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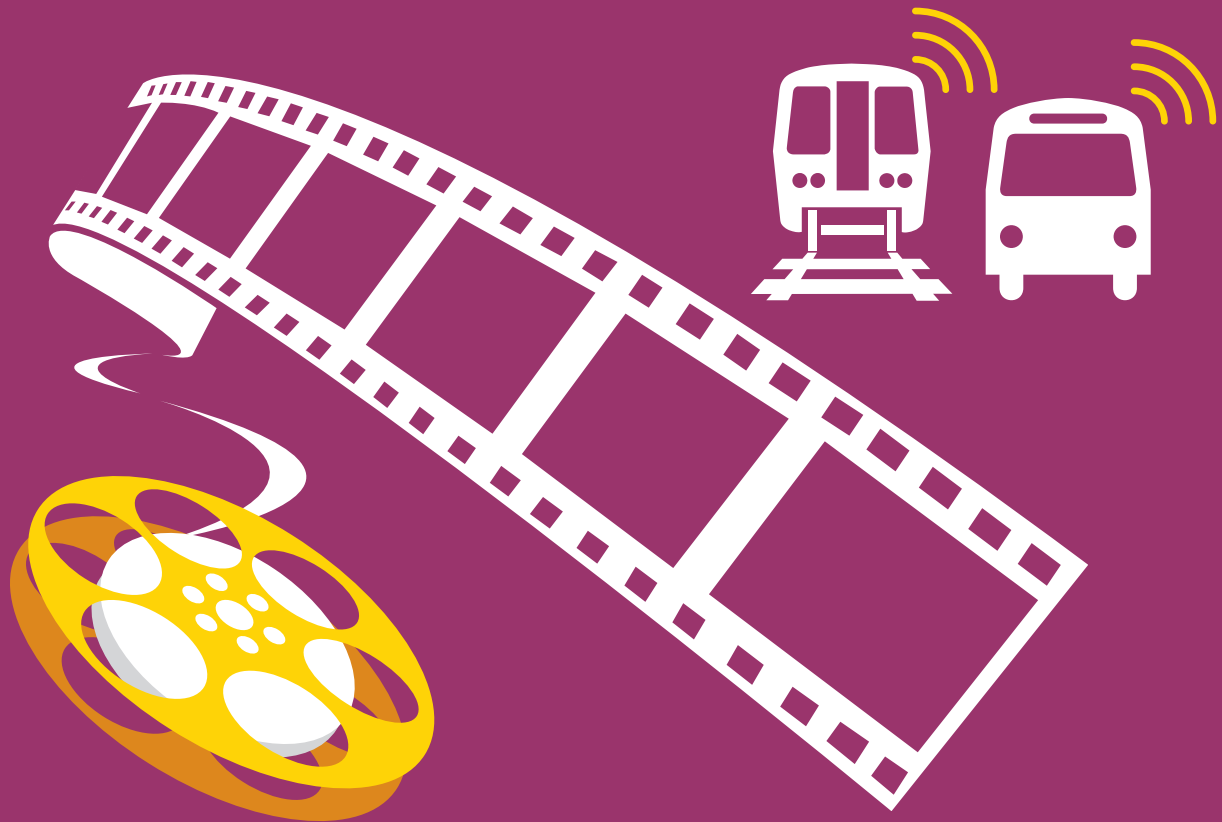
Chicago International Children's Film Festival



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Welcome to the 28th annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival,

the largest festival of films for children in North America! Programming 250 films from 40 countries, the Festival showcases the best in culturally diverse, value affirming new cinema for children & youth. This year's Festival will welcome 23,000 attendees, including over 100 filmmakers who will lead interactive Q&A sessions and workshops. The Festival was the *first* 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 nonprofit 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

Tickets go on sale at the venue box office 30 minutes prior to showtime. Programs are in high demand and seating is limited. Program seating is guaranteed only with advance purchase through Ticketweb.



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(Additional processing fees will apply. Discounted ticket prices not available.)

Special/Discounted Ticket Prices

Free admission for Facets Patron Circle Members and one accompanying guest to all Festival screenings. Admission subject to availability. Must present membership card at box office. For more information on becoming a Facets Patron Circle Member, visit www.facetsmovies.com or call 773-281-9075.

Discounts for groups of 25 or more

Contact our Group Sales Coordinator at 773-281-9075 ext. 3009 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 (ages 2-5) are indicated by the My First Movies icon.



Program Guidance

Symbols are used to mark programs that contain profanity (P), violence (V), or mature themes (M), relative to the suggested age range of the program.



Premiere Status

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!

Subtitles of foreign-language films will be read aloud in programs for ages 7 and under.

Concessions

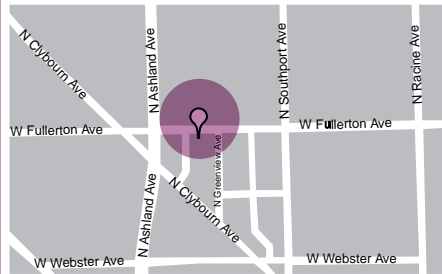
Popcorn and soda are available at Facets and the Music Box Theatre.

