

2010



Weekend

Schedule



27th

Annual



Chicago

International
Children's
Film Festival

October 22–October 31

Welcome to the 27th annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival, the largest Festival of films for children in North America! Programming over 250 films from 40 countries, the Festival showcases the best in culturally diverse, non-violent, value affirming new cinema for children & youth and welcomes 25,000 attendees including 150 filmmakers who lead interactive Q&A's & workshops. The Festival is also the only Academy Award qualifying children's film festival in the world!

The Chicago International Children's Film Festival is a project of Facets Multi-Media; a non profit organization that for 35-years has been dedicated to the exhibition, distribution and education of foreign, independent and classic cinema.

Admission

Children (Ages 2–16): \$6.00

Adults: \$9.00

Programs are in high demand and seating is limited.

Advance Tickets: Program seating is *guaranteed* only with purchase through Ticketweb.



www.ticketweb.com

1-866-468-3401

(Regular admission prices only. Additional fees will apply.)

Tickets go on sale at venue box office 30 min. prior to showtime.

Special/Discounted Ticket Prices

FREE—Patron Circle Membership.

Must present membership card at box office.

For more information on becoming a Facets Patron 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 fldtrips@facets.org for more information.

Age Ranges

Age range suggestions are offered as a general guideline only. Special programs for our youngest audiences will be indicated by the My First Movie icon.



Program Guidance

Symbols will be used to mark programs that contain profanity (P), mild violence (V), or mature themes (M). The "M" symbol is similar to a PG or PG-13 rating.



Additional Symbols

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

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Filmmaker Appearances:

The Festival welcomes over 100 filmmakers to Chicago each year. If a filmmaker is present for their screening, a Q&A will follow at the end of the program.

Subtitles? No Problem!

Professional actors will read aloud the English subtitles of foreign-language films in programs for ages 7 and under.

Best of Fest

Kids count at the Festival! After your screening, be sure to cast your vote for the "Best of Fest" award. The winner is announced at the American Airlines Closing Night Awards Presentation.

Concessions

Concessions are available at Facets only.

Questions?

Contact Kidsfest at 773-281-9075 ext. 3011, kidsfest@facets.org or visit www.facets.org/kids.

Locations and Parking

Facets Multi-Media

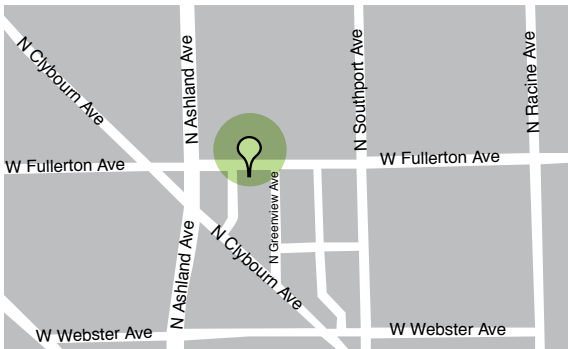
1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago

Saturday & Sunday, October 23 & 24 at 9:30AM, 11AM, 1PM, 3PM, 5PM, 7PM & 9PM.

Saturday, October 30 at 9:30AM, 11AM, 1PM, 3PM, & 5PM

Sunday, October 31 at 9:30AM, 11AM, 1PM, & 3PM

Unmetered street parking.

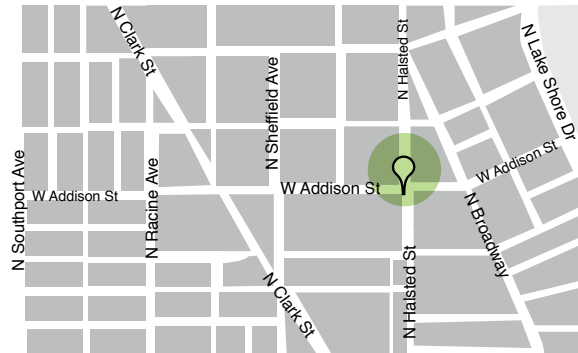


Center on Halsted – Hoover-Leppen Theatre

3656 N. Halsted, 3rd Floor, Chicago

Saturday, October 23 at 9:30AM, 11AM, 1PM, 3PM & 5PM.

Metered street and ramp parking.



University of Chicago – Max Palevsky Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall

1212 E. 59th St., Chicago

Sunday, October 24 at 9:30AM, 11AM, 1PM & 3PM.

Metered and unmetered street and ramp parking.



Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

2430 North Cannon Dr., Chicago

Saturday, October 30 at 9:30AM, 11AM, 1PM & 3PM.

Admission includes entrance to the Museum!

Unmetered street parking.



