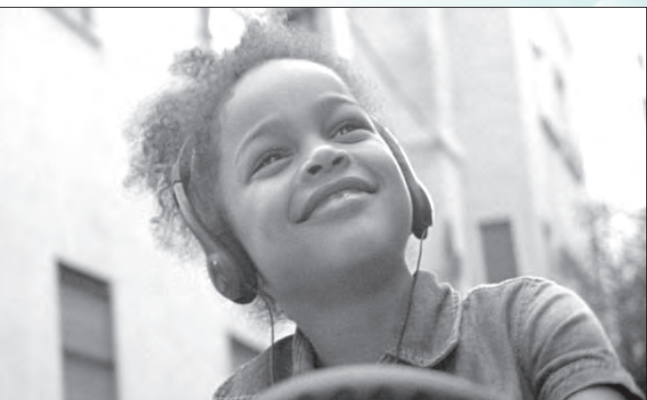
73 minutes Ages 5 to 8 9:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

Dive right in to this wonderful collection of shorts which highlight the power of friendship, teamwork, and conservation in making our world a better place to live. Swim alongside some of the North Pole's most majestic creatures as they flaunt their fishing skills for all to see. Join two of our favorite pals, Simon and Pumbaa, who make a visit to their local watering hole for an afternoon of fun with a side of water safety instruction! Go on a magical journey to the seaside and discover how the ocean touches all parts of our Earth and nurtures our existence. With a strong will and a good friend by your side, you can always stay afloat!

Sesame Workshop: "New Friends" (Canada, 2009) 1 min.
RosaSommer (Germany, 2008) 6 min.
Bio-Bunny (USA, 2009) 3 min.
The Deep (Bangladesh/USA, 2008) 5 min.
Fishing With Sam (Norway, 2009) 6 min.
Collage: "Protect Our Environment" (Hong Kong/China, 2008) 5 min.
The Happy Duckling (UK, 2008) 9 min.
Safety Smart: "In the Water" (USA, 2009) 12 min.
The Spring (Mexico, 2008) 4 min.
The Dream Creatures (Denmark, 2009) 12 min.
Once Upon a Tide (USA, 2008) 10 min.



Safety Smart: "In the Water"



RosaSommer

We Can Do It!

78 minutes Ages 7 to 9 9:45 a.m.

Have you ever been in a sticky situation? Take a few handy tips from the characters in these ten shorts the next time you hit a roadblock of your own. Discover Iwanna Wanda's stinky solution when her Mom tries to make her brush her teeth. Lovestruck Melike enlists the help of the Young Detectives to recover her stolen soccer tickets and revive her chances with her big crush, Espen. Six-year-old Billy is having a hard time fitting in at school, but his first visit from the tooth fairy might change everything for him. If you believe in yourself, you can overcome even the greatest of obstacles.

Harold Washington Cultural Center

Sesame Workshop: "Balloons" (Canada, 2009) 1 min.
RosaSommer (Germany, 2008) 6 min.
A Bottled Promise (Canada, 2009) 5 min.
Lilliseed (Norway, 2009) 16 min.
Iwanna Wanda in "Don't Wanna Brush" (USA, 2009) 4 min.
Cherry On The Cake (UK, 2009) 8 min.
The Young Detectives: "The Compass of Love" (Norway, 2008) 9 min.
Fishronaut: "The Case of the Lost Toy" (Brazil, 2009) 14 min.
Little Wings (Australia, 2007) 15 min.

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The Happy Cricket and the Giant Bugs

Brazil, 2008 84 minutes Ages 5 to 9 9:45 a.m.

Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Walbercy Ribas and Rafael Ribas

The Happy Cricket is not afraid to dream big. He wants to produce a new CD and use the profits to open a music school for local youth! But when he and his friends discover a field of giant motionless insects on the sand dunes, things begin to get a little weird. With the help of the Professor, Happy Cricket and his companions uncover a buggy

scheme to sabotage the entire music industry. Our heroes will need to think quick, act even quicker, and form alliances they never thought possible to stop the saboteurs' scheme in its tracks! This whimsical Brazilian film will keep you guessing all the way through, a sure hit for action lovers and music lovers alike.