Questions?

Contact us by phone at 773-281-9075 ext. 3011, by email at kidsfest@facets.org, or visit www.facets.org/kids.

Locations

Facets Multi-Media



1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago

Weekend daytime and evening screenings October 22, 23, 29 and 30. Weekday evening screenings October 24 – 28.

One block east of Ashland on Fullerton. Unmetered street parking

cta directions: Take the red line to Fullerton and the 74 bus to Greenview, or take the 9 bus to Ashland and Fullerton.

Max Palevsky Cinema – University of Chicago campus, Ida Noyes Hall



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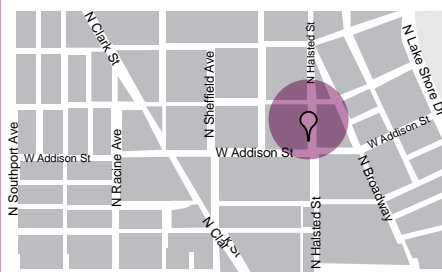
Saturday, October 22 and Saturday, October 29.

On U of C campus, just east of Woodlawn on 59th.

Metered and unmetered street and ramp parking

cta directions: Take the 6 bus to 59th and walk west.

Center on Halsted – Hoover-Leppen Theatre



3656 N. Halsted St., 3rd Floor, Chicago

Saturday, October 29.

Just north of Addison on Halsted. Metered street and ramp parking

cta directions: Take the 8 or 146 bus to Waveland or the 152 bus to Halsted, or take the red line to Addison and walk north and east.

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum



2430 N. Cannon Dr., Chicago

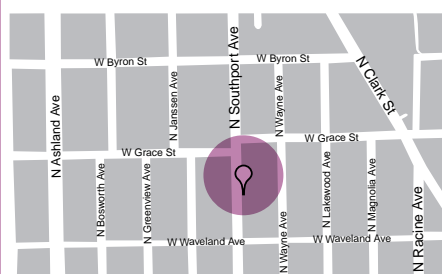
Saturday, October 29.

Includes admission to the Museum! Nature Museum membership honored.

Off of Lake Shore Drive at Cannon & Fullerton. Unmetered street parking

cta directions: Take the 151 bus to Fullerton and Stockton (also the 156 on weekdays), or the 76 bus directly to the Museum.

Music Box Theatre

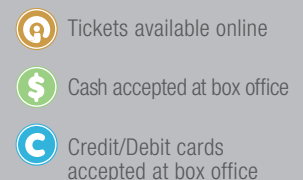


3733 N. Southport Ave., Chicago

Sunday, October 30.

North of Addison on Southport. Metered street parking

cta directions: Take the brown line to Southport and walk north, or the red line to Addison and walk north and west. Or take the 22 or 9 bus to Grace and walk towards Southport.





Music Comes Alive!

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MAGICAL MOVEMENTS

Saturday, November 5
11:00 & 12:45

Introduce your family to instrument families, individual instruments and members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra through this program, which features several musical selections with the athletic and energetic members of DanceWorks Chicago helping to bring the music to life. This dynamic partnership makes for a magical experience where the whole is much larger than the sum of its parts!

DanceWorks
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MUSICAL MAYHEM

Saturday, February 4
11:00 & 12:45

Alastair Willis leads the Orchestra and audience through the adventures of comedic character Pulcinella, better known to audiences as Punch of *Punch and Judy*. Actors from the Lookingglass Theatre Company will be featured on this program, collaborating with the Orchestra to offer a striking, family-friendly take on this suite from Stravinsky's memorable ballet.

Lookingglass

THE COMPOSER IS DEAD

Saturday, May 12
11:00 & 12:45

The Composer Is Dead... and the perpetrator is lurking somewhere in the Orchestra! Bring your family and friends for this musical adventure as Lemony Snicket investigates this orchestral whodunit, which features excerpts from well-known pieces, including Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*, Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* and Tchaikovsky's *Pathétique Symphony*.

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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

Acting is FUN!

Saturday, October 22
11:30AM - 1:00PM
Facets Lounge
Facets Multi-Media
1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago
For ages 7 to 10 - Fee \$20



Do you want to learn how to act? In this introductory workshop, participants will learn creative storytelling using Lookingglass Theatre Company's core values of invention, transformation and collaboration. While we develop our "actor's tools" – our bodies, minds and voices – we'll explore how to create and perform an original story. This workshop is perfect for creative kids who want to develop their imaginations, as well as important skills such as listening, focus and collaborating in the theatre. Teaching artists from the education and community programs will be leading this dynamic workshop!

About Lookingglass

Lookingglass Theatre Company formed in 1988 when a group of college graduates created a process-driven theatre company. Now entering its 24th season, Lookingglass combines a physical and improvisational rehearsal process centered on ensemble with training in theatre, dance, music and the circus arts. Lookingglass is the recipient of the 2011 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre.