Take One! Workshops®

Workshop space is limited and registration must be done in advance. Workshop fees are non-refundable.

To register: visit www.facets.org/kids. Call 773-281-9075 ext. 3011 or email kidsfest@facets.org

Animation All-Stars

Saturday, October 23

11:00AM–5:00PM

Illinois Institute of Art

180 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago

Fee: \$50 — For ages 11–13



Interested in computer animation or already starting? Toon Boom's Animation All-Stars host an immersion hands-on course on-site where you can learn to develop, design, storyboard and animate your own animated short film- just like the pros do!

Acting is FUN!

Saturday, October 23

11:30AM–1:00PM

Facets Lounge

Facets Multi-Media

1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago

Fee \$20 — For ages 7–10

Do you want to act in movies or on stage? In this introductory workshop participants will learn acting games and exercises and will 'act out' a story; perfect for creative kids who want to develop their imagination and important skills such as listening, concentration and collaboration with an audience in mind! Lisa Formosa-Parmigiano received her MFA from the Actors Studio Drama School in New York and has been teaching for over 15 years.

FLIP IT—For Future Animators

Sunday, October 24

12:00PM–3:00PM

Illinois Institute of Art

180 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago

Fee: \$30 — For ages 5–8



Join Festival Favorite, George Berlin and the wacky Toon Boom animators for this fun-filled hands-on animation workshop for the beginner skill level! Using 'Flip Boom Classic' software, children as young as 5 can draw and color characters, then bring them to life through the use of traditional animation processes. Not a good draw-er? No need! Even if your tyke is only drawing stick figures, they can still put their creativity in motion. Make your own short animated films and be able to take them home at the end of the workshop!

Make It Up

Saturday, October 30

11:30AM–1:00PM

Facets Lounge

Facets Multi-Media

1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago

Fee \$20 — For ages 9–14

From crazy effect make up to looking great for the camera, join Chicago makeup master Vicki Vacca (*Transformers 3*, *The Dark Knight*, *Glee*) as she shows you make-up magic and the process of turning an ordinary actor into a totally different character.

Get It Moving!

An Animation Workshop

Saturday, October 30

12:00PM–4:00PM

Illinois Institute of Art

180 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago

Fee \$40 — For ages 11–14



The Olive Branch

Stretch your imagination in this four-hour workshop led by Little Airplane Productions' Animation Supervisor, Julian Kauffmann (*The Wonder Pets*, *3rd & Bird*). Julian will teach participants the animation techniques that sent these great shows into the hearts and homes of kids all over America. Play with the basics of stop-motion "photo-puppetry" animation and recreate your own television show with other budding animators.

Saturday, October 23

9:30AM

Facets Multi-Media

Animal Antics

60 min, Ages 2–5



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The kooky critters in these short films find out that there’s always something to discover. A bird, a raccoon and a bunny team up to find Santa Claus in Brazil. Whistleless finds his voice to join in the town’s music festivities. Parrot Ziggy (Marley) teaches young bird Samuel some sweet dance moves in Jamaica. New places mean friendly new faces, whether you have paws, claws, feathers or fins!

New Digs (South Africa) 3 min

Birds of a Feather (USA) 3 min

Log Jam: “KJFG No. 5” (Hungary) 2 min

Shammies: “How Shammies Bathed”

(Latvia) 7 min

Whistleless (Denmark) 5 min

The Sandpixies: “Sand Worm Has a

Chill” (Germany) 5 min

Tweetlings: “Down By the River”

(Denmark) 6 min

Pipi Pupu & Rosmary: “Mapa

Christmas” (Italy/Luxembourg) 7 min

Where is the Gerbil? (USA) 5 min

Nulli & Preisemut: “The Visitor”

(Germany) 7 min

3rd & Bird!: “Jamaica” (England) 10 min

Saturday, October 23

9:30AM

Center on Halsted

Hoover-Leppen Theatre

Bob the Builder: “The Legend of the Golden Hammer” (England)

61 min, Ages 2–5



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Watch the original Bob the Builder, direct from England, in a never-before-seen U.S. premiere! Everyone’s favorite fix-it man sets out on an exciting building project in his new home of Fixham Harbor. But when scarecrow Spud and four-wheeler Scrambler hear of an amazing treasure, the pirate Brickbeard’s Golden Hammer, they decide building can wait – first, they must find the hammer for their best pal Bob! Help them collect and decipher clues as they discover hidden treasure in a big way.

Saturday, October 23

11:00AM

Facets Multi-Media

Magic Carpet

77 min, Ages 5–8



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Presto change-o! In this special Halloween program of short films, clever characters have fun trying on different identities and going on new adventures. The great B.B. King searches high and low for the most special part of his costume. Two city pets take a magic visit to the countryside to see if their ways are better. And a plucky court page outwits the most powerful wizard in the kingdom. Come along for the ride and don’t forget your magic wand!