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Live Action Feature

Lippel's Dream

Germany, 2008 100 minutes Ages 10 to 12 10:15 a.m.
Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Lars Buchel

Young Phillip's father, a world-famous gourmet chef, is leaving town for business and decides to leave his son under the care of their new housekeeper, Mrs. Jakob. Phillip—who everyone calls Lippel—cannot see eye-to-eye with Mrs. Jakob, and the household eventually transforms into the main front of an all-out domestic war. Lippel's only escape from the overbearing Mrs. Jakob comes in the form of his dreams. At night, he flees into a magical fantasy world where his

father is the beloved King of a vast land. Yet even in his fantasy, he cannot escape from his battle with Mrs. Jakob. In Lippel's dream, the King's sister-in-law—who looks oddly similar to Mrs. Jakob—has devised a plot to do away with the King's children and take the throne for herself. Dive into this fantastic world of adventure and intrigue as Lippel struggles to defeat the regime of Mrs. Jakob by day and the overthrow the sinister plans of the King's sister-in-law by night!

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Live Action Feature



Live Action Feature

7 Days in Slow Motion

India, 2009 101 Minutes Ages 9 to 11 10:45 a.m.
Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Umakanth Thumrugoti

With only seven days left before his final exams, Ravi should be more focused than ever on his education. His mother agrees, and has even developed a pie chart that allots 60% of his time to studying and only 0.2% to fun! But when Ravi and his friends Hamid and Onka find a video-camera, studying is the last thing on their mind. The three pals set out to make their own great Bollywood film, but

Ravi may have bitten off more than he can chew. Between creating a film, pretending to prepare for his exams, and avoiding the testy tourist whose camera he "borrowed," Ravi is going to have an awfully busy seven days. This engaging and entertaining portrayal of life in India deftly balances humor with valuable life-lessons to recount a wonderful story.

Special thanks to:



Little Robbers

Austria/Latvia, 2009 80 Minutes Ages 8 to 10 11:15 a.m.
Kerasotes Showplace 14 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. Forced out of their apartment by the bank, their family must move into the cramped confines of their grandparents' home. For young Robby, there seems to be only one way to restore his father's dignity and his family's home—by

robbing the bank that had so cruelly kicked them to the curb. 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 and make an important discovery—someone is already cheating the bank! With a new and honest goal in sight, Robby and Louisa discover their talents for playing it straight.



Live Action Feature

Monday, October 26

Step It Up!

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

When things don't go the way you planned, it's time to pull out the stops and give it your best effort. A crafty cyclist rides like the wind to protect his beloved new bike from the neighborhood bullies. A battle of wits (and fonts) erupts in the Alpha Beta Apartment Complex when the Times and the Graffiti refuse to see "I to I". A group of teens tell it like it is when they reveal what it takes to be popular in a hilarious mockumentary. Be prepared to navigate

some interesting stretches along the bumpy road to success in this inspirational collection of shorts.

The Captain (USA, 2008) 5 min.
A Vegetated Director (Estonia, 2007) 3 min.
Another New Bike (USA, 2008) 12 min.
Alpha Beta Complex (Canada, 2009) 7 min.
We Can Change the World - The Dalai Lama: A Blessing of Hope (USA, 2008) 16 min.
Codswallop (UK, 2008) 4 min.
Articles of War (USA, 2008) 13 min.
How to be Popular (USA, 2007) 15 min.

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We Can Change the World – The Dali Lama: A Blessing of Hope

Dreamcatchers: Imaginations Without Limits

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

Think big and dream even bigger is the motto of the characters in this enchanting collection of short films. Janie needs a best friend, but she has no idea what lies ahead when she tries to befriend the magical creature at the bottom of a mysterious wishing well. Leonardo da Vinci lets his imagination take flight in a side-splitting story of trial and error. One boy reaches far back to his Maori roots for the strength he needs to communicate with his ancestral spirits. Let

the power of imagination take you on journeys to faraway lands and guide you through thrilling new experiences!

The Missing Sock (New Zealand, 2007) 3 min.
Wishing Well (USA, 2008) 10 min.
Leonardo (USA, 2009) 10 min.
Believe It (Canada/USA, 2009) 10 min.
Dawn (Italy, 2009) 9 min.
Space Travel According to John (Scotland, 2008) 3 min.
Kehua (New Zealand, 2009) 13 min.
Crema Suprema (Canada, 2008) 3 min.
The Secret Friend (Germany, 2008) 15 min.

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Live Action Feature

Tuesday, October 27

Trading Traditions

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

We're lucky that so many of us come from different backgrounds, because learning about other cultures and traditions is a blast! You'll deliver exotic sweets in India with young Suni and dive deep into the vision of a Chinese artist to discover why the eyes are the windows to the soul. Then check out what happens in Wapos Bay when Jacob sells footage of a Big-Foot-sighting to the highest bidder. Come explore the fascinating

and colorful cultures in this enriching program of shorts.