Animation All-Stars

Saturday, October 22
11:00AM - 5:00PM
Illinois Institute of Art
180 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago
For ages 11 to 14 - Fee \$50



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

Flip It - For Future Animators

Sunday, October 23
12:00PM - 3:00PM
Illinois Institute of Art
180 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago
For ages 7 to 10 - Fee \$30



Join artist and animator George Berlin 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 artist? No problem! Even if your tyke is only drawing stick figures, they can still put their creativity in motion. Make your own short animated films to take home at the end of the workshop!

Stop Motion 101:

With LAIKA Studios (creators of *Coraline*)

Saturday, October 29
11:30AM - 1:00PM
Facets Multi-Media
1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago
For ages 11 to 14 - Fee \$20



Learn about stop motion animation from the pros! Mark Shapiro, Marketing Director for LAIKA Studios, will give you the inside story on how intricate puppets and sets are meticulously hand-made and animated, frame by frame. Meet one of the puppets from the Oscar-nominated film *Coraline*, take part in fun film exercises, and get the latest scoop on the studio's upcoming film *ParaNorman*!

About LAIKA:

LAIKA is an animation company specializing in feature films, commercials and short films. LAIKA's first stop motion movie, *Coraline*, was released to critical acclaim in 2009. *ParaNorman*, LAIKA's second stop-motion 3D feature, will be in theaters in August of 2012.

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2011 Tribute to French Animation

Sunday, October 23 and Tuesday, October 25 at Facets Multi-Media - 1517 W. Fullerton Ave.



Sunday, October 23, 3:00PM

A STORYTELLING SHOW (Allez Raconte!)

Ages 8+ ♦ 77 minutes ♦ Chicago premiere
Director: Jean-Christophe Roger
Studio: Studio Canal & Celluloid Dreams



Sunday, October 23, 5:00PM

A CAT IN PARIS (Un Chat à Paris)

Ages 10+ ♦ 70 minutes ♦ Chicago premiere
Director: Jean-Loup Felicioli & Alain Gagnol
Studio: Folimage



Sunday, October 23, 6:30PM

Reception in the Facets Lounge

Please join us to celebrate the best of the best of this year's French animated features! Wine and cheese reception follows *A Cat in Paris* Screening.



Sunday, October 23, 8:00PM

TALES OF THE NIGHT (Les Contes de la Nuit)

Ages 16+ ♦ 82 minutes ♦ Chicago premiere
Director: Michel Ocelot
Studio: StudioCanal



Tuesday, October 25, 7:00PM

CRÈME OF THE CROP I

Ages 7-11 ♦ 71 minutes
French short films featuring innovative animation and clever characters who know how to take control!



Tuesday, October 25, 9:00PM

CRÈME OF THE CROP II

Ages 15+ ♦ 75 minutes
In these French short films, gorgeous animation sets off tales of love and loss.



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Chicago International Children's Film Festival

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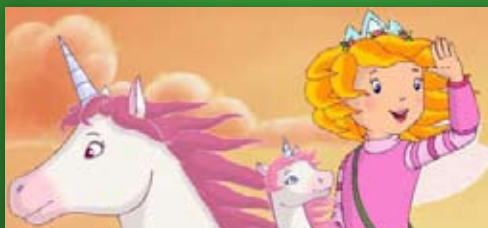
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**THE MUSIC
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Princess Lillifee and the Little Unicorn

Sunday, October 30 9:30am | 70 min | Ages 4-6
UNITED STATES PREMIERE

When the magical fairy princess Lillifee is entrusted with a baby unicorn named Lucy, she knows it is her duty to return the baby to her parents. But where is a princess to start? Princess Lillifee has no idea where to look for unicorns or how to find them. With a little help from her friends, and a few wishes come true thanks to Lucy, Lillifee is able to locate Lucy's parents, but not before discovering that they are prisoners of the evil Prince Steel - who has turned everything to ice in the land of Blutopia! Based on the hugely popular book series, join the Princess and her pals in pink sparkly splendor in this fun sequel to the Festival's 2009 animated feature.

(Screened in English)



The Magicians

Sunday, October 30 11:00am | 90 min | Ages 9-12
UNITED STATES PREMIERE

Ben and his father are aspiring magicians with a dream: to become the next big talents in the Netherlands! With the help of their assistant Sylvie, their magic show is the hit of local schools and stages. But when Ben and his father attempt a trick they may not be ready for, Sylvie disappears! When the police realize Sylvie's gone for good, things grow dire for Ben's family - and Ben learns that things are never quite what they seem. Will Ben find Sylvie, or has she vanished forever into a puff of magic?

(Screened in Dutch)

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My Get-Along Gang Facets Multi-Media

Saturday, October 22 9:30AM | 62 min | Ages 2-5



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If you want to play Follow the Leader, you need someone you can really count on. When the farm's hens entrust Franz the rooster to care for their eggs, his friend Johnny the mouse tries his best to help protect them. While looking for his lost soccer ball, Laban finds a baby bat and helps to care for it. Can Woolly the sheep convince his best friend that dessert tastes better when you follow the recipe? In these short films, sharing is caring!

The Show with the Elephant: "Elephant and Bunny" (Germany) 4 min

Sharing (USA) 2 min

Don't Give Up (USA) 1 min

Fitting In (Canada) 3 min

Big Brother (Switzerland/Germany) 6 min

Pom Pom and Friends: "The Music of the Sheep" (China/South Korea) 8 min

Spot and Splodge: "At the Dentist" (Sweden) 8 min

Friends Forever: "Small but Mighty"

(Germany) 10 min

Laban the Little Ghost: "The Bat Baby"

(Sweden) 8 min

A Carrot for Two (Canada) 12 min

Elias and the Treasure of the Sea (Norway) Max Palevsky Cinema

Saturday, October 22 9:30AM | 80 min | Ages 4-6

UNITED STATES
PREMIERE



Fans of *Thomas the Tank Engine* and *Cars* will love this film about a plucky young rescue boat named Elias, who's on a mission to make sure his village of Cozy Cove catches enough fish this season. Obstacles arise, however, when the Polar Queen, a ship that works for the huge corporation Polar Harbor Fishybusiness, arrives in town. She and her fleet of sleek, modern fishing boats soon out-fish the old-fashioned boats of Cozy Cove. Will Elias find a way to save Cozy Cove? Find out in this musical adventure about bravery, friendship, and community!

(Screened in Norwegian)

Family 4ever! Facets Multi-Media

Saturday, October 22 11:00AM | 75 min | Ages 5-8

WORLD
PREMIERE



Each family has its own special traditions - and they have more in common than meets the eye. Sassy schoolteacher Miss Devine shares a couple of things about her Florida upbringing. Grandpa has a silly test to make new friends that nobody in the family forgets. And Giant Dad teaches his daughter that size is relative, in more ways than one. Join this gang as they share what brings them together.

Miss Devine (USA) 4 min

Before the Storm (USA) 3 min

Super Heroes: "Iron Man" (Finland) 4 min

Miriam's Broken Picture (Estonia) 5 min

Laban the Little Ghost: "Just One More"

(Sweden) 8 min

Oversized (Canada) 4 min

Smell My Feet (USA) 5 min

Big Brother (Germany/Switzerland) 6 min

Trucks and Meatballs (Sweden) 7 min

Broccoli Monster (USA) 7 min

Superdad and Pelé (Norway) 10 min

Stella and Sam: "Night Fairies" (Canada) 12 min

The Magicians (Netherlands) Max Palevsky Cinema

Saturday, October 22 11:00AM | 90 min | Ages 9-12

UNITED STATES
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(Screened in Dutch)

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Imagination Station Facets Multi-Media

Saturday, October 22 1:00PM | 72 min | Ages 8-10

WORLD
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We all march to our own drummer, and through our imagination we can let others hear the beat. A princess who loves to paint discovers a new way of portraying her world. And when a boy gets his iPod taken away, he must "tune in" to the sounds of the streets to create his own music. Sometimes all you need for fun is inside your mind!

Big Brother (Switzerland/Germany) 6 min
Mixtape (England) 3 min
Bob (Germany) 4 min
Monarch (Mexico) 8 min
Princess' Painting (Germany) 6 min
Sidewalk Symphony (USA) 8 min
Brightest (Canada) 10 min
Private Eyes (Canada) 10 min
The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore (USA) 17 min

Single by Contract (Germany) Max Palevsky Cinema

Saturday, October 22 1:00PM | 105 min | Ages 12+

UNITED STATES
PREMIERE

P M



When Lila, an ordinary German teen, meets dreamy Chriz, the two have an instant connection. What Lila doesn't know, however, is that Chriz is a huge rock star whose contract states that he must remain single. When the newspapers get wind of their relationship, Chriz finds his career in jeopardy and suspects Lila of leaking the story. Will they be able to reconcile love and fame? Find out in this fun musical romance!

(Screened in German)

Flix By Kids I Facets Multi-Media

Saturday, October 22 3:00PM | 71 min | Ages 11-13

WORLD
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Young people want to save the world, too! After watching people litter the park day after day, a statue decides to take action. A young filmmaker explores an often-ignored problem: the difficulty of finding healthy food in certain parts of the city. Another film takes us back in time to hear the stories of child laborers working in coal mines. In these short movies by budding filmmakers, kids make an impact on the world around them.

Saints and Sinners (Ireland) 1 min
Food Deserts (USA) 20 min
Progress (Croatia) 2 min
Paths, Silences, and Smiles (Spain) 10 min
Oel Chennai, Nomadic Community (India) 14 min
Mary & the Miners (England) 5 min
Culture of Fear (USA) 10 min
Love Emily (Ireland) 4 min
Can You Teach a Worm to Tango? (England) 5 min

Stick To It Facets Multi-Media

Saturday, October 22 5:00PM | 74 min | Ages 11-13

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The Sand Creature begins a long distance romance with his Snow counterpart and they go to surprising lengths to be together. Follow a boy and his new friend on the Monarch Butterfly Migration in this magical Mexican story. Hally is persistent in trying to make sense of an infinite number and learns to start with the individual. If you keep at it, the rewards are huge!

The Sparrow Who Kept His Word (Russia) 6 min
Tasnim (Israel) 12 min
Bottle (USA) 6 min
The Blizzard (Russia) 13 min
Monarch (Mexico) 8 min
Those Who Can (USA) 14 min
Hally (England) 15 min

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Rock It! *(Germany)* Facets Multi-Media

Saturday, October 22 7:00PM | 99 min | Ages 10+



Are you a fan of “the Biebs”? Then check out Disney Germany’s newest stars in this sweet school of rock! While attending a special private school, classical piano prodigy Julia develops a new interest – in rock music. Julia’s mad keyboard skills impress a local band, and songwriting becomes her passion...as does the band’s frontman, Nick. To balance her double life, Julia creates an alternate persona, but what happens when worlds collide? Rock out to the songs in this stellar musical, where everything old is new again.

(Screened in German)

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Cutting Edge Animation Facets Multi-Media

Saturday, October 22 9:00PM | 80 min | Ages 16+



Unique animation styles light up the screen! Max von Sydow narrates the tale of the last Norwegian troll. Gorgeous illustration portrays the dilemma of a police officer choosing between duty and destiny, a long-ago fable of inconstant love, and a day at the beach from a child’s perspective. Revel in the creativity of these exquisite shorts, featuring the works of Pjotr Sapegin and Folinage Studios.

The Squirrel and the Swallow

(Netherlands) 7 min

Miramare (Croatia/Switzerland) 12 min

The Last Norwegian Troll (Norway) 13 min

Sáiva (Norway) 9 min

O'Moro (France) 12 min

Bisclavret (France) 14 min

Journey to Cape Verde (Portugal) 17 min

V M

Home Sweet Home Facets Multi-Media

Sunday, October 23 9:30AM | 62 min | Ages 2-5



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The characters in this collection of short films find ways to find themselves. Two silly stick figures are surprised to discover their big brother was with them at home the whole time. Siblings Stella and Sam explore their own backyard; it’s exciting and comfy all at once. When you know where you are coming from, it’s easy to try new things!

Small Potatoes: “Chip’s Theme” (USA) 3 min

The Show with the Elephant: “Peppa Pig”

(Germany) 5 min

Oversized (Canada) 4 min

Premiere (Russia) 5 min

Tricks and Treats (Finland) 5 min

Mouse for Sale (Belgium) 5 min

Bob (Germany) 5 min

Big Brother (Switzerland/Germany) 6 min

The Hive (England) 7 min

Home Sweet Home (Japan) 5 min

Stella and Sam: “Night Fairies” (Canada) 12 min

Twigson Ties the Knot *(Norway)* Facets Multi-Media

Sunday, October 23 11:00AM | 72 min | Ages 4-6

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When Junior’s mom gets into a bike accident and ends up in the hospital, Junior and his twig friend, Twigson, decide to investigate with the help of Junior’s pal and her twig friend Karoline. They suspect various people around town, seeking out clues until they come to the conclusion that the new family in town must be responsible. They soon find they’ve been mistaken, however, and are shocked to discover the true culprits. Junior and Twigson learn lessons along the way about the danger of jumping to conclusions.

(Screened in Norwegian)

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The Italian Key *(Finland/Italy/England)* Facets Multi-Media

Sunday, October 23 1:00PM | 99 min | Ages 11-13

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Left orphaned and unfulfilled after the death of her guardian Max, Cabella travels to Italy to discover her origins, armed with only a key and an address. She soon finds the villa to which the key belongs, and begins opening up and making new friends in the surrounding town, including the ghost of a nine-year-old chimney sweep who died in the villa and gives her cryptic hints about her family and origins. As Cabella branches out, she learns more about the mysterious woman who once lived in the villa and, in doing so, unlocks the secrets of her own past.

(Screened in English)

The Storytelling Show *(France)* Facets Multi-Media

Sunday, October 23 3:00PM | 77 min | Ages 8+

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Laurent is an amazing storyteller. He's so good that his kids decide to sign him up for a TV game show where dads compete to see who can tell the best story. Unfortunately the unscrupulous Eric, Laurent's snobby coworker, is also entering the contest, and he will stop at nothing to win it. Will Eric cheat his way to victory, or will Laurent use his imagination to save the day? Exciting and hilarious with creative animation, this is a film that all ages can and will enjoy.

(Screened in French)

A Cat in Paris *(France)* Facets Multi-Media

Sunday, October 23 5:00PM | 64 min | Ages 10+

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How do you say "meow" in French? In Paris, Zoé's mom is a police detective on an important case of cat burglary. And Zoé's cat Dino leads a feline double life of his own! One night after bedtime, Zoé follows Dino out into the city, and meets the infamous cat thief—who isn't as evil as she thought. As Zoé befriends the burglar with a heart of gold, the ragtag group prowls around the city in a thrilling adventure of cops and robbers, Parisian style. *C'est si bon!*

(Screened in English)

Tales of the Night *(France)* Facets Multi-Media

Sunday, October 23 8:00PM | 81 min | Ages 16+

CHICAGO
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P V M



Werewolves, knights, and shape-shifting princesses come to life as expressive silhouettes against vivid backdrops in this collection of enchanting tales. In a small French theater one night, an acting troupe recreates a series of stories inspired by lore from Africa, Tibet, the Caribbean, and beyond. Whether it's a surprisingly colorful glimpse into the depths of the underworld, a climb to the top of a sorcerer's lair, or the destruction of a golden Mayan city, these magical stories will captivate your imagination.

(Screened in French)

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Cutting Edge Junior Facets Multi-Media

Monday, October 24 7:00PM | 83 min | Ages 10+

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Arnaud's brand new glasses will finally correct his blurry vision, but is seeing the world clearly more interesting than using his imagination? Esterhazy has spent his whole life eating chocolate; then he meets Mimi, a rabbit who's learned the importance of a healthy diet. Maj desperately wants a real family, but her uncle Sonny is too preoccupied with his tattoo artistry. Will she find happiness with her new woodland fairie friends - or will she finally realize how much Sonny cares about her? The grass isn't always greener in this collection of beautiful short films.

Junk (England) 7 min
Specky Four Eyes (France) 9 min
Tigers and Tattoos (Denmark) 42 min
Esterhazy (Poland/Germany) 25 min

New Directions Facets Multi-Media

Monday, October 24 9:00PM | 83 min | Ages 14+

UNITED STATES
PREMIERE

P M



As we follow David on his unique coming of age journey, we see what it means to be Chinese, Dutch, AND Jewish. And one young lady finds it's very stressful - not to mention impractical - to be remarkable all the time! There's more to most people than meets the eye; delve a little deeper and you'll be surprised what you find.

Flawed (Canada) 13 min
Grandpa Looked Like William Powell (USA) 5 min
Starring David (Netherlands) 19 min
I Was a Child of Holocaust Survivors (Canada) 16 min
Miss Remarkable & Her Career (Sweden) 30 min

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Crème of the Crop I (France) Facets Multi-Media

Tuesday, October 25 7:00PM | 71 min | Ages 7-11



Who's in charge here? A tiny mouse faces a huge, hungry lion - and finds a way to come out on top. By being clever and sneaky, a lightning rod thief outsmarts the police...or does he? In a new spin on a classic tale, three small pigs best a big, bad wolf. These French short films feature innovative animation and clever characters who know how to take control!

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- The Mouse's Tail** (France) 5 min
- The Three Little Pigs** (France/India) 5 min
- The Pipsqueak Prince** (France) 7 min
- James Monde** (France) 2 min
- 7 Tonnes 2** (France) 3 min
- The Multicolored Little Circus** (France) 8 min
- How's It Going?** (France) 3 min
- A Vertebral Tale** (France) 10 min
- Workin' Progress** (France) 5 min
- Between Two Crumbs** (France) 6 min
- Pamplémousse** (France) 7 min
- The Lightning Rod Thief** (France) 10 min

CHICAGO
PREMIERE

Crème of the Crop II (France) Facets Multi-Media

Tuesday, October 25 9:00PM | 75 min | Ages 15+



Love comes in many forms. A man with a bent back thinks he's destined to a life of loneliness, until he finds a woman just like him. A normal man falls in love with a mermaid and makes a fateful bargain with a witch. And though confined to a wheelchair, a man who was once the king of tango finds a way to have one more dance with the woman he loves. In these French short films, gorgeous animation sets off lovely tales of love and loss.

INSTITUT
FRANÇAIS

- A Vertebral Tale** (France) 10 min
- What is Love For?** (France) 4 min
- Fallen Angel** (France) 6 min
- White Birds, Black Birds** (France) 4 min
- The Three Inventors** (France) 13 min
- Eletvonal** (France) 7 min
- Silhouettes** (France) 6 min
- The Windmill** (France) 6 min
- En Tus Brazos** (France) 6 min
- Potr and the Sea-Maiden** (France) 12 min

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My Grandpa, the Bankrobber *(Netherlands)* Facets Multi-Media

Wednesday, October 26 7:00PM | 85 min | Ages 15+

UNITED STATES
PREMIERE

P V M



Grace has always wanted to know all about her Surinamese father, whom she has never met. But none of her Dutch relatives will even talk to her about him; except for her grandfather. After the death of Grace's grandmother the family decides the grandfather can no longer care for himself. Grace must fight to keep her grandfather out of a nursing home or face never knowing about her father. The strength of the family bond will be tested in this surprising and heartwarming film.

(Screened in Dutch)

Me & My Double Facets Multi-Media

Wednesday, October 26 9:00PM | 78 min | Ages 14+

NORTH AMERICAN
PREMIERE

V M



Rose and Violet are connected in more ways than one - what happens when they get unexpectedly separated? And will Max and Ru let their overactive imaginations get the best of them on their Bay Area cab ride? Meanwhile, Terry Gilliam and Tom Waits tell the tale of Willy's search to save his grandmother. Mind-bending messages and mysterious monsters abound in these short films.

Something Left, Something Taken (USA) 11 min

Rose & Violet (Canada) 26 min

The Monster of Nix

(Netherlands/Belgium/France) 30 min

Tord and Tord (Sweden) 11 min

Tutumuch *(Canada)* Facets Multi-Media

Thursday, October 27 7:00PM | 83 min | Ages 9-12

UNITED STATES
PREMIERE



This fascinating documentary explores the rigorous summer program of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet where kids come with a dream to dance, but not everyone will get to make that dream a reality. At stake is a leading role in *The Nutcracker* and a few select spots to study with the ballet year-round. Through the eyes of kids just like you, experience the hard work and commitment of what it takes to make it to the next level.

(Screened in English)

Jig *(United Kingdom)* Facets Multi-Media

Thursday, October 27 9:00PM | 59 min | Ages 9-12

CHICAGO
PREMIERE

M



Dancing is more than fun for the kids in this documentary—it's serious business! As the 40th Irish Dancing World Championships draw nearer, kids and teenagers from all over the world rehearse and prepare day and night. How will these dedicated dancers fare when pitted against the best in the world? Learn about the culture, history and future of Irish step-dancing, a vibrant art form, as you root for your favorites to do their best!

Single by Contract (Germany) Facets Multi-Media

Friday, October 28 7:00PM | 105 min | Ages 12+

UNITED STATES
PREMIERE

P M



When Lila, an ordinary German teen, meets dreamy Chriz, the two have an instant connection. What Lila doesn't know, however, is that Chriz is a huge rock star whose contract states that he must remain single. When the newspapers get wind of their relationship, Chriz finds his career in jeopardy and suspects Lila of leaking the story. Will they be able to reconcile love and fame? Find out in this fun musical romance!

(Screened in German)

Children of the Princess of Cleves (France) Facets Multi-Media

Friday, October 28 9:00PM | 69 min | Ages 16+

CHICAGO
PREMIERE

P M



When the teenaged students of Marseilles, France, begin reading *The Princess of Cleves* in class, the parallels between their own lives and the events of the 15th century novel soon become apparent. This compelling documentary interweaves passages from the novel concerning love, fidelity, and morality with unusually frank interviews with the students about these issues in their own lives. Featuring students of

different ethnic, religious, and cultural backgrounds as they read and study the novel in preparation for a major exam, this film provides insight into the way literature can both imitate and impact student's lives.

(Screened in French)

Little Grey Fergie and His New Friend Clunky (Norway) Facets Multi-Media

Saturday, October 29 9:30AM | 80 min | Ages 4-6

NORTH AMERICAN
PREMIERE



Fergie is an old tractor with a big secret: he's alive! Longing for a friend like himself, he's excited when his owner begins building a robotic scarecrow named Clunky. He grows jealous, however, when his owner begins favoring Clunky, entering him in the local fair's invention competition. Fergie hatches a scheme to sabotage Clunky, but is surprised when two thieves get involved with plans of their own for the scarecrow. Will Fergie be able to overcome his jealousy and save the day?

(Screened in Norwegian)

The Star Talers (Germany) Max Palevsky Cinema

Saturday, October 29 9:30AM | 59 min | Ages 8-10

NORTH AMERICAN
PREMIERE

M



Based on the Brothers Grimm fairy tale, *The Star Talers* is the story of Mina, a brave little girl whose village is in trouble. The evil king has forced all the adults who can't pay their taxes to work for him, including Mina's own parents. Now, the plucky Mina must take the village's money to the castle and bring the adults home where they belong. With the help of a talking dog named Mr. Flix, Mina gets on the road to the castle, equipped with only generosity and hope. Can Mina and Mr. Flix save the village and set her parents free?

(Screened in German)

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Home Sweet Home Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Saturday, October 29 9:30AM | 62 min | Ages 2-5



The characters in this collection of short films find ways to find themselves. Two silly stick figures are surprised to discover their big brother was with them at home the whole time. Siblings Stella and Sam explore their own backyard; it's exciting and comfy all at once. When you know where you are coming from, it's easy to try new things!

- Small Potatoes: "Chip's Theme"** (USA) 3 min
- The Show with the Elephant: "Peppa Pig"** (Germany) 5 min
- Oversized** (Canada) 4 min
- Premiere** (Russia) 5 min
- Tricks and Treats** (Finland) 5 min
- Mouse for Sale** (Belgium) 5 min
- Bob** (Germany) 5 min
- Big Brother** (Switzerland/Germany) 6 min
- The Hive** (England) 7 min
- Home Sweet Home** (Japan) 5 min
- Stella and Sam: "Night Fairies"** (Canada) 12 min

The Sandman and the Lost Sand of Dreams (Germany/France) Center on Halsted

Saturday, October 29 9:30AM | 83 min | Ages 5-8



When the Sandman's sand is stolen by a nightmare, all of Somnia - the land of dreams - is in danger! Dreamland's only hope is for Captain Scheerbart, a brave sailor from the wake world, to return the sand to its rightful owner, or else there will be nothing but nightmares. The Sandman sends Nepomuk, a silly counting sheep, to find the captain and ask him for his help. But when the clumsy sheep mistakes the captain for his six year old grandson, little Miko must face his greatest fears in order to save the day. *(Screened in English)*

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Open Your Eyes Facets Multi-Media

Saturday, October 29 11:00AM | 71 min | Ages 5-8

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Young Emil is really stuck on orange - it's the best color; no doubt about it! But can he learn to value the whole wide spectrum of the rainbow? Meanwhile, a young Princess who loves to paint learns to see the world in a new way. If you open your eyes, there's no telling what you'll take in!

- Floyd the Android** (USA) 4 min
- PI.ink!** (Norway/Poland) 4 min
- Super Heroes: "Iron Man"** (Finland) 4 min
- Bob** (Germany) 4 min
- Premiere** (Russia) 5 min
- Princess' Painting** (Germany) 6 min
- Big Brother** (Switzerland/Germany) 6 min
- Laban the Little Ghost: "Mum's Paint"** (Sweden) 8 min
- The Mechanical Musical Marvel** (England) 7 min
- Emil Orange** (Germany) 11 min
- Private Eyes** (Canada) 12 min

The Great Bear (Denmark) Max Palevsky Cinema

Saturday, October 29 11:00AM | 73 min | Ages 9-12

NORTH AMERICAN
PREMIERE

V M



Jonathan does not get along with his little sister, Sophie. But when the siblings visit their grandfather, Sophie gets lost in the dangerous and magical Great Forest and it's up to Jonathan to rescue her! Will teamwork be enough to help them escape from a forest where frogs make it rain and miniature moose prowl the night? Is the Great Bear a foe to be feared, or the forest's ultimate protector? Find out, as Jonathan sets out to save Sophie and find the way back to Grandfather's house!
(Screened in Danish)

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Saturday, October 29 11:00AM | 71 min | Ages 5-8



Liam's little garden spreads bit by bit across the city's dreary rooftops, creating a whole new rooftop community! Eskimal and his walrus friend are trying to stop the sky from cracking. And Sid and the gang are back in a world-premiere episode of their musical television series - with the help of Miss Susie and his classmates, Sid "rocks out" with geology! When we learn about our environment, we want to protect it even more.

Big Brother (Switzerland/Germany) 6 min
Laban the Little Ghost: "Shadow" (Sweden) 8 min
Dog-Walking Ground (Russia) 8 min
Eskimal (Mexico) 9 min
The Curious Garden (USA) 10 min
Sid the Science Kid: "Rock and Roll" (USA) 30 min

Pass It On... Center on Halsted

Saturday, October 29 11:00AM | 76 min | Ages 8-10



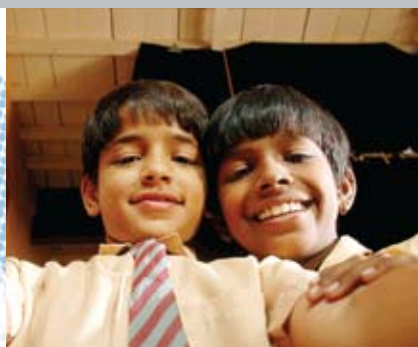
One man sees treasure in his neighbor's trash. Koro's grandpa left the family his medals; what do they really stand for? And Mr. Lessmore passes his love of books on to a new generation. When you see how you can share - pass it on!

Big Brother (Switzerland/Germany) 6 min
The Light (Japan) 8 min
Left Out (USA) 2 min
Miss Devine (USA) 4 min
Driving Accident (Canada) 5 min
Second Hand (Canada) 8 min
Sule and the Case of the Tiny Sparks (USA) 12 min
Koro's Medal (New Zealand) 14 min
The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore (USA) 17 min



I am Kalam (India) Facets Multi-Media

Saturday, October 29 1:00PM | 87 min | Ages 9-12



To help repay his mother's debts, the intelligent Chhotu must work at his Uncle Bhati's roadside restaurant. One day while delivering food to the palace, Chhotu meets young Prince Ravijay and the two become fast friends. But when the King mistakes Chhotu for a thief, it takes the power of Ravijay and Chhotu's new friendship to save Chhotu from exile. As the new friends learn, we all have so much to learn from one another, and the real wealth lies in forming connections with others.
(Screened in Hindi)



A Cat in Paris (France) Max Palevsky Cinema

Saturday, October 29 1:00PM | 64 min | Ages 10-12



How do you say "meow" in French? In Paris, Zoé's mom is a police detective on an important case of cat burglary. And Zoé's cat Dino leads a feline double life of his own! One night after bedtime, Zoé follows Dino out into the city, and meets the infamous cat thief—who isn't as evil as she thought. As Zoé befriends the burglar with a heart of gold, the ragtag group prowls around the city in a thrilling adventure of cops and robbers, Parisian style. *C'est si bon!*
(Screened in French)



Wapos Bay: Long Goodbyes (Canada) Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

UNITED STATES
PREMIERE

Saturday, October 29 1:00PM | 73 min | Ages 10-12



Talon and Raven have lived in Wapos Bay all their lives, so when their dad takes a job in the big city, the two are shocked at the prospect of leaving the place they have always called home. Each reacