International Children’s Film Festival

October 22–October 29

2010

School & Group Schedule

27th Annual

Chicago

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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 27th 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 27th 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 11:45 AM. Afternoon screenings also available!

Where?
Facets Multi-Media—1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago
Bank of America Cinema—4901 W. Irving Park, Chicago
University of Chicago—Max Palevsky Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall—1212 E. 59th St., Chicago
Regal Cinemas—City North Stadium 14—2600 N. Western Ave., Chicago
Illinois Institute of Technology—McCormick Theater Hermann Hall—3241 S. Federal St., Suite 102, Chicago
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.

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
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

Locations
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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

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Number of adult chaperones

- Additional Fees
- Additional fees may apply for additional chaperones*

Group tickets total

Deposit due (30% of ticket total)

Additional Fees

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Group Screening Agreement

- I understand that my group should arrive at the theater 15 minutes before the 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 circumstances.
- 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.

Payment Information

Payment Method (check one): Check/Cash ☐ MASTERCARD ☑ VISA ☑ AMEX ☑ DISCOVER ☑  
Credit Card Number:  
Expiration Date:  
Name on Card:  
Authorizing Signature:

Questions?

Please contact Group Sales at 773-281-9075 ext. 3009, ftih@facets.org or by fax at 773-929-0266. Visit our website at www.facets.org/kids for complete Festival info!

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Friday, October 22:

**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/France) 27 min

Molly In Springtime
Wahid’s Mobile Bookstore
(USA) 11 min

**The Nature of Fall**
(Russian Federation) 7 min

**What If...**
(India) 3 min

**The Tiger’s Gift**
(USA) 4 min

**The Soccer Scientists: “Goals”**
(Mexico) 3 min

**The Limitless Boxes**
(USA) 3 min

**Brain Zapped—Reason for the Seasons**
(USA) 3 min

**How The Rain Starts**
(USA) 3 min

**El Tux**
(USA) 7 min

**Jail**
(Russia) 7 min

**Save Our Bacon**
(USA) 3 min

**The Most Scary Animal**
(Russian Federation) 5 min

**Discover Science: “Let’s See the Speed of Sound”**
(Japan) 14 min

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**Bank of America Cinema**

**Dream It, Be It**
70 min Late Elementary

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 Parrett (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 Sandpipsies: “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”**
(USA) 8 min

**My Big Big Friend**
(Brazil/Canada) 11 min

**5° & Biffy: “Jamaica”**
(England) 10 min

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**Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum**

**Line Leader**
61 min Pre-K & K

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

**What If...**
(India) 5 min

**Nine-and-a-half: “Blind”**
(Germany) 10 min

**Love Bug**
(USA) 4 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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**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 his life. 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!

**Electric Car**
(USA) 4 min

**Amazonia**
(USA) 5 min

**Philadelphia Chickens**
(USA) 5 min

**How The Rain Starts**
(USA) 5 min

**New Project: “LIZARD”**
(Australia) 5 min

**The Show with the Mouse: “Saving Energy”**
(Germany) 5 min

**How To Keep The Water Clean**
(USA) 5 min

**What If...**
(USA) 8 min

**The Most Scary Animal**
(Russian Federation) 5 min

**Tiger**
(Latvia) 8 min

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**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 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) 5 min

**The Show with the Mouse: “Saving Energy”**
(Germany) 5 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

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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 dominos 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!by
Log Jam: “KJFG no.5” (Hungary) 1 min
The Olive Branch: “Sleep” (USA) 1 min

The Music Box
(USA) 3 min
Whistleless
(Denmark) 5 min

The Sandpixies: “Under the Sand”
(German) 6 min
Soccer Scientists: “The Center Circle”
(Brazil/USA) 6 min

Play Just Like You
(Mexico) 3 min
The Auction
(Norway) 3 min

Bigbox Singsong John
(Canada) 1 min
The Birthday Cake
(Brazil/USA) 6 min

Life Vein
(German) 6 min
The Gift
(India) 17 min

New Digs (South Africa) 3 min
Hungarian Folk Tales: “Martin and the Cursed Princess”
(Hungary) 8 min

The Young Detectives: “A New Life”
(Norway) 9 min
The Auction (Canada) 15 min

Mr. Bingles Flies His Kite
(Norway) 4 min
Wapos Bay: “Self Improvement”
(Canada) 24 min

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.

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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.

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Monday, October 25 10:15AM
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.

The Auction
(Canada) 15 min
Wapos Bay: “Self Improvement”
(Canada) 24 min

Monday, October 25 10:45AM
Regal Cinemas—City North Stadium 14
Rafiki (Norway)
90 min Late Elementary

Jalle, 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 Jalle 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!