Alfred (Sweden, 2009) 5 min.
Ladoo (India, 2009) 15 min.
Animated Chinese Idioms: "To Complete the Drawing of a Dragon by Highlighting the Eyes" (Hong Kong/China, 2007) 5 min.
The Cunning Tailor and the Young Man (Iran, 2009) 9 min.
Why Don't We Ride Zebras? (USA, 2008) 12 min.
Wapos Bay: "Guardian" (Canada, 2008) 24 min.

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Why Don't We Ride Zebras?

African Queens

85 minutes Ages 12 to 16 9:45 a.m.
Harold Washington Cultural Center

These African heroines demonstrate fortitude and character in the face of danger and adversity. In a fascinating true story, Queen NaNa Yaa Asantewaa of the Ashanti incites her people to rise up against their oppressive colonizers. When a young woman from Lisabi faces two seemingly insurmountable obstacles, she must dig deep within herself to find the strength to overcome. In a unique true coming-of-age story,

"Princess" Rocky travels from the Bronx to Ghana to reconcile her African heritage with her dreams of independence and adulthood in America. Against all opposition, these true heroines stand tall and pursue their loftiest aspirations with grace and determination.

Warrior Queen (USA/Ghana, 2009) 21 min.
Lioness of Lisabi (USA, 2008) 26 min.
Bronx Princess (USA, 2008) 38 min.

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Bronx Princess



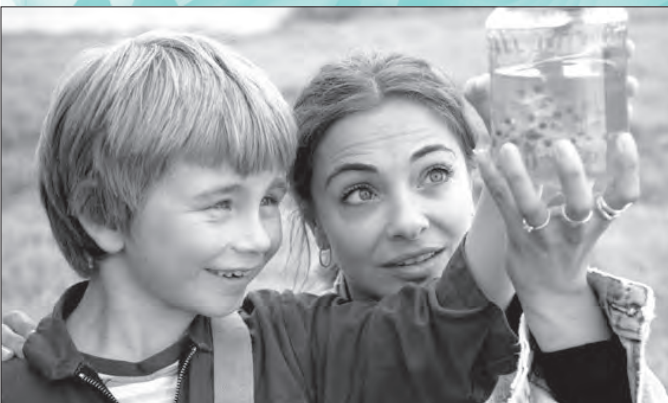
Frogs and Toads

Netherlands, 2009 70 minutes Ages 6 to 9 9:45 a.m.
Thorne Auditorium 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 frog eggs and he gives young Max the mission of finding "frogspawn" in the wild. With his friend Jesse by his side, Max sets out into nature to save the day. Along the way, Max and Jesse encounter all kinds of

interesting creatures—both human and animal, friend and foe. 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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Live Action Feature

Winning Ways

71 minutes Ages 9 to 11 11:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

We all find ourselves in challenging situations from time to time. Luckily, these characters have a knack for coming out of almost any situation on top. Hubert is downright gifted, but what happens when his unusual portrait of his principal makes its way into the exhibition of a famous artist? A strange mix up causes Frederike and Fabian to teleport their entire town to West Berlin on one of the most important days in world history. Tune in when Zeus and the other Greek gods and goddesses

take center stage to compete in Olympus Idol with hilarious results. Even when the chips are down, a strong desire to succeed and a little support from your friends can make you a winner!

Live Music (USA, 2009) 6 min.
Razzari Field (France, 2009) 6 min.
Burning Stage (South Korea, 2009) 4 min.
Olympus Idol (USA, 2008) 5 min.
Teleportation (Germany, 2009) 14 min.
Hubert: "Modern Art" (Norway, 2008) 10 min.
Good Advice (Sweden, 2009) 15 min.
Peer Pressure (USA, 2008) 11 min.



Teleportation

Tuesday, October 27

Proud To Be Me: Stories of African and African American Children

76 minutes Ages 11 to 13 11:45 a.m.

Harold Washington Cultural Center

When push comes to shove, these young children of color from the 'hood know what to do! Sing along with Ismay as she shows how her passion for music helps her overcome the challenges of being in foster care. Shoot some hoops with a kid from the Bronx who stands tall with some help from a special friend. Roam with the Lioness of Lisabi as she challenges her oppressive village environment in the pursuit of her dreams. Together these films

show will show you how to achieve your goals in the face of adversity!

- What's Fufu? (UK, 2008) 4 min.
- Ups and Downs (USA, 2007) 7 min.
- Eb & Flo (UK, 2009) 10 min.
- Fight the Bad Things (Finland, 2009) 15 min.
- Basket Bronx (Spain, 2009) 14 min.
- Lioness of Lisabi (USA, 2008) 26 min.

