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**School & Group  
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**27<sup>th</sup>  
Annual**

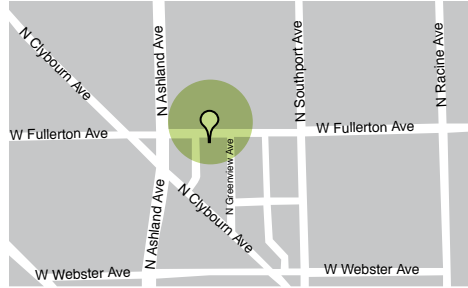


**Chicago**

**International  
Children's  
Film Festival**

**October 22–October 29**

## Locations



### Facets Multi-Media

1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago

Friday, October 22 and Monday through Friday, October 25–29 at 9:45AM & 11:45AM. Additional screenings can be arranged Monday through Friday, November 1 to November 12.

Afternoon screening times available!

Facets is located 1 block east of Ashland, on Fullerton.



### Bank of America Cinema

4901 W. Irving Park, Chicago

Friday, October 22 and Monday through Friday, October 25–29 at 9:45AM & 11:45AM.

Buses, turn on Lavergne to get to parking lot. The theater is in the back of the building.

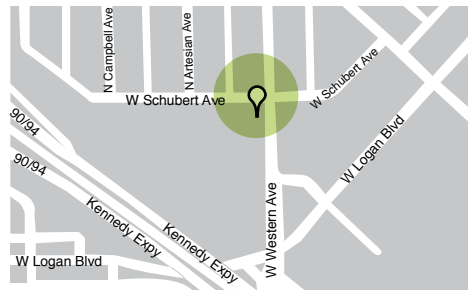


### University of Chicago—Max Palevsky Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall

1212 E. 59<sup>th</sup> St., Chicago

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, October 25, 26 & 27 at 9:45AM & 11:45AM.

Ida Noyes Hall is easily accessible from Lake Shore Drive, exit 57<sup>th</sup> St.



### Regal Cinemas—City North Stadium 14

2600 N. Western Ave., Chicago

Monday, October 25 and Friday, October, 29 at 9:45AM, 10:15AM, 10:45AM, and 11:15AM.

Regal Cinemas—City North Stadium 14 is located off the Kennedy (90/94), exit Western Ave.

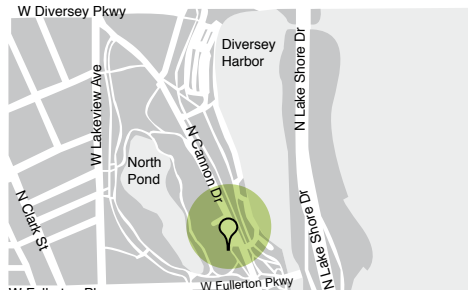


### Illinois Institute of Technology—McCormick Theater, Hermann Hall

3241 S. Federal St., Suite 102, Chicago

Thursday and Friday, October 28 & 29 at 9:45AM & 11:45AM.

Exit 90/94 Expressway at 31<sup>st</sup> street, east to Federal.



### Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

2430 North Cannon Drive, Chicago

Friday, October 22 at 9:45AM and 11:45 AM.

The Nature Museum is just off of Lake Shore Drive at Cannon & Fullerton.

## 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?

Join us for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival (CICFF) and use the power of media to engage and entertain your students while enhancing your classroom work. As the largest and longest running children's film festival in North America, the CICFF discovers the best in world cinema, raising the bar for quality film programming for young people.

The Festival's interactive, multi-cultural film programs address skills in areas such as:

- **Language Arts:** Critical Thinking And Higher Order Thinking Skills
- **Social Science:** Global Culture and Cross-Cultural Understanding
- **Fine Arts:** Filmmaking Activities and Media Literacy
- **Social Emotional:** Values Clarification, Character Building and Problem Solving
- **Foreign Language**
- **Science**

Each program is supported by a comprehensive curriculum, with stimulating post-film discussions led by the Festival's trained media educators. Over 150 international actors and filmmakers also attend screenings to introduce their films and host Q&As with students.

Participating educators receive a free 130–page curriculum guide with Learning and Assessment Plans aligned with Illinois Learning Standards to relate film to schoolwork and to further expand your students' learning after the Festival.

### Festival Highlights:

- More than 250 of the best films and videos for children from over 40 countries.
- Film programs tailored specifically to each grade level.
- My First Movies! programs now scheduled for Pre-K and Kindergarten classes.
- Diverse films celebrate cultural diversity, including:
  - **Proud to Be Me:** Stories of African and African-American Children
  - **Español Para Todos:** Spanish language program
- Free 130–page curriculum with Learning and Assessment Plans aligned with Illinois Learning Standards.
- Free Professional Development Workshops (with CPDU credits) for attending educators.

See You at the Festival!

For additional information, or to book your field trip—please contact us at 773-281-9075 ext. 3009 or fldtrips@facets.org.

### What?

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago International Children’s Film Festival.

### When?

Weekdays (October 22–29, 2010) plus two additional weeks of special screenings (November 1–November 12). Screening times are 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 and 11:45AM. Afternoon screenings also available!

### Where?

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**Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum**  
2430 N. Cannon Drive, Chicago

### How much?

Tickets are \$6.00 per child for groups of 25 or more. Group leaders and chaperones attend for free! Additional charges may apply.

Concessions (small popcorn & soda) \$3 for each are available at Facets ONLY and must be ordered in advance.