Big Box Singing John (Canada) 1 min

Play Just Like You (Mexico) 8 min

Chubbie and Cheesy: “A Very

Special Umbrella” (Brazil) 11 min

One Shoe Blues (USA) 5 min

Josué and the Cassavastalk

(Brazil) 13 min

My Cardboard Dad (Norway) 15 min

Ice Master (Latvia) 24 min

Saturday, October 23
11:00AM
Center on Halsted
Hoover-Leppen Theatre
**Rainbow Magic:
"Return to Rainspell
Island"** (England)
61 min, Ages 5–8



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Six colorful fairies live in a rainbow world of peace, joy and song. But when mean girls, goblins, and Jack Frost himself threaten the happiness of their turf, will magic and friendship be enough? See what the end of the rainbow holds, in this fun-filled action-packed musical extravaganza where anything can happen – and does!

Saturday, October 23
1:00PM
Facets Multi-Media
Relay Race
78 min, Ages 8–10



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With friends and family on your team, you can go the distance! A mishap prevents Eduardo's father from coaching his fishing team, and it takes help from a relative in disguise to win the title! When Daniel impresses on the track field at his new boarding school, a jealous rival fights to be noticed. Will the two learn to enjoy their sport together? Find out in this collection of shorts about teamwork and friendship.

Play Just Like You (Mexico) 8 min
Soccer Scientists: "Substitute Player"
(Germany) 2 min
Alex and the Ghosts (Canada) 7 min
The Championship (Brazil) 14 min

Love Bug (USA) 7 min
Run! (Netherlands) 15 min
Dracula 4D (England) 10 min
Number One (Germany) 15 min

Saturday, October 23
1:00PM
Center on Halsted
Hoover-Leppen Theatre
Go Your Own Way
79 min, Ages 11–15



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In this multi-cultural collection of short films, a climb up the corporate ladder gets slippery – but quick thinking leads to a different but happy ending. On a family holiday to Fiji, 12-year-old Greg and his father have different ideas about where Greg should focus his talents. When Irina is inspired to write in her native tongue, it leads to unexpected success leading the village rock band in the town's annual cultural celebration. Open up! Everything's waiting for you if you Go Your Own Way.

El Tux (USA) 7 min
Hokus Pokus (Germany) 5 min
The Necktie (Canada) 13 min
Head Dwellers Part 2: "Neighboring"
(Hungary) 3 min

Skolt Rock in Lapland (Finland) 15 min
Cooked (England) 7 min
The Lost Thing (Australia) 15 min
Franswa Charl (Australia) 14 min

Saturday, October 23

3:00PM

Facets Multi-Media

Here Comes Lola!

(Germany)

96 min, Ages 7–9



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Nine-year-old Lola has a passion for Brazilian music, a fear of frogs, and a very lively imagination! When Lola dreams, she is a famous pop star giving concerts to adoring crowds. But in real life, all Lola wants is one thing: a best friend of her very own. When closed-minded neighbors force Lola and her family to move to the big city, Lola is ready to embrace new challenges with all of her heart. Inspired by the popular “Lola” book series, Here Comes Lola! celebrates the importance of family and the joy of finding friends in the most unexpected of places.

Saturday, October 23

3:00PM

Center on Halsted

Hoover-Leppen Theatre

What’s On Your Plate?

(USA)

76 min, Ages 7–9



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Sadie and Safiyah are two kids from New York City on a mission: to find out where food comes from! By interviewing farmers, storekeepers, and “food activists,” they discover and develop a wider understanding of what people eat in school, in different parts of New York, and all over the country. Where does our food start? How is it cultivated? How many miles does it travel from farm to fork? And why is this so important to know? Join Sadie and Safiyah on a whirlwind – and delicious – adventure and find out!

Saturday, October 23

5:00PM

Facets Multi-Media

Klara (Sweden)

81 min, Ages 10–12



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Klara’s had to deal with a lot of changes: watching her parents’ divorce, moving to a small farm town, and fitting in at a strange new school. Horseback riding is the center of life for the townspeople, so Klara decides to join a riding academy and enter the town’s big race! Klara soon gets in over her head, but gentle Jonte teaches her to ride Star, the landlord’s unwanted mare. Uplifted by Jonte’s support, tested by her peers, and immersed in a whole new life, will Klara have what it takes to ride in the Grand Prix?