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.

The Auction
(Canada) 15 min
Wapos Bay: “Self Improvement”
(Canada) 24 min

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.
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 little “rascal” deeply. With the support of her father and the determination and hard work, Chandani grows to love her little elephant calf, Kandula. Chandani—The Daughter of the Elephant Whisperer

Chandani, the daughter of the Perahera parade guide an elephant in the Perahera parade and gets ready to be the first woman ever to lead the parade. With the support of her father and the determination and hard work, Chandani grows to love her little “rascal” deeply. With the support of her father and the determination and hard work, Chandani grows to love her little “rascal” deeply. With the support of her father and the determination and hard work, Chandani grows to love her little “rascal” deeply. With the support of her father and the determination and hard work, Chandani grows to love her little “rascal” deeply.

Monday, October 25:

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Regal Cinemas—City North 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 goes to love her little “rascal” deeply and hopes to display her talents in a big way. With the support of her father and the determination and hard work, Chandani grows to love her little “rascal” deeply.

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 paws 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

Tuesday, October 26:

Tuesday, October 26 9:45AM
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 Granndadd to abandon his traditional ways. As she makes time to spend each day learning Granndadd’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

Tuesday, October 26 9:45AM
Facets Multi-Media
Change It Up
72 min Early 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) 7 min
The Little Boy and the Beast (Germany) 7 min
The Gruffalo (England) 27 min
Tuesday, October 26:

**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) 5 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*

Tuesday, October 26 11:45AM

**Facets Multi-Media**

**Puđana—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.

**United States Premieres**

**M**

**A Dog Goes From Here to There (USA) 7 min**
*A Love Bug (USA) 7 min*
**The Travelling Harpists (England) 6 min**
**Mondo’s Search For The Sun (Scotland) 12 min**
**Shift Rock in Lapland (Finland) 15 min**
**Drona & Me (Netherlands) 19 min**

**World Premieres**

**M**

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 always pay off!

**UNIVERSITIES PREMIERE**

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**World Premieres**

**M**

Tuesday, October 26 11:45AM

**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, *How Cansa! Lola!* celebrates the importance of family and the joy of finding friends in the most unexpected of places.

**NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE**

**M**

Tuesday, October 26 11:45AM

**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!

**World Premieres**

**M**

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!

**PREMIERES**

**M**

Wednesday, October 27 9:45AM

**Bank of America Cinema**

**Shifters**

**WHOOPING COUGH (Spain) 9 min**
**El Tesoro (USA) 7 min**
**El Salon Mexico (USA) 13 min**
**Domestic (USA) 15 min**
**A Box of Button (Spain) 20 min**

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Wednesday, October 27 9:45AM

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

**Abby’s Flying Fairy School: “Pinocchio Process” (USA) 9 min**
**Harvey Squirrel (Germany) 11 min**
**Garth and Ivy (Ireland) 11 min**

**World Premieres**

**M**
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 darknes of his father’s fears to save his family’s future? Join this brave and quick-thinking young boy endures “beastly” parents, but his patience paves the way for a positive change. Eduardo thinks and rethinks, as he 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.

*CHICAGO* PREMIERE

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University of Chicago—Max Palevsky Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall  
**Soul Boy** (Kenya/Germany) 60 min High School

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

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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.

**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

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!

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Bank of America Cinema  
**Roots and Wings** 76 min Middle/Junior High School

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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!

**NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE**

**Thursday, October 28 11:45AM**

**Facets Multi-Media**

**Relative Thinking**

74 min Middle/Junior 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 Tex** (USA) 7 min

**Imperfect Armor** (USA) 5 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

**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 ghastly 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!

**North American Premiere**

**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

**Friday, October 29:**

**Bank of America Cinema**

**The Soccer Scientists: “Fouls”** (Germany) 2 min

**The Owl Who Had a Wish Tangled to Its Foot** (Germany) 7 min

**Margarita** (USA/Turkey) 2 min

**The Young Detectives: “A New Life”**

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**Saira** (USA) 5 min

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

**With (South Korea) 4 min**

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**Hareport: “Found Property”**

(France) 12 min

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**North American Premiere**

**Friday, October 29 9:45AM**

**Bank of America Cinema**

**Come Together**

71 min Late Elementary

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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 having 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 importance of keeping the old while embracing the new.

**UNITED STATES PREMIERE**

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

Friday, October 29: 10:15AM
Regal Cinemas—City North Stadium 14
Moomins and the Comet Chase
(Finland)
75 min Early Elementary

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

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

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 learn 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
Friday, October 29:

**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) 25 min
- **The Song** (Denmark) 15 min

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**Dustbin Baby**
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.

**North American Premiere**

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