### Reserve Your Group!

1. Check the program Grade Level Index on page 5.
2. Select a program.
3. Contact Group Sales at 773–281–9075 ext. 3009 or fldtrips@facets.org to make your reservation or get more information on screenings. You can also fill out the Group Reservation Form (page 3 and 4), and fax to 773–929–0266. We will be in touch to coordinate your screening!

### Curriculum Guide

Our 130–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 Learning Standards.

### Festival Prizes

Kids count at the Festival! After each screening, children receive “Best of Fest” ballots to rate the films. 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.

### Program Guidance

**Grade Level Index:** These are suggested for each program and are offered as a general guideline only.

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 PG/PG-13 rating.



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

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### Subtitles? No Problem!

Professional actors will read the English subtitles of foreign-language films aloud in programs for Early Elementary and younger.

### Questions?

Contact Kidsfest at 773–281–9075, or email to kidsfest@facets.org. Visit us online at www.facets.org/kids.

## Group Registration Form

2010 Chicago International Children’s Film Festival c/o Facets Multi-Media, Inc. 1517 W. Fullerton Ave. Chicago, IL 60614  
tel 773–281–9075 ext. 3009 fax 773–929–0266 kidsfest@facets.org or fldtrips@facets.org www.facets.org/kids

### Group Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Other contact (name & 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 22, 25–29

Post-Festival Screenings: November 1–5 and November 8–12

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Day of the week \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Program \_\_\_\_\_

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Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum—2430 N. Cannon Drive, 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 & Pricing

Regular Admissions—\$7.00 per student  
 Groups of 25 or more—\$6.00 per student  
 Teachers & Chaperones—Free\*

### Number of students

Group 25+  @ \$6.00 = \$

Groups of less than 25  @ \$7.00 = \$

Number of adult chaperones  = Free\*

Additional Fees  = \$   
Additional fees may apply for additional chaperones\*

Group tickets total  = \$

Deposit due (30% of ticket total)  = \$

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

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Group Screening Agreement

Please read & 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 organization is responsible for all transportation arrangements.
- I understand that deposit 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 ext. 3009, fldtrips@facets.org or by fax at 773-929-0266. Visit our website at [www.facets.org/kids](http://www.facets.org/kids) for complete Festival info!

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**Friday, October 22:**



Friday, October 22 9:45AM  
Facets Multi-Media  
**Take the Lead**  
70 min *Late Elementary*

The scrappy characters in these short films aren't afraid to step it up! A young girl takes flight into her own imagination and brings her beloved granddad along. Katrin and Uncle Andreas discover the fascinating world of animals at a local zoo. Plucky Molly Gingerbread joins forces with Hedgehog to save their town from an evil scoundrel! When you take the lead in your own life, you'll find all the hidden treasures that surround you.

- Bigbox Singsong John** (Canada) 1 min
- Googuri Googuri** (Japan) 9 min
- Katrin and the World of Animals** (Germany) 11 min
- The Lost Thing** (Australia) 11 min
- Wahid's Mobile Bookstore** (USA) 11 min
- Molly In Springtime** (Canada/France) 27 min

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Friday, October 22 9:45AM  
Bank of America Cinema  
**Dream It, Be It**  
70 min *Late Elementary*

"If you can dream it, you can be it" is the motto of the characters in this inspiring collection of short films. Ryan tries to reverse time to bond with his soldier brother. Dreams of becoming a doctor and owning a bicycle motivate Wahid as he sells books on the streets of Mumbai. A young farm girl devises a heroic plan to save her mother's life. With hard work and dedication, the most unlikely dream can become a reality!

- Play Just Like You** (Mexico) 3 min
- The Soccer Scientists: "Goals"** (Germany) 2 min
- Terranaughts** (Canada) 5 min
- Ormie** (Canada) 4 min
- What If...** (India) 3 min
- Cello** (Russian Federation) 7 min
- The Nature of Fall** (USA) 14 min
- Love Bug** (USA) 7 min
- Wahid's Mobile Bookstore** (USA) 11 min
- After the Shearing** (USA) 14 min

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Friday, October 22 9:45AM  
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum  
**Line Leader**  
61 min *Pre-K & K*

New friends become best friends for these curious tots. The pals in *Play Ball* are happy to be Line Leaders. The Pixies share a ballgame with their new Moon friends in this inventive sand animation series. Jamaica Parrot (Ziggy Marley) teaches Samuel to open his mind and use his words in the beloved short from the creators of "Wonder Pets".

- New Digs** (South Africa) 2 min
- Play Ball** (USA) 2 min
- Children of Color** (USA) 3 min
- The Sandpixies: "Moon Explorers"** (Germany) 5 min
- Tobi: "The Wall"** (USA) 4 min
- The Tiger's Gift** (USA) 5 min
- Electric Car** (USA) 4 min
- Sunshine Kathy** (Norway) 7 min
- Pom Pom & Friends: "Pom Pom The Hero"** (South Korea) 8 min
- My Big Big Friend** (Brazil/Canada) 11 min
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & Bird!: "Jamaica"** (England) 10 min

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**Friday, October 22:**



Friday, October 22 11:45AM  
Facets Multi-Media  
**Living Lab**  
70 min *Late Elementary*

Sometimes the best path to understanding is through experience! Tag along with 13-year-old Larissa and learn what it's like to live without sight. Explore a wild forest with cool snakes during a photo safari in Taiwan. Witness nature in action through a grand experiment that visualizes the speed of sound. In this fascinating world, there's always more to discover!