Saturday, October 23:

Saturday, October 23
5:00PM
Center on Halsted
Hoover-Leppen Theatre
MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS (USA)
96 min, Ages 12–15



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Are you a fan of *Glee* and *High School Musical*? Then this singing and dancing documentary is for you! Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania might be a sports-crazy town – but high school theater is just as big. Each year, creative students put on elaborate versions of Broadway musicals, in the hopes of being nominated for the “Freddys,” a televised ceremony that’s the “Super Bowl” of high school theater. Join three teen troupes as they use teamwork, camaraderie and confidence to present *Bye Bye Birdie* and *Les Miserables* in hopes of winning a coveted award and showing everyone what they’ve got!

Saturday, October 23
7:00PM
Facets Multi-Media
Time Trip: Curse of the Viking Witch (Denmark)
90 min, Ages 11–13



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In this fantasy adventure packed with thrills for the whole family, ninth-grader Valdemar meets Benedict, a scientist who has built a time machine! What Valdemar doesn’t know is that back in the Viking Age, an evil witch cast a curse on Benedict, making him immortal. Benedict can’t travel back in time to settle the score, so he needs Valdemar’s help! Together with his little sister, Valdemar journeys to the past, fights the wily witch, and learns the importance of responsibility and family.

Saturday, October 23
9:00PM
Facets Multi-Media
Neukölln Unlimited
(Germany)
96 min, Ages 12+



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Relying on breakdancing and musical talent to get them through each day, three resourceful teenage siblings must figure out budgets, pay the family’s rent, and find an identity between illegal immigrants and hip-hop hopefuls. However, youngest sibling Maradona is in danger of flunking out of school, which could spell disaster for the entire family. Will Maradona’s reckless streak derail their dreams and get the family deported? In this award-winning documentary, a family survives on their art and lives on the edge, yearning to belong in the place they call home.

Sunday, October 24:

Sunday, October 24
9:30AM
Facets Multi-Media
1, 2, Eyes on You
60 min, Ages 2–5



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Keep up the pace of self-discovery with the characters in this collection of films from around the world. Follow the painter's perspective in his topsy turvy world with the little dog in the Peo Gallery. Discover friends right around the corner when the Koettbullar Family takes their daily stroll. A frisky Cave Girl really rocks out with the rest of the cave dwellers when they form their own band. "Look at me" meets "what comes next" with this lively crowd!

Log Jam: "KJFG No. 5" (Hungary) 2 min
Ormie (Canada) 4 min
The Olive Branch: "Sleep" (USA) 1 min
The Plant (USA) 2 min
The Peo Gallery: "M.C. Escher" (Switzerland) 3 min
The Music Box (USA) 3 min
The Story of the Mean Dragon (Canada) 3 min
The Sandpixies: "Sand-flood" (Germany) 5 min

The Tweetlings: "Mice in a Row" (Denmark) 6 min
Shammies: "How Shammies Bathed" (Latvia) 7 min
Dog and Flea (Croatia) 4 min
The Swedish Meatballs (Sweden) 7 min
Happiness: "Jump" (Norway) 2 min
Igam Ogam: "Listen to Me" (Wales) 11 min

Sunday, October 24
9:30AM
University of Chicago —
Max Palevsky Cinema,
Ida Noyes Hall
Mamma Moo & Crow
(Sweden)
77 min, Ages 2–5



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Meet Mamma Moo: an extraordinary cow who wants to go where no cow has gone before! Mamma Moo wants to ride a bike, climb a tree, and play on a swing, which her new friend Crow doesn't understand. But after sharing adventures with Mamma Moo, Crow realizes how fun trying new things can be. As you watch this animated feature film that is already a family hit in Sweden, remember that sometimes you don't know you're lost until you are found!

Sunday, October 24
11:00AM
Facets Multi-Media
Critter Capers
73 min, Ages 5–8



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PREMIERE

Calling all adventurers! These little creatures are not afraid to try something new. A group of dancing hens jump and jive with bandleader Kevin Bacon. Weighing friendship in the balance is on the mind of one very determined cow. Courageous Mouse faces all creatures great and small in this award-winning film version of the beloved book, *The Gruffalo*. Challenge yourself and come out on top with these brave beasties!

Ormie (Canada) 4 min
Philadelphia Chickens (USA) 5 min
Tiger (Latvia) 8 min
The Widely Travelled Little Mouse (Hungary) 7 min

Mobile (Germany) 7 min
Pups of Liberty (USA) 15 min
The Gruffalo (England) 27 min

Sunday, October 24
11:00AM
University of Chicago —
Max Palevsky Cinema,
Ida Noyes Hall

**Ricky Rapper and the
Bicycle Thief** (Finland)
77 min, Ages 7–9



NORTH AMERICAN
PREMIERE

Everyone’s favorite rapper sets out on a new adventure in this touching and action-packed musical comedy! When Serna Rapper and Lennart Lindberg go on a vacation, they leave Fanny Freezer in charge of Ricky Rapper and Nelly Noodlehead. All is well, until Ricky’s fancy new bike mysteriously disappears! Who are the culprits? Could it be Beril and Robert Rosenbeogel? Or the odd doctors in the new hospital? Join Ricky and his pals as they work together to solve the mystery – but not without fun music every step of the way!

Sunday, October 24
1:00PM
Facets Multi-Media

Friends and Family First
78 min, Ages 8–10



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We all have big dreams and our families are there right beside us to make them happen. First Nation tween, T Bear, thought his Mother’s Day school project would be a lot easier. Can he find inspiration from Dad to finish with flying colors? And in a picturesque German mountain village, it’s girls vs. boys until the family animals “butt” in to restore the peace. Put your loved ones first, and you can always count on them to help!

Play Just Like You (Mexico) 8 min

(Canada) 24 min

A Film About Poo (England) 2 min

Animals Up to the Roof

Correctional Facility for Parents

(Germany) 29 min

(Croatia) 15 min

Wapos Bay: “The Hardest Lesson”

Sunday, October 24
1:00PM
University of Chicago —
Max Palevsky Cinema,
Ida Noyes Hall

The Indian (Netherlands)
75 min, Ages 8–10



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Eight-year-old Koos wants nothing more than to be like his father despite his dark skin and hair. But, when his mother finds out she is going to have a baby, Koos starts to question his place in the family. One day outside the supermarket, Koos spots a boy playing strange music and discovers that like the boy, he is of Peruvian roots. Fascinated with his newly discovered heritage, Koos tries to be a “true Indian,” and explores his own identity while awaiting a new baby brother or sister. This award-winning feature celebrates the uniqueness of every person, and the importance of keeping the old while embracing the new.

Sunday, October 24

3:00PM

Facets Multi-Media

Top Pix: Kids' Flicks I

83 min, Ages 8–10



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Let your imagination run wild and bring it to life on screen! Join fellow future filmmakers and film fans at this very special shorts program of movies by kids, for kids! See what kids from around the world are making, including live-action mysteries, insightful documentaries, and fantastic animations. With this wide variety of films from six countries, see the best of the best and gain inspiration to make your own movie. If it can be thought, it can be filmed!

Alarm Clock (Croatia) 2 min

The Glue Blues (USA) 3 min

Ginger's Encounter (USA) 5 min

Monsters in the Roof (Australia) 2 min

Paws & Whiskers (USA) 10 min

Brundo the Bear (Belgium) 5 min

Witch's Love (Mexico) 4 min

Dog and Flea (Croatia) 4 min

Shiny Alumina (Australia) 6 min

Cellulomania (Belgium) 5 min

Ali's Story (Morocco) 5 min

Where Is The Gerbil? (USA) 5 min

Singing Food (USA) 7 min

It Wasn't a Wolf (Belgium) 5 min

Wesley's Worlds (USA) 6 min

The Magic Hat (USA) 9 min

Sunday, October 24

3:00PM

University of Chicago —

Max Palevsky Cinema,

Ida Noyes Hall

Magic Silver (Norway)

84 min, Ages 8–11



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Deep within the Norwegian mountains, princess gnome Bluerose leads a small but powerful tribe. The Blue Gnomes are keepers of the silver for the Magic Hour, the enchanted twilight time between day and night. But when the silver is stolen from the gnomes, their bright and beautiful world suddenly transforms into eternal dark. Brave Princess Bluerose must set out on a remarkable quest to bring back the daylight, turning rival gnomes into new friends and finding the courage within herself along the way.

Sunday, October 24

5:00PM

Facets Multi-Media

LasseMaja's Detective

Agency: "The

Chameleon Strikes

Back" (Sweden)

97 min, Ages 7–9



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Little detectives Lasse and Maja join their friends in the Valley town square, for the results of the "most popular person" contest. But when the Chief of Police is announced as the winner and a statue of him is unveiled, there is a skeleton in its place! As a chain of mysterious events unfold, often aimed at the beloved Chief, Lasse and Maja seek out answers and stumble upon a sinister plot of greed. It's a dangerous case, but together Lasse and Maja will uncover the truth and find justice for all!

Sunday, October 24
7:00PM
Facets Multi-Media

In the Attic

(Czech Republic)
83 min, Ages 12+



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Deep in an attic of discarded junk, a family of toys has created their own peaceful world. Suddenly, their quiet existence shatters when the cruel ruler of the Land of Evil kidnaps the beautiful doll Buttercup to make her his wife. It's up to the motley crew of stuffed bears, tin soldiers, and potato heads to band together and reach the Land of Evil in time to confront its monstrous ruler and rescue their friend. Will misfit toys triumph over malevolent forces? This Kafka-esque film for teens uses inventive stop-motion and clay animation to tell a story of political oppression and "fighting the good fight."

Preceded by **Price: 2.70 Florints** (Hungary) 7 min

Sunday, October 24
9:00PM
Facets Multi-Media

**Cutting Hedge
Animation**

91 min, Ages 11+



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Loner Todd looks to make his garden grow in an unusual solution. An unexpected companion finds the right home with the help of his geeky new buddy's ingenuity. And from producer Spike Jonze comes a shaggy dog story about plucky Jennie, who proves she has the experience it takes to be a leading lady in the local theatrical production – featuring the voices of Meryl Streep and Forest Whitaker. This labyrinth of "cutting hedge" films is full of twists and turns!

Log Jam: "KJFG No. 5" (Hungary) 2 min

The Necktie (Canada) 13 min

Curious Todd and the Mystery Dream
(India/US) 8 min

Save Our Bacon (England) 14 min

The Moon Bird (England) 15 min

Fard (France) 13 min

Log Jam: "The Rain" (Hungary) 2 min
Higglety Pigglety Pop! Or There Must

Be More To Life (Canada/USA) 24 min



Saturday, October 30
9:30AM
Facets Multi-Media
Over The Fence
62 min, Ages 2–5



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Looking for adventure in their own backyard, these young explorers meet new neighbors and make new friends. They Might Be Giants gather local playmates for a rockin' and eco-friendly spin around the block. Ever wonder if the people who live on the Moon look just like you? The Yellow Balloon makes an incredible subway ride with the help of its young friend. Look over the fence without leaving your seat in this adventurous collection of shorts.

New Digs (South Africa) 3 min
Electric Car (USA) 4 min
Play Ball (USA) 2 min
Ta-Pit: "Blues Brothers" (Switzerland) 2 min
The Sandpoxies: "The Moon Explorers" (Germany) 5 min
The Yellow Balloon (USA) 3 min
Happiness: "Jump" (Norway) 2 min
Tobi: "The Wall" (USA) 4 min

Small Potatoes: "Imagination (Give It A Try)" (USA) 4 min
Knitted Nights (Germany) 7 min
Puck (USA) 7 min
Laban the Little Ghost — Spooky Time: "Daddy's Not Well" (Sweden) 8 min
Big and Small: "Fish Wish" (Canada) 11 min

Saturday, October 30
9:30AM
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
Best Buds
61 min, Ages 2–5



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Calling all buds! The friendly characters in this shorts collection are all around you! Mr. Calico Cat teaches the wee ones how to line up for bathtime. Fifi's neighbors won't be tardy for the party as she gathers the perfect decorations from nature. Open your eyes: your new best buds might be animals, or the nature in front of you every day!

Log Jam: "KJFG No. 5" (Hungary) 2 min
The Olive Branch: "Sleep" (USA) 1 min
Long and Slow Way (USA) 1 min
Shammies: "How Shammies Bathed" (Latvia) 7 min
The Plant (USA) 2 min
The Peo Gallery: "M.C. Escher" (Switzerland) 3 min
Nulli & Preisemut: "The Visitor" (Germany) 7 min

Amazonia (USA) 5 min
The Sandpoxies: "The Moon Explorers" (Germany) 5 min
How the Bunny Didn't Turn to Be Someone Else (Russian Federation) 7 min
Big and Small: "Fish Wish" (Canada) 11 min
Fifi and the Flowertots: "Twinkle Twinkle" (England) 10 min

Saturday, October 30
11:00AM
Facets Multi-Media
Fairytale Adventures
70 min, Ages 5–8



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Each family has its own special traditions – and they have more in common than meets the eye. The Young Detectives are on the case to find if Mom uses too much garlic in Dad's family recipes. Sisters and best friends team up to achieve their goals in a Russian tale animated with fabric. These tales are Once Upon a Time with a twist, taking us from enchanted places to our own backyards.

New Digs (South Africa) 3 min
Jillian Dillon (USA) 4 min
The Bed Jumpers (Sweden) 5 min
The Birthday Gift (Canada) 8 min
The Egg Race (Finland) 9 min
Two Princesses (Russian Federation) 9 min

The Young Detectives: "The Great Garlic Mystery" (Norway) 9 min
Kevin the Superhero (Denmark) 10 min
The Gift of the Magi (Japan) 13 min

Saturday, October 30
11:00AM
Peggy Notebaert Nature
Museum

Fireman Sam: “The Great Fire of Ponty Pandy” (England)
60 min, Ages 2–5



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For Fireman Sam, the hero of little town Ponty Pandy, it’s a dream come true to run his own fire station – if only he didn’t have to leave his home and friends! As Sam wrestles with this decision, a mischievous young boy unleashes a forest fire that puts all of Ponty Pandy in danger. Will Sam and the rest of the Ponty Pandy rescue team save the town in time? Find out in this action-packed computer animated feature, with an important message to respect Mother Nature!

Saturday, October 30
1:00PM
Facets Multi-Media
What If?
71 min, Ages 9–11



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Sometimes the best path to understanding is through experience and persistence! Explore a wild forest with cool frogs during a night-time photo safari in Taiwan. Watch as Turtle forms a special connection with his insect-loving pal. Witness nature in action through a grand experiment that visualizes the speed of sound. In this fascinating world, there’s always more to discover!

- Log Jam: “KJFG No. 5”** (Hungary) 2 min
- Ormie** (Canada) 4 min
- Soccer Scientists: “Floodlight”** (Germany) 2 min
- Summer Night Adventures: “Frogs”** (Taiwan) 10 min
- The Little Boy and the Beast** (Germany) 7 min
- Love Bug** (USA) 7 min
- Cello** (Russian Federation) 7 min
- Mobile** (Germany) 7 min
- The Lost Thing** (Australia) 11 min
- Discover Science: “Let’s See the Speed of Sound”** (Japan) 14 min

Saturday, October 30
1:00PM
Peggy Notebaert Nature
Museum
Light of the River (Japan)
75 min, Ages 4–6



CHICAGO
PREMIERE



A unique family of rats sets out on a long journey to find a safe place to call home. Forced out of their peaceful riverbank by construction, the country rat family encounters many challenges, but also kindness from new city animal friends. Told through gorgeous animation, *Light of the River* celebrates the splendor of untouched nature, the freedom of embracing new challenges, and the joy of discovering kindred spirits.

Saturday, October 30

3:00PM

Facets Multi-Media

Tiger Team (Germany)

90 min, Ages 10–12



CHICAGO
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It's summertime and the *Tiger Team* – three best friends with a knack for sleuthing – can't wait to solve new cases! When a cryptic object uncovers a connection to China, the *Tiger Team* wonders: could the object open the doors of the Moonlight Palace in Beijing's Mountain of 1,000 Dragons? There's only one way to find out: go to China! But when the group reaches China and the key is stolen, it's up to their teamwork and detective skills to fight the notorious Lady Q in a quest to discover the secrets hidden in the Moonlight Palace. Blending fast-paced adventure with fascinating Chinese history, this adaptation of the *Tiger Team* book series – more popular in China than *Harry Potter* – will keep you guessing!

Saturday, October 30

3:00PM

Peggy Notebaert Nature
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Eye on Earth

68 min, Ages 5–8



WORLD
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Look up, look down, look all around at the animals and plants that play a lead role in these short films. As seasons change, a friendship blossoms between a tree and a flower. A dreamy young boy finds his way to the stars, his path unfolding organically when he notes nature's clues around him. Open your eyes to Mother Nature and learn something new every single day!

Log Jam: "KJFG No. 5" (Hungary) 2 min
How The Rain Starts (USA) 3 min
Electric Car (USA) 4 min
New Project: LIZARD (Australia) 3 min
Philadelphia Chickens (USA) 5 min
Amazonia (USA) 5 min
The Most Scary Animal
(Russian Federation) 5 min

A Tree and A Flower (USA) 6 min
Tiger (Latvia) 8 min
Big and Small: "Fish Wish"
(Canada) 11 min
The North Star (USA) 16 min

Saturday, October 30

5:00PM

Facets Multi-Media

ORPS! – The Movie

(Norway)

86 min, Ages 11–13



NORTH AMERICAN
PREMIERE



When life gets in the way of your dreams, what do you do? Start a band, of course! For five friends, the dream of winning the Norwegian brass band championships is diverted when the town's new conductor unfairly gives them the boot. Instead of giving up, they start their own band of outcasts. While each member faces their own personal challenge, they must come together to find a unique "sound" and win the Norwegian Championships. Jam with a lovable group of underdogs, as they put the "b" in "band!"

Sunday, October 31

9:30AM

Facets Multi-Media

Pixies and Play Pals

61 min, Ages 2–5



WORLD
PREMIERE



Poof! Everywhere they go, these plucky sprites leave magical pixie dust in the air. Your new companion could be a wordless snowman or a hapless hamster. Red Pixie Girl re-shapes new creations who happily come along for the ride. In a peaceful Polish valley, Klarunia learns secrets from the Winter Fairy and creates the most enchanting lace in the whole village. This whimsical collection is sure to delight the young and young at heart.

New Digs (South Africa) 3 min

Play Ball (USA) 2 min

Happiness: “Jump” (Norway) 2 min

Snowflakes and Carrots (Canada) 4 min

The Sandpixies: “Hip Hop Hippityhop” (Germany) 5 min

Winter Memories (Canada) 5 min

Shammies: “How Shammies Bathed” (Latvia) 7 min

The Sandpixies: “On the Mountain top” (Germany) 5 min

Moon Children (Switzerland) 5 min

Laban the Little Ghost — Spooky Time: “Camp Out” (Sweden) 8 min

Polish Fairy Tales: “Winter Fairies” (Poland) 15 min

Sunday, October 31

11:00AM

Facets Multi-Media

Ploddy the Police Car Makes a Splash (Norway)

90 min, Ages 4–6



NORTH AMERICAN
PREMIERE



When a thunderstorm breaks the power lines and cuts off electricity in the town of Bodø, Ploddy the Police Car is ready for action! Against the wind and across the mountain, Ploddy pulls a new electrical cable into town. Through helping his friends, Ploddy goes “green” and is inspired with a new and improved source of energy! Together with his pal Oda Otter, Ploddy exposes the town villains’ plans – which are cruel to the environment – and saves the day in an energy efficient way!

Sunday, October 31

1:00PM Facets Cinema

Top Pix: Kids’ Flicks II

91 min, Ages 11–13



WORLD
PREMIERE

This year’s crop of short films made by the top young filmmakers of the world is the ‘pick’ of the Fest! Witness their amazing talent and creativity in films that speak from a youth’s perspective, from the newest and freshest filmmakers across the globe. Before you know it, they might just become world-renowned documentary filmmakers, the best animators in the business, or the hottest stars in Hollywood. These “Kids Pix” are sure to please!

Unwind the Colourblind (Australia) 5 min

Binn Bunny Goes Green (England) 7 min

Empty (USA) 9 min

A Gum’s Life (USA) 4 min

Blue Magic (Croatia) 3 min

Dinosaur! (USA) 2 min

Daniel Hudson Burnham: How One Man’s Vision Changed Chicago and Influenced America (USA) 10 min

Ladies, Please (USA) 6 min

Wonderful World (England) 6 min

Freshman 2 Freshman (USA) 7 min

A World Without Colors (USA) 5 min

On The Block: “Tory Island” (Ireland) 27 min

Opening Night Gala

Friday, October 22

Be there when the 27th Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival kicks off with this evening of family fun, fantastic food, and film!

Hosted by WTTW's Geoffrey Baer. Strap on your dancing shoes and pump up the volume with Radio Disney's Party Patrol and enjoy some of the very best short films and feature previews from this year's Festival. Join the fun where everyone is a VIP!



Log Jam: "KFG No. 5" (Hungary) 2 min

Ormie (Canada) 4 min

One Shoe Blues (USA) 5 min

Mobile (Germany) 7 min

El Tux (USA) 7 min

The Little Boy and the Beast (Germany) 7 min

The Lost Thing (Australia) 15 min

Plus trailers from some of the Festival's feature films!

Running Time: 60 minutes

When?

Friday, October 22

6:00PM Reception

7:15PM Opening Remarks

7:45PM Film Presentation

Where?

Thorne Auditorium

375 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL

(corner of Chicago & Lake Shore Drive)

Parking: Available at garages around the auditorium.

Tickets:

Suggested donation: \$25 per adult

\$10 per child

For tickets call 773-281-9075 ext. 3011 or visit our web site at www.facets.org/kids.

American Airlines Closing Night Awards Ceremony

Sunday, October 31



And the winner is...! Feel the anticipation at the Closing Night Awards Ceremony for the 27th Annual Chicago International Film Festival. This exciting night of surprises promises to be one to remember with over 30 awards announced and 100 filmmakers in attendance. After the ceremony, stay for a special screening of award winning short films, followed by a reception where everyone's a winner! Meet the filmmakers while we close the curtains on the 2010 Festival!

When?

Sunday, October 31

6:00PM Awards Ceremony

7:00PM Screening of Award Winning Films

8:00PM Reception

Where?

Film Row Cinema — Columbia College Chicago

1104 S. Wabash, 8th Floor, Chicago

Parking: Available on street and at garages around the cinema.

Tickets: call 773-281-9075 ext. 3011 or visit our website at www.facets.org/kids.

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Parents: The award winning film presentation may contain mild profanity, violence or mature themes. Films will be presented in their original languages with no subtitle readers.



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