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Lioness of Lisabi

Reel Poetry

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

Immerse your students in the pleasure and power of poetry with this superb selection of short films based on contemporary and classic poems! Supported by a special curriculum and trained teaching artists, Reel Poetry gives students a unique and enriching experience in reading, interpreting, and reciting great poetry. Spellbinding animation captures the remarkable beauty of Estonian surrealist poet Ilmar Laaban's "Substantia Stellaris." Based on a reflective and intimate poem by contemporary Canadian poet Lorna Crozier, director Andreas Mendritzki artfully depicts a young girl's memories of a summer day when she overcame her fear of snakes. Swedish poet Thomas Tidholm's poignant poem on the many meanings of leading an "outdoor life" is complemented by ar-

resting watercolor animation. Each film is preceded by poetry readings and followed by engaging discussions and creative exercises designed to facilitate an interactive learning process. This dynamic program of short films will introduce your students to a wide range of poetic expression and the many artistic channels through which poetry may be experienced. "Reel Poetry" will inspire your students to seek new poets and discover for themselves the pleasures associated with elegance, beauty, difficulty, and precise language.

- A Noiseless Patient Spider (USA, 2009) 3 min.
- Substantia Stellaris (Estonia, 2007) 4 min.
- The Captain (USA, 2008) 5 min.
- Oblivion (Russia, 2009) 6 min.
- Fear of Snakes (Canada, 2009) 6 min.
- Outdoor Life (Sweden, 2007) 9 min.
- A Vegetated Director (Estonia, 2007) 3 min.



Fear of Snakes



Wednesday, October 28

Listen Up!

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

Turn up the volume on the right messages and life's little problems will disappear. Tag along with Tuan as he adjusts to his new life in Canada and finds a special friend. Feel the heat as two bakers try to sabotage each other's cake in a high power cook-off competition. Jump on board with a young boy who's determined to help a lost penguin find its way home, even if that means rowing all the way to the South Pole! If we tune in to people who care about us, we'll find the answers were there all along!

- Sesame Workshop: "Umbrella" (Canada, 2009) 1 min.
- I Think I Might Be (USA, 2009) 3 min.
- Crema Suprema (Canada, 2008) 3 min.
- My Name is Tuan (Canada, 2008) 7 min.
- Do Unto Otters (USA, 2008) 10 min.
- Listen to Me (Hungary, 2008) 4 min.
- No, No, No! - The Hat (Finland, 2007) 7 min.
- Owl and Rabbit Play Checkers (USA, 2009) 6 min.
- The Young Detectives: "The World of Imagination" (Norway, 2008) 11 min.
- Lost and Found (UK, 2008) 24 min.



Lost and Found

Raising the Bar

68 minutes Ages 8 to 10 9:45 a.m.

Harold Washington Cultural Center

With a unique personality and a profound calling, you can raise the bar wherever you go. When young Dede's parents return the dog he found, he takes matters into his own paws. A fascinating film champions the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and makes a case for eliminating global inequality. Sammy's science fair experiment keeps his classmates on their toes with slightly more explosive results than anti-

ipated. When we honor who we really are, we discover our true friends and our true purpose.

Enter the Sandbox (Canada, 2009) 3 min.

Everybody (UK, 2008) 5 min.

Gideon the Great: The Flying Ace (USA, 2008) 7 min.

Doggie (Netherlands, 2007) 9 min.

Live Music (USA, 2009) 6 min.

Peer Pressure (USA, 2008) 11 min.

Pupil's Concert (Norway, 2009) 10 min.

The Bake Shop Ghost (USA, 2009) 17 min.

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Live Action Feature

Morrison Gets a Baby Sister

The Netherlands, 2008 72 minutes Ages 5-8 9:45 a.m.

Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Barbara Bredero

Five-year-old Morrison loves the life he leads in the Dutch countryside with his cool dad, a mechanic, and his mom, a veterinarian. But when he finds out his mother is expecting another baby, he is a little worried that an infant might throw a monkey wrench into his happy home! After his parents paint his bedroom pink and announce that he has to move in with his great-aunt Zuster, Morrison hatches a half-baked

plan to protect his place in his parents' affections. When the newborn arrives earlier than scheduled, Morrison takes a hilarious trip — with his new baby sister along for the ride. This delightful film puts a new spin on a universal story, deftly capturing the arrival of a new sibling from a child's point of view with innocence and imagination.

Broken Hill

Australia, 2009 102 minutes Ages 12 to 17 10:15 a.m.

Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Dagen Merrill

Tommy is a gifted young musician on a mission! He dreams of furthering his education and toning his musical talent at the prestigious Sydney Music Conservatory. Unfortunately for Tommy, there is little support for musical talent, in his drought-ridden town in the Australian Outback. But when a youthful prank involving watermelons lands Tommy with a stint of

community service, he gets one last shot at making his melodic dreams come true. With a unique orchestra, innovative instruments and his beautiful classmate Kat by his side, Tommy sets out prove to his father, his neighbors, and himself that he has what it takes to conduct the concert of his life! Starring Timothy Hutton, Luke Arnold, and Alexa Vega.



Live Action Feature

The Missing Lynx

Spain, 2008 97 minutes Ages 8 to 10 10:45 a.m.

Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Raul Garcia

Eccentric millionaire, Noah, has made a fortune off his unique ability to talk to animals. But with many animal species facing extinction, Noah's livelihood is at risk. He decides to take matters into his own hands, and hires the world-renowned hunter named Newmann to collect two animals of every species to be held in his own personal collection. Desperately 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 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.

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Live Action Feature

Through a Glass, Darkly

Norway, 2008 85 minutes Ages 12 to 16 11:15 a.m.

Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Jesper W. Nielsen

Christmas is just around the corner, and Cecilie wishes nothing more than to ski down the snowy Norwegian slopes behind her house! But her health keeps her stuck inside, where she dreams of Sebastian, a boy whom she met on vacation last summer. When an angel named Ariel appears to her one night, Cecilie begins to learn that she cannot redo

her past but must instead live her life to the fullest in the present. She and Ariel have much to learn from and teach one another, but their time together is achingly brief. *Through a Glass, Darkly* is a touching, magical, and playful story of a girl's realization of the wonders of life in the midst of one of its darkest moments. Starring Liv Ullmann.

Harun-Arun

India, 2009 75 minutes Ages 8 to 10 11:45 a.m.

Facets Cinema Directed by Vinod Ganatra

What does it mean to cross a border that exists only on a map, but not in the hearts and minds of a people? In 1947, India was divided into two countries – India and Pakistan. Lacking costly passports, it became impossible for many people to visit family only a few miles away. This compelling film explores the story of Harun, a young boy whose Indian-born grandfather migrated to Pakistan during partition. Distressed by poverty in Pakistan, Arun's grandfather now wishes to take him

back to Lakhpat in India so that he can live a more comfortable life and receive a good education. But when the two are separated while crossing the border, Harun must undertake the rest of the journey to Lakhpat on his own. Three Indian children take Harun under their wings, hiding and protecting him until he can find his new home. An exuberant game of hide-and-seek ensues in this heartwarming story of youthful courage and powerful friendship in a divided nation.

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Live Action Feature

I Can Relate!

77 minutes Ages 13 to 17 11:45 a.m.

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We all have dreams and aspirations, but sometimes we need a little help to get us there. In an effort to help his crippled father, an African American teen travels far and wide to find a special medicine known only to a native healer. Cheer for Neeru as she stands up for her dream to be a Bollywood actress. Rock out with two big city punk rockers as their quest for companionship brings their paths

together. Keep step with these charismatic multi-cultural characters and you'll discover what you can accomplish with the help of a friend!

Guri Gursjen & Gusjan Gru (Norway, 2009) 10 min.
 Medicine Man (USA, 2009) 20 min.
 Bollywood Beckons (Canada, 2009) 16 min.
 Employment (Argentina, 2008) 7 min.
 Sores and Sirin (Germany, 2008) 24 min.

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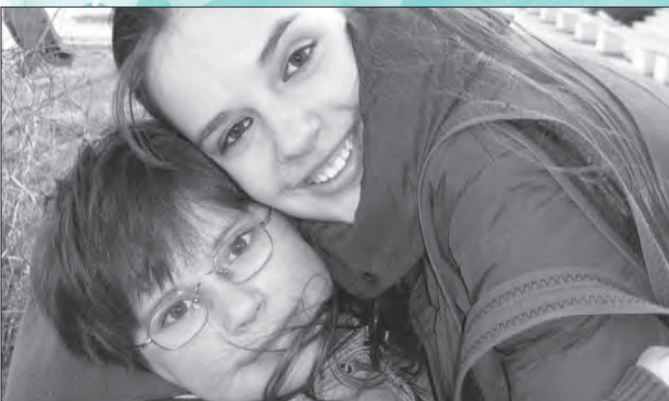
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Bollywood Beckons

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Serenade

Express Yourself!

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

The characters in this inspiring collection of shorts are not afraid to stand up for themselves and what they believe in. Fluffy the cat dreams of being an opera star, but his goals change when he encounters the soulful and groovy alley cats. When Ka Kin misses his grandma he must find an extra-special way to keep her in his heart. Tony wants to serenade his big crush, but he discovers that the music sounds even sweeter

when the tables are turned. Never be afraid to swim against the current—each and every person is special in their own unique way!

Furtissimo (USA, 2009) 3 min.
 Birthday Present (Hong Kong, 2007) 15 min.
 Live Music (USA, 2009) 6 min.
 The Secret Friend (Germany, 2008) 15 min.
 Gerald's Last Day (USA, 2008) 13 min.
 Serenade (Bulgaria, 2008) 15 min.

Family & Folktales

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

Harold Washington Cultural Center

Family matters most to the characters in this hilarious and touching collection of short films. Wee Janko sets out on a quest to attain the magical Golden Bell, but he must act fast if he hopes to save the ailing princess and win her heart. A savvy but unlucky armadillo has to cross the border and face unknown dangers to bring food to his bustling new family. The Young Detectives are back on the case when Victor's father mysteriously disappears into the fantastical world of his newest novel. Like a blossoming tree, each of us has our

own roots which reach deep into the past and allow us to flourish today!

The Border Armadillo (Mexico, 2009) 8 min.
 Hajar's Wedding (Iran, 2008) 8 min.
 Animated Chinese Idioms: "Stubbornly Stupid" (Hong Kong/China, 2007) 5 min.
 No, No, No! - The Hat (Finland, 2007) 7 min.
 Hungarian Folk Tales: "The Wee King" (Hungary, 2008) 8 min.
 Angel Waltraut Can't Fly (Germany, 2007) 6 min.
 The Mouse with a Mouth (Belgium/France/Hungary, 2008) 20 min.
 The Young Detectives: "The World of the Imagination" (Norway, 2008) 11 min.

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Hajar's Wedding

Español Para Todos

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

¿Hablas Español? The characters in these short films from around the globe are all linked by the Spanish language, but each has their own unique story to divulge. Iker likes to think that all of his family and friends are wild animals—but imagine his surprise when his own animal instincts make him the “mane attraction” at school. Pepe and Edgar think they are going to get away with skipping class to go surfing, until an unexpected encounter with Ñaco proves to be a major bump in the road. Emily resists

every attempt by her Abuelo to cheer her up, but he knows a few moves that just might put a smile on her face. There is no language requirement for this fascinating film fiesta!

The Border Armadillo (Mexico, 2009) 8 min.
Iker Stubborn Hair (Mexico, 2009) 7 min.
Crema Suprema (Canada, 2008) 3 min.
Ñaco (Puerto Rico, 2009) 11 min.
Sam Brennan's Tale (Mexico, 2009) 7 min.
Immersion (USA, 2008) 15 min.
The Spring (Mexico, 2008) 4 min.
Grandfather (USA, 2009) 15 min.

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The Border Armadillo

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Acting Lessons

Personal Journeys: My Own Path

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

The characters in this collection of short films must look deep within themselves to uncover their true identities and discover their own unique purposes. An aspiring young actress gets a lesson in life from her fun-loving father. Guri and Gursjen are both rebels with a cause—but what they need even more is a friend to share their punk-rock revolution. Young Zhang will do just about anything to stay out of school, but teacher Xiao is determined to point him down the

path to success. Everyone is unique in their own way, so search for what makes you special and let your individuality shine!

Crema Suprema (Canada, 2008) 3 min.
Larry and Roz (Italy, 2008) 4 min.
Ups and Downs (USA, 2007) 7 min.
Engine 371 (Canada, 2008) 9 min.
Acting Lessons (Russia, 2009) 15 min.
Guri Gursjen & Gursjan Gru (Norway, 2009) 10 min.
Eleven Days (China, 2009) 30 min.

Proud To Be Me: Stories of African and African American Children

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

These unforgettable African and African-American characters embrace their uniqueness while also reaching out to others unlike themselves. Celebrate two children who overcome their differences for the sake of a common goal. Skip alongside Samarion, a young girl from Cameroon whose kindness radiates throughout her multicultural community. Feel the heat in the kitchen as a new bakery owner battles her predecessor for the “perfect recipe” until the two recog-

nize that they have more in common than they thought.

The Story Behind the Dance Theatre of Harlem (USA, 2009) 7 min.
The Young Detectives: “The Compass of Love” (Norway, 2008) 9 min.
Ley Ley (Germany, 2008) 12 min.
Children for a Day (USA, 2009) 12 min.
What Makes Me Happy: “Angelina’s Film, South Sudan” (UK, 2009) 14 min.
The Bake Shop Ghost (USA, 2009) 17 min.

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What Makes Me Happy: “Angelina’s Film, South Sudan”

The Azemichi Road

Japan, 2009 85 minutes Ages 10 to 14 11:45 a.m.
Thorne Auditorium Directed by Fumie Nishikawa

The students on the "Jump Girls" dance team have one thing on their mind—to win a spot in the upcoming national dance competition! But tensions arise among the girls when Rena, the team's charismatic and popular leader, encourages a hearing-impaired student named Yuuki to join the squad. Unable to communicate verbally with the other girls, Yuuki expresses her commitment to the team by persistently practicing and

improving her moves. Yet it seems that Yuuki can never live up to the expectations of her teammates Noriko and Miki, no matter how hard she tries. Do the girls have what it takes to overcome their differences and reach the national championships? Find out in this compelling Japanese film which skillfully explores the communicative power of artistic expression and the beauty of compassion.



Live Action Feature

Friday, October 30

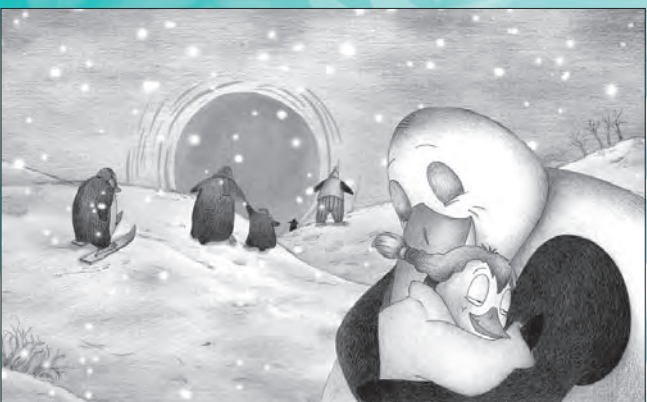
Learn Something New Every Day

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

Sometimes the things you learn at home and at play are just as important as what you learn at school. This is the case for the characters in these ten shorts, who are going to have to keep an open mind if they hope to find success. The gentlemanly Bentley the Bug wants nothing more than a peaceful evening alone, but farmer Henry and his oversized cello are not exactly keeping quiet. Six-year-old Gioannin discovers that his worlds of fantasy and reality do not always align when his long-lost father finally returns home. One tiny fly is not afraid to dream big, and decides to pursue a career as a superhero with hilari-

ous results. You might be surprised just how much you can learn and achieve if you keep an open mind.

- Sesame Workshop "Birds" (Canada, 2009) 1 min.
- Tah-Dah (Canada/USA, 2009) 3 min.
- Chickens of the Sea (USA, 2009) 7 min.
- When Apples Roll (Latvia, 2009) 7 min.
- The Young Detectives: "Mirror to the Past" (Norway, 2008) 10 min.
- Ted Sieger's Molly Monster: "Molly at the Dentist" (Switzerland/Germany, 2009) 5 min.
- Frog (Sweden, 2008) 8 min.
- Diary of a Fly (USA, 2008) 9 min.
- My Name is Tuan (Canada, 2008) 7 min.
- The King of the Island (Italy, 2009) 17 min.



When Apples Roll

Sources of Strength

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

Like trees, we have far-reaching roots that give us nourishment, support and identity. For humans, these roots can take many forms: your family, your friends, your ethnicity, or even the school you attend. Lisa and Aisha are best friends, until a secret comes between them and threatens to destroy the bond that has kept them close for many years. A young filmmaker finds out first-hand what freedom means to teens of all different backgrounds. Sara finds that (coming home for) the Japanese autumn festival brings her closer to her family and to her own

goals. Let the roots which extend deep into your past strengthen and guide you as you stand up tall today!

- Live Music (USA, 2009) 6 min.
- My 24 Hours II: Families "Japan" (Taiwan, 2009) 12 min.
- Peter's Principle (Germany, 2007) 5 min.
- Freedom: What It Means to Teens (USA, 2009) 7 min.
- Hothouse 5: "Wiggles and Giggles" (Canada, 2008) 2 min.
- The Secret Country (Norway, 2009) 19 min.
- Q & A (USA, 2009) 4 min.
- Felix (Germany, 2007) 21 min.



The Secret Country

A Shine of Rainbows

Canada/Ireland, 2009 104 minutes Ages 10 to 13 9:45 a.m.
Kerasotes Showplace 14 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. But just when Tomás begins to settle

in to his new home, he is presented with the greatest challenge of his young life. Risking it all, Tomás embarks on a journey where he will need to call on Maire's greatest gifts—and discover the magic within him—to triumph. 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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Live Action Feature

The Magic Tree

Poland, 2009 90 minutes Ages 8 to 10 10:15 a.m.
Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Andrzej Maleszka

If you sat in a magical chair that could grant you any of your heart's desires, what would you wish for? In this whimsical and entertaining film, the lives of three children are turned upside-down by a chance encounter with an unusual red chair made from the wood of a magical tree. Tosi, Philip and Kuki are forced to move in with an odd caretaker when their parents go to work abroad. But when they discover the magical chair and its awesome wish-granting powers, the trio decides to take matters

into their own hands and set out on an expedition in search of their parents. Along the way, the children must outrun and outwit an evil, greedy man who also seeks the powerful chair to wish for all of the money in the world. It will take courage, perseverance, and a sprinkling of magic for the children to reach their parents safely. Based on the award-winning Polish television series, *The Magic Tree* is a vivacious, quick-paced adventure that showcases the enchanting wonder in the most ordinary objects.

From Time to Time

United Kingdom, 2009 92 minutes Ages 10 to 15 10:45 a.m.
Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Julian Fellowes

With WWII coming to a close, and his father still missing in battle, Tolly is sent to the countryside to live with his grandmother in their imposing ancestral home. Little does he know, the house is alive with ancient secrets that have haunted his family for centuries. With the help of the spirits of young Susan and her friend Jacob, Tolly begins to solve the mysteries hidden in the dark corners of the house. Tolly's

adventures lead him along a supernatural journey of friendship and self-discovery, and teach him one of life's most important lessons. Lose yourself in this fantastic film which boasts a powerhouse cast including Dame Maggie Smith (*Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*), Timothy Spall (*Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*), Dominic West, and rising young star Alex Etel (*The Waterhorse*) as Tolly.

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SOS – Summer of Suspense

Norway, 2008 87 minutes Ages 11 to 13 11:15 a.m.
Kerasotes Showplace 14 Directed by Arne Lindtner Næss

The sun shines brightly upon the shore of Noora's small coastal community but dangers lurk in the distance. After discovering an orphaned seal pup playing with a mysterious package floating in the reef, twelve-year-old Noora hides the innocent pup from visiting seal hunters. Little does she know, however, that her heroic mission to save the seal pup will put her in conflict with everyone

on the island! When three young tourists staying in Noora's family's rental cottage realize that their important parcel has gone missing, things take a turn for the worse. Now it is up to Noora, her brother Morten, and their friend Ludvik to figure out what makes this package so valuable. This nail-biting adventure starring Afro-Norwegian characters is guaranteed to keep you at the edge of your seat!

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Issues of Integrity

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

Life is full of important choices, and making the right ones can lead to great things! You'll chuckle when two sly scammers are caught red-handed by a magician with a mission. Discover how far young Chinese children will go for a precious chance to phone their far-off parents. Then cover the canvas with a clever artist who needs some skills in diplomacy to paint a portrait of an important general. Team up with these plucky characters as they face

some moral dilemmas and learn the importance of doing what's right.

- Rascal's Street (Spain, 2008) 3 min.
- We Still Have a Dream (Canada, 2008)
- Ley Ley (Germany, 2008) 12 min.
- Big Commission (USA, 2008) 4 min.
- A Long-Distance Call (Canada/China, 2008) 13 min.
- Crema Suprema (Canada, 2008) 3 min.
- Iker Stubborn Hair (Mexico, 2009) 7 min.
- The Cunning Tailor and the Young Man (Iran, 2009) 9 min.
- The Secret Friend (Germany, 2008) 15 min.

At the Top of Our Game

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

The characters in these eight shorts have a knack for keeping themselves in the game—even when defeat seems imminent. One tiny alien has managed to set his spacecraft down on a foreign planet, but the unusual terrain is making it awfully difficult for him to plant his flag. Gideon the Great invites us on an epic journey through space, time, and miles of imagination to do battle in the skies with the dastardly Red Baron. Can a lowly cabin girl defeat the treacherous pirate Captain Scabb and discover

the hidden treasure of Skull Rock herself? If you are dedicated to your cause and determined to succeed, you can always end up on top.

- One Small Step (USA, 2009) 3 min.
- The Gift (USA, 2007) 9 min.
- Live Music (USA, 2009) 6 min.
- Scarecrow Girl (Brazil, 2008) 13 min.
- Gideon the Great: "The Flying Ace" (USA, 2008) 7 min.
- Razzari Field (France, 2009) 6 min.
- The Curse of Skull Rock (UK, 2007) 12 min.
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Mondo's Myths: Where Did the Night Come From?
Andrés Lieban Brazil (8 minutes)
Nineteen, Jörg Hiller, Colombia (8 minutes)
Egghunt, Paul Yan, USA (4 minutes)

The Mantis Parable, Josh Staub, USA (8 minutes)
Do Other Things, Helena Giersz, USA (4 minutes)
The Magic Lion, Charles Githinji, Canada (7 minutes)
Confection, Eva Saks, USA (4 minutes)
Little Pig is Flying, Alicja Jaworski, Sweden (10 minutes)
(total running time: 61 minutes)



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