- Soccer Scientists: "Floodlight"** (Germany) 2 min
- Brain Zapped—Reason for the Seasons** (USA) 3 min
- The Limitless Boxes** (USA) 3 min
- What If...** (India) 3 min
- Nine-and-a-half: "Blind"** (Germany) 10 min
- Love Bug** (USA) 7 min
- Mobile** (Germany) 7 min
- Summer Night Adventures: "Snakes"** (Taiwan) 10 min
- Katrin and the World of Animals** (Germany) 11 min
- Discover Science: "Let's See the Speed of Sound"** (Japan) 14 min

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Friday, October 22 11:45AM  
Bank of America Cinema  
**The Big Picture**  
78 min *Middle/Junior High School*

Think Big and Dream Bigger! The characters in this short films collection are not afraid to dare themselves to think out of the box. One young man does not let obstacles get in his way to take the lead to help celebrate a teen's biggest moment in their community. After the loss of a dear friend, Mille learns keeping memories and dreams alive will keep that person with you always. When handed a situation, don't just make the best of it—exceed expectations by listening to yourself!

- El Tux** (USA) 7 min
- Jalil** (Russia) 7 min
- 2:00AM** (Canada) 6 min
- Ana and Her Brothers** (Croatia) 15 min
- Save Our Bacon** (England) 14 min
- Mille: "When an Angel Says Goodbye"** (Denmark) 29 min

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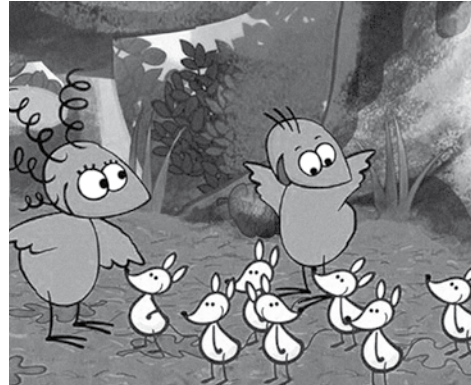
Friday, October 22 11:45AM  
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum  
**Eye on Earth**  
74 min *Early Elementary*

Look up, look down, look all around at the animals and plants that play a lead role in these short films. In Germany, a posse of resourceful kids come up with offbeat ways to save energy. A group of dancing hens jump and jive with bandleader Kevin Bacon. As seasons change, a friendship blossoms between a tree and a flower. 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
- New Project: "LIZARD"** (Australia) 3 min
- The Show with the Mouse: "Saving Energy"** (Germany) 3 min
- Philadelphia Chickens** (USA) 5 min
- Amazonia** (USA) 5 min
- Electric Car** (USA) 4 min
- A Tree and A Flower** (USA) 6 min
- Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!** (USA) 8 min
- Big and Small: "Fish Wish"** (Canada) 11 min
- The Most Scary Animal** (Russian Federation) 5 min
- Tiger** (Latvia) 8 min

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**Monday, October 25:**



Monday, October 25 9:45AM  
Facets Multi-Media  
**What Comes Next?**  
62 min *Pre-K & K*

“What’s that sound?” meets “What comes next?” in this fun collection of short films. Falling dominoes lead to a surprise musical treasure. Brother and Sister Tweetling keep pal Mouse’s siblings in order and save the day. Order and sequence was never this much fun!

- Log Jam: “KJFG no.5”** (Hungary) 1 min
- The Olive Branch: “Sleep”** (USA) 1 min
- The Sandpixies: “Under the Sand”** (Germany) 5 min
- Whistleless** (Denmark) 5 min
- The Music Box** (USA) 3 min
- Shammies: “How Shammies Bathed”** (Latvia) 7 min
- Mr. Bingles Flies His Kite** (New Zealand) 4 min
- The Tweetlings: “Mice in a Row”** (Denmark) 6 min
- The Swedish Meatballs** (Sweden) 7 min
- Log Jam: “The Rain”** (Hungary) 2 min
- Fun with Claude** (England) 10 min
- Listen to Me** (Wales) 11 min

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Monday, October 25 9:45AM  
Bank of America Cinema  
**Fair Play**  
72 min *Early Elementary*

Working together with a smart game plan, these courageous characters are sure to succeed! American history is fun to learn in this retelling of the Boston Tea Party with the plucky Pups of Liberty. An energetic little girl will stop at nothing to play with her big sister! And at the magical Ice Master’s palace, a brave court page goes beyond his station to challenge the Master Magician and save the kingdom. When faced with an obstacle, always remember to play fair, and you’ll do just fine.

- Play Just Like You** (Mexico) 3 min
- Soccer Scientists: “The Center Circle”** (Germany) 2 min
- New Digs** (South Africa) 3 min
- The Birthday Cake** (Brazil/USA) 6 min
- The Young Detectives: “A New Life”** (Norway) 9 min
- Pups of Liberty** (USA) 15 min
- Gorilla** (Finland) 10 min
- Ice Master** (Latvia) 24 min

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Monday, October 25 9:45AM  
University of Chicago—Max Palevsky  
Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall  
**True You**  
71 min *Late Elementary*

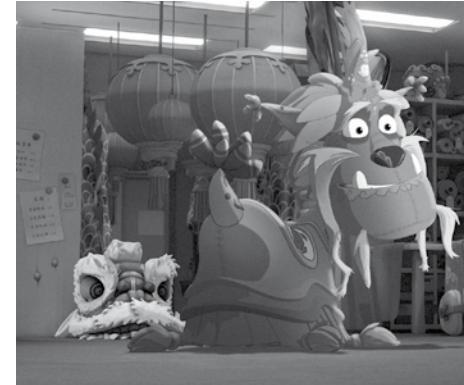
Honesty is the best policy for the characters in these diverse shorts. When jealousy over a gift leads to trouble, Saarthak learns a lesson in respect he will never forget. A Hungarian folk tale shows that hard work can pay off in a fantastical way! And a young boy deals with the consequences of taking the easy path through school. When times are tough, it’s the truth that will get you through.

- Bigbox Singsong John** (Canada) 1 min
- Life Vein** (German) 6 min
- The Gift** (India) 17 min
- Hungarian Folk Tales: “Martin and the Cursed Princess”** (Hungary) 8 min
- The Auction** (Canada) 15 min
- Wapos Bay: “Self Improvement”** (Canada) 24 min

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**Monday, October 25:**



Monday, October 25 9:45AM  
Regal Cinemas—City North  
Stadium 14  
**Laura’s Star & The Mysterious  
Dragon, Nian** (Germany)  
75 min *Early Elementary*

Laura and her best friend, Little Star, fly to China for a special concert to celebrate the Chinese New Year. But when Little Star is lost during the flight, a Chinese girl named Ling Ling takes him along with her. Through his magical powers, Little Star brings Laura and Ling Ling together—and brings to life Nian, a mysterious dragon. While Laura’s mother performs in the concert, Laura and Little Star join Ling Ling and Nian for their biggest adventure yet! Join a cast of unique characters and watch as two very different cultures are brought together in the most magical of ways.

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Monday, October 25 10:15AM  
Regal Cinemas—City North  
Stadium 14  
**Rafiki** (Norway)  
90 min *Late Elementary*

Julie, Mette, and Naisha are best friends forever! But as their school’s holiday play approaches, a misunderstanding drives the trio apart. When Naisha and her mother have to leave the country, Mette and Julie embark on a dramatic quest to right their wrongs. With a friendship hanging in the balance, will the girls find the courage within themselves to reunite? Bring your best friend and find out!

UNITED STATES  
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Monday, October 25 10:45AM.  
Regal Cinemas—City North  
Stadium 14  
**Magic Silver** (Norway)  
84 min *Late Elementary*

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.

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**Monday, October 25:**



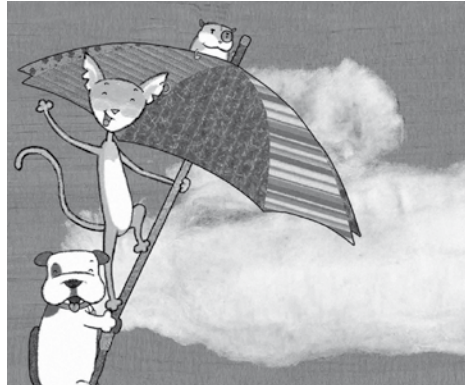
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Stadium 14

**Chandani—The Daughter of the Elephant Whisperer**

(Germany/Sri Lanka)  
88 min *Middle/Junior High School*

Meet Chandani, a Sri Lankan teen who proves that girls can do anything! Generations of men in her family have tended elephant herds, and Chandani wants nothing more than to join them. To reach her goal, Chandani trains with her village's elephant herd, learns the medicines of her ancestors, and cares for her own elephant calf, Kandula. Chandani grows to love her little "rascal" deeply and hopes to display her talents in a big way. With the support of her father and a National Park zoologist, and her own determination and hard work, Chandani gets ready to be the first woman ever to guide an elephant in the Perahera parade procession!

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Monday, October 25 11:45AM  
Facets Multi-Media

**Presto Change-O!**

70 min *Early Elementary*

In this special Halloween program of short films, clever characters have fun trying on different identities. The great B.B. King searches high and low for the most special part of his costume. Starting school doesn't have to be scary, with your pals along for the ride. And Matthew's writer dad guides him through his latest story—with a surprise ending. This October, magic's in the learning!

**One Shoe Blues** (USA) 5 min

**Seasons of Love** (USA) 5 min

**Wonderful Day** (Latvia) 15 min

**Monster Birthday** (Finland) 12 min

**Small Being's Life**  
(Russian Federation) 7 min

**The Prophecy of Asgard** (Brazil) 15 min

**Chubbie and Cheesy: "A Very Special Umbrella"** (Brazil) 11 min

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Monday, October 25 11:45AM  
University of Chicago—Max Palevsky  
Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall

**Tag Team**

71 min *Late Elementary*

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 an unlikely relative to win the title! Young Momo experiences changes that could affect his camping trip with his dad. 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 that honor teamwork and companionship.

**Play Just Like You** (Mexico) 3 min

**The Little Boy and the Beast**  
(Germany) 7 min

**The Championship** (Brazil) 14 min

**Cooked** (England) 7 min

**Run!** (Netherlands) 15 min

**Dracula 4D** (England) 10 min

**Number One** (Germany) 15 min

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**Tuesday, October 26:**



Monday, October 25 11:45AM  
Bank of America Cinema

**Don't Get Middle-Schooled**

77 min *Middle/Junior High School*

The characters in these short films must look deep within themselves to reveal their true measure. Do they take it upon themselves to go the distance? While one young girl is busy with school and friends, her father urges Granddad to abandon his traditional ways. As she makes time to spend each day learning Granddad's trade, she appreciates the different rhythm to her day that this brings. When a young Muslim boy in Kashmir serves community service, he gains an appreciation of nurturing the soil from an unexpected Hindu friend. Everyone is unique in their own way—hang on to what makes you special!

**The Necktie** (Canada) 13 min

**Borderless Sky** (Canada) 8 min

**Ice Cream Man** (Singapore) 11 min

**The Lost Thing** (Australia) 15 min

**11 Weeks** (India) 30 min

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Tuesday, October 26 9:45AM  
Facets Multi-Media

**Ghost Town**

73 min *Late Elementary*

Expect the unexpected in this Halloween collection of short films that promises a healthy dose of the bizarre. Parents transform into beasts, ghosts teach hockey to a young Canadian boy, and the wall between the monster and human world disappears. Danger lurks in the woods for a cunning mouse as three hungry predators await their next meal. Take a deep breath as you navigate these twists and turns—courage will get you around that dark and spooky corner!

**The School Inspection** (England) 3 min

**Alex and the Ghosts** (Canada) 7 min

**The Lost Thing** (Australia) 11 min

**The Little Boy and the Beast**  
(Germany) 7 min

**Unpleasantville** (USA) 18 min

**The Gruffalo** (England) 27 min

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Tuesday, October 26 9:45AM  
Bank of America Cinema

**Change It Up**

72 min *Early Elementary*

Change can be difficult, but it can also lead you in directions you never thought possible. In this animated version of the beloved book, *Mama Squirrel* (Helena Bonham Carter) narrates the transformation of *The Gruffalo*—a monster who may or may not be real! As a little boy's family falls apart, his biggest enemy becomes his biggest ally. Tanja feels left out of her siblings' make-believe play, but redirects her energy to create an amazing film of her own. As you watch this inspiring short film program, remember that every journey begins with a single step.

**One Shoe Blues** (USA) 5 min

**Tiger** (Latvia) 8 min

**The Little Boy and the Beast**  
(Germany) 7 min

**Tanja's Hallway** (Finland) 8 min

**The Girl, The City, The Magi (A Bedtime Story)** (USA) 9 min

**Hungarian Folk Tales: "The Golden Calf"**  
(Hungary) 8 min

**The Gruffalo** (England) 27 min

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## Tuesday, October 26:



Tuesday, October 26 9:45AM  
University of Chicago—Max Palevsky  
Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall  
**Family and Folktales**  
71 min *Early Elementary*

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 Pakistani 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.

**Children of Color** (USA) 3 min

**The Show with the Mouse: "When Granny Turns Strange"** (Germany) 8 min

**The Scarf** (Canada) 4 min

**Jillian Dillon** (USA) 4 min

**The Egg Race** (Finland) 9 min

**Kevin the Superhero** (Denmark) 10 min

**Two Princesses** (Russian Federation) 9 min

**The Young Detectives: "The Great Garlic Mystery"** (Norway) 9 min

**Polish Fairy Tales: "The Golden Apple Tree"** (Poland) 15 min

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Tuesday, October 26 11:45AM  
Facets Multi-Media  
**Pudana—Last of the Line** (Finland)  
81 min *Middle/Junior High School*

Ancient culture is endangered and diverse heritage is lost in this affecting tale of a girl trying to find her place in an ever-changing world. One of the few remaining members of an indigenous people in the North Arctic Circle, Neko is forcibly removed to enter a Russian boarding school. Neko refuses to "mainstream" into Russian society, running away to return to her family, but her flight into the icy forest is short-lived. Through memory and storytelling, Neko shares personal triumphs and preserves her tribe's valuable oral traditions.

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Tuesday, October 26 11:45AM  
Bank of America Cinema  
**Fork in the Road**  
70 min *Late Elementary*

Don't fret! Instead, learn from the characters in these six shorts, who manage stress and solve pesky problems. Follow Mondo's example as he travels to the depths of time and space to save his garden and find the missing sun. Performing in front of a crowd can be scary, but take a cue from Irina and Xia and reach your goals through bravery and practice. And don't be afraid to go against the grain—Arjun's brother Drona helps him realize that different can be beautiful. Hard work and patience always pays off!

**Love Bug** (USA) 7 min

**A Dog Goes From Here to There** (USA) 6 min

**The Travelling Harpists** (England) 11 min

**Mondo's Search For The Sun** (Scotland) 12 min

**Skolt Rock in Lapland** (Finland) 15 min

**Drona & Me** (Netherlands) 19 min

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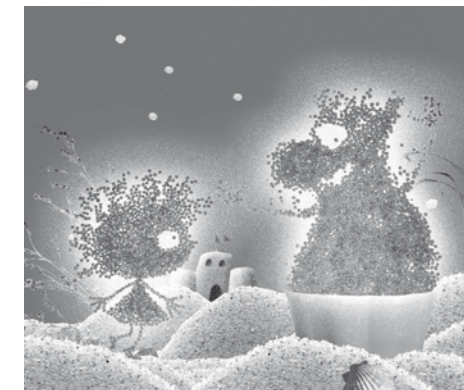


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University of Chicago—Max Palevsky  
Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall  
**Here Comes Lola!** (Germany)  
96 min *Early Elementary*

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.

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Wednesday, October 27 9:45AM  
Facets Multi-Media  
**Shape Shifters**  
61 min *Pre-K & K*

Who's taller? What's nearer? Whoops—where did it go? "Are Papa's legs really that long?" wonders a Caribbean boy at the carnival. Harvey Squirrel and friends have mixed up the witch's spellbook and *poof!* the fun begins. Cool shapes and transformations inside and out will keep you guessing!

**Ormie** (Canada) 4 min

**The Plant** (USA) 2 min

**Peo Gallery: "M.C. Escher"** (Switzerland) 3 min

**The Yellow Balloon** (USA) 3 min

**Blue Elephant** (Taiwan) 3 min

**The Sandpixies: "Copycat George"** (Germany) 5 min

**Papa Moco Jumbie** (USA) 3 min

**Knitted Nights** (Germany) 7 min

**Abby's Flying Fairy School: "Pinocchio Process"** (USA) 9 min

**Harvey Squirrel** (Germany) 11 min

**Garth and Bev** (Ireland) 11 min

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Wednesday, October 27 9:45AM  
Bank of America Cinema  
**Español Para Todos**  
76 min *Late Elementary*

*Hablamos Español!* These characters from around the globe may share a common language, but each has their own unique tale. On the day of his friend's Quinceañera, a young man can become a hero—but does he have the right stuff? Another boy journeys to town for the big fiesta, set to the timeless music of Aaron Copland. And with the help of her friends, a young girl dreams up the best Three Kings Day gift ever! Join us and celebrate Spanish language and culture with these unique films!

**Play Just Like You** (Mexico) 3 min

**Whooping Cough** (Spain) 9 min

**Cesar's World** (Canada) 9 min

**El Tux** (USA) 7 min

**El Salon Mexico** (USA) 13 min

**Domestic** (USA) 15 min

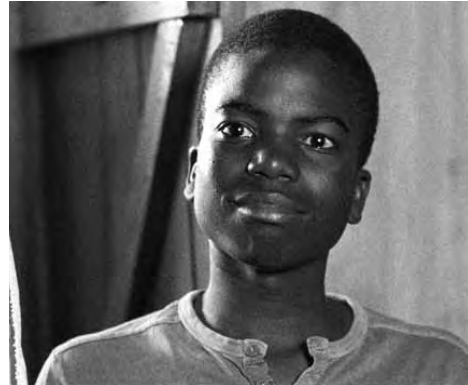
**A Box of Buttons** (Spain) 20 min

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**Wednesday, October 27:**



Wednesday, October 27 9:45AM  
University of Chicago—Max Palevsky  
Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall  
**Soul Boy** (Kenya/Germany)  
60 min *High School*

On life's most important journey, how can you find your way? African teen Abila awakens one morning to find his father deliriously ill—a witch has stolen his soul! It's up to Abi to find the evil "Nyawawa," and complete seven tasks to win back his father's soul. Abi is encouraged by the sign of the sun—which he sees when each task is completed—and his friend Shiku, as she crosses tribal barriers to give him strength on his quest. Can Abi look into the darkness of his father's fears to save his family's future? Join this brave and quick-thinking teen as he travels from the huts of Nairobi, Kenya to the mansions of the countryside, and learns to listen to his head and heart.

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Wednesday, October 27 11:45AM  
Facets Multi-Media  
**Find a Way**  
72 min *Late Elementary*

Problems can be pesky, but when we keep trying, our efforts will be rewarded. A young boy endures "beastly" parents, but his patience paves the way for a positive change. Eduardo thinks and rethinks, as he comes up with new ideas to win his community's fishing championship. The solutions to our problems may not always be obvious, but we should always do our best to find a way.

- One Shoe Blues** (USA) 5 min
- Homeland** (Czech Republic) 7 min
- Brain Zapped: "Reason for the Seasons"** (USA) 3 min
- The Little Boy and the Beast** (Germany) 7 min
- Nine-and-a-half: "Blind"** (Germany) 10 min
- Championship** (Brazil) 14 min
- A River Through My House** (Taiwan) 26 min

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Wednesday, October 27 11:45AM  
Bank of America Cinema  
**Get Into It**  
76 min *High School*

Don't let life's obstacles get in the way of your dreams! In this multi-cultural collection of short films, a climb up the corporate ladder gets slippery—but quick thinking and problem-solving lead to a different but happy ending. In South Central Los Angeles, a group of unlikely teen gardeners prove that good things grow when you get your hands dirty. Take a deep breath and dive in with determination—you'll be amazed at what you uncover.

- El Tux** (USA) 7 min
- Moon Bird** (England) 15 min
- The Heart Sometimes Stops Beating** (Brazil) 14 min
- The Necktie** (Canada) 13 min
- Resistance is Fertile!** (USA) 27 min

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**Thursday, October 28:**



Wednesday, October 27 11:45AM  
University of Chicago—Max Palevsky  
Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall  
**Proud to Be Me: Stories of African and African American Children**  
75 min *Middle/Junior High School*

These young men and women of color aren't afraid of life's challenges—they take it all in stride and pick up the pace! In Mozambique, Alcides sets out to find his birth family—and takes his camera along for the ride. A selfish Brooklyn soccer star learns the true meaning of teamwork when he follows his mother to her Ivory Coast homeland. In all, the stories in this short film collection tell a unique tale of self-discovery and triumph. Follow the path to self-discovery in this eye-opening program.

- Where, There, Here** (USA) 2 min
- Knock, Knock** (Canada) 11 min
- Mozambique** (USA) 17 min
- Abidjan** (Ivory Coast/USA) 20 min
- Growing Up Among Strangers** (Canada) 25 min

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Thursday, October 28 9:45AM  
Facets Multi-Media  
**We Are the World**  
71 min *Middle/Junior High School*

Young people team up to make a difference, in this collection of shorts relatable to kids the world over. As a survivor of the Banda Aceh tsunami in Indonesia, Syawal copes through art and friendship, and renews his relationship with the sea. Meanwhile, students at an English school relate their unique visions of a perfect world. Everyday challenges are far less daunting when you realize you are part of the big picture!

- Love Bug** (USA) 7 min
- Grampa Kevorkian** (USA) 2 min
- Perfect World** (England) 13 min
- Syawal Was Very Scared** (Netherlands) 17 min
- The Necktie** (Canada) 13 min
- Horse Racing Children** (Mongolia) 19 min

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Thursday, October 28 9:45AM  
Bank of America Cinema  
**Roots and Wings**  
76 min *Middle/Junior High School*

Like trees, we all have far-reaching roots that give us nourishment. For these characters, roots can be family, friends, ethnic heritage or even school. Although only 13, Peggy finds herself challenged in her family's leadership role, but makes the right decision in the end. At a boarding school in the arms of the Himalayas, Pico denies his culture and identity. As he navigates his way, he realizes his true home. If you know where you come from, you can feel free to fly!

- El Tux** (USA) 7 min
- Self-Fulfilling** (Norway) 4 min
- Mea Culpa** (Ireland) 19 min
- Cooked** (England) 7 min
- Head Dwellers Part 2: "Neighboring"** (Hungary) 3 min
- The Indian and the Samurai** (USA) 15 min
- The Road Home** (England) 21 min

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**Thursday, October 28:**



Thursday, October 28 9:45AM  
Illinois Institute of Technology—  
McCormick Theater, Hermann Hall  
**The Game Must Go On** (Greece)  
80 min *Middle/Junior High School*

In a small city in Greece, four friends meet up every day after school to play soccer. But a good game is tough in an overcrowded apartment complex with very cranky neighbors! To create a safe alternative, the kids take initiative and go to the Mayor himself. In their year-long campaign to convince the town to build a play area for all, the quartet relies on determination, problem-solving and most of all, friendship. This engaging and compelling documentary perfectly captures the passion of playing outside!

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Thursday, October 28 11:45AM  
Facets Multi-Media  
**Relative Thinking**  
74 min *High School*

Different is good! The characters in these films discover the many cultures that make up our world, and take learning to a whole new level. Follow Canadian teens as they balance traditional values and fast-paced Western ways. Watch as one woman's kindness in Germany's darkest hour reaches across a generation to inspire a Jewish granddaughter. Ask yourself if it's possible to learn the true ways of the Samurai—if you have to help run your mother's grocery shop. Using the road signs of those who have come before you, mark your path and embrace what lies ahead!

**Cooked** (England) 7 min

**El Tux** (USA) 7 min

**Imperfect Armor** (USA) 3 min

**Head Dwellers Part 2: "Neighboring"** (Hungary) 3 min

**Once Upon A Many Time** (Canada/Bosnia and Herzegovina) 5 min

**The Indian and the Samurai** (USA) 15 min

**Overnight Stay** (USA) 9 min

**Growing Up Among Strangers** (Canada) 25 min

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Thursday, October 28 11:45AM  
Bank of America Cinema  
**Me and My Umbrella** (Brazil)  
77 min *Middle/Junior High School*

For Brazilian buddies Eugenio, Frida and Cebola, starting junior high isn't easy when it's haunted by the vicious Baron Von Staffen! Eugenio reluctantly joins his friends on a late-night adventure into the spooky school, bringing along his grandfather's umbrella for protection—but then, the ghostly Baron appears and takes Frida captive in his Study Dungeon! It's up to Eugenio and Cebola to save the day, using the magic umbrella and finding that junior high is not as scary as it might seem!

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Thursday, October 28 11:45AM  
Illinois Institute of Technology—  
McCormick Theater, Hermann Hall  
**Neukölln Unlimited** (Germany)  
96 min *High School*

Relying on breakdancing and musical talent to get them through each day, three resourceful teenage siblings must figure out budgets, pay the 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.

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**Friday, October 29:**



Friday, October 29 9:45AM  
Facets Multi-Media  
**Come Together**  
71 min *Late Elementary*

Working with others isn't always easy, but there are many rewards in the end. Learn the true meaning of friendship as Christi and Jim search for frog's eggs with a special little boy. See a cow perform a balancing, high-wire act that could have a shocking impact! Watch as sad Maleena celebrates her birthday with the help of a very personal friend. Believe in overcoming the impossible through these inspiring stories of cooperation!

**Play Just Like You** (Mexico) 3 min

**The Soccer Scientists: "Fouls"** (Germany) 2 min

**Mobile** (Germany) 7 min

**Be Good to Eddie Lee** (USA) 13 min

**The Owl Who Had a Wish Tangled to Its Foot** (USA/Turkey) 2 min

**Margarita** (Spain) 14 min

**After Hours** (Canada) 5 min

**Maleena** (Finland) 25 min

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Friday, October 29 9:45AM  
Bank of America Cinema  
**Won't You Be My Neighbor?**  
74 min *Early Elementary*

Won't you be our neighbor? Team up with the friendly folks next door and learn the joys of helping out. Hapless Hares are in charge of baggage claim at the airport—can befuddled bunnies come out on top? The Young Detectives solve their very first case—with the help of those just around the corner. Roary the Car races along to find the best pit stop crew. Being a good neighbor leads to happy endings for all!

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

**Saira** (USA) 3 min

**Little Big Kid** (Canada) 10 min

**With** (South Korea) 4 min

**Danica** (Croatia) 5 min

**Orange City** (USA) 6 min

**The Young Detectives: "A New Life"** (Norway) 8 min

**Hareport: "Found Property"** (France) 12 min

**Magic Blackboard** (Croatia) 15 min

**Roary the Racing Car: "Pit Stop Perils"** (England) 10 min

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**Friday, October 29:**



Friday, October 29 9:45AM  
Illinois Institute of Technology—  
McCormick Theater, Hermann Hall  
**The Indian** (Netherlands)  
75 min *Late Elementary*

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.

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Friday, October 29 9:45AM  
Regal Cinemas—City North  
Stadium 14  
**Moomins and the Comet Chase**  
(Finland)  
74 min *Late Elementary*

Come on a magical, musical adventure—in 3D! When Moomintroll and Sniff observe their once-gorgeous home dusted with ash, the town’s wise muskrat Snufkin says that a comet is on its way to bring the world to an end! Confused and scared, the two friends team up with Snufkin to journey to the planetarium and get some real answers. They must endure the changing environment and encounter peculiar creatures, as they journey back to Moominvalley to await the strange fate the glowing comet will bring! Celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beloved children’s book series from Tove Jansson, starring the voices of Scandinavian greats Max von Sydow and Stellan and Alexander Skarsgård, and featuring music by Björk!

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Friday, October 29 10:15AM  
Regal Cinemas—City North  
Stadium 14  
**Twigson** (Norway)  
75 min *Early Elementary*

Mischievous but resourceful Lillebror has just moved with his family to a “fixer-upper” house in the country. One day he discovers a twig in a pile of firewood, who becomes his imaginary friend Knerten! When house repairs get too expensive, Lillebror’s mother gets a job to help out, leaving Lillebror in the colorful and challenging world of his own imagination. With Knerten in hand, Lillebror encounters a new adventure every day—but is an imaginary friend enough?

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**Friday, October 29:**



Friday, October 29 10:45AM  
Regal Cinemas—City North  
Stadium 14  
**Book of Masters** (Belarus/Russia)  
102 min *Middle/Junior High School*

A dark prophecy looms over Ivan, a young stone-cutting apprentice who dreams of becoming the Master Cutter. But if the Master Cutter brings a stone to life, the wicked Stone Countess will conquer the world with her evil magic! As Ivan works to achieve his goal, he must also renounce his own selfish desires, face the Countess’s stone warriors, save his sweetheart Katya, and ultimately protect the world! Along the way, Ivan encounters classic folktale characters in this stunning adventure, the first feature film from Disney Russia.

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Friday, October 29 11:15AM  
Regal Cinemas—City North  
Stadium 14  
**Walking to School** (China)  
84 min *Late Elementary*

In the Yunnan province of southern China, a family must overcome the poor transportation system to get to school every day. Super-bright seven-year-old Wawa admires his older sister for using a cable and pulley system to cross the river. But Wawa’s mother insists that he only cross the river with his father, who is one of the engineers working on the new bridge. With the help of his future schoolteacher and the support of his family, Wawa strives to choose the right path to learning, in this beautifully shot and inspiring tale.

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Friday, October 29 11:45AM  
Facets Multi-Media  
**Who’s Got Your Back?**  
76 min *Middle/Junior High School*

When things don’t go as you planned, it’s time to find out who your friends really are. At school, Johan struggles with following the leaders and making a wrong decision to bully and learns the valuable lessons and consequences. In the remote Australian community’s annual “dance-off”, these native children draw strength from their tribe’s oral traditions and songs. When a Finnish tween visits her dad on the weekends and receives mean tests, they navigate their response and bond in the process. The road to success starts with a long look behind you.

- El Tux** (USA) 7 min
- The Fight** (Norway) 7 min
- Bait** (USA) 10 min
- Cairn** (Norway) 16 min
- A Place Called Mimili** (Australia) 15 min
- MSCMMNCTN** (USA) 9 min
- Weekend Practice** (Finland) 12 min

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Friday, October 29:



Friday, October 29 11:45AM  
Bank of America Cinema  
**If You Want to Sing Out**  
74 min *Late Elementary*

Discover unique abilities and true identity in this expressive program. Explore the origins of language with mysterious ancient symbols. Musical talent anchors Sebastian amid an unfriendly school and unstable home life. Used to reading alone, shy Alex has difficulty expressing his feelings for Amanda—and discovers the answer on the page in front of him. During the darkest of times, you can make it through with your own powerful voice!

**One Shoe Blues** (USA) 5 min

**The Joy of Symbols** (Taiwan) 17 min

**Encyclopedia** (Brazil) 14 min

**The MisInventions of Milo Weatherby** (USA) 23 min

**The Song** (Denmark) 15 min

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Friday, October 29 11:45AM  
Illinois Institute of Technology—  
McCormick Theater, Hermann Hall  
**Dustbin Baby** (England)  
90 min *Middle/Junior High School*

The story of a girl and a woman who never give up, *Dustbin Baby* celebrates what truly makes a family. After an argument with her foster mother and former teacher Marion (Juliet Stephenson, *Bend It Like Beckham*), teenage April runs away to discover where she came from—and where she really belongs. While April recalls a life of social workers, children's homes and special schools, Marion begins a frantic search for her beloved foster daughter. As April and Marion continue their journeys, apart and together, there is no going back—but going forward, the possibilities are endless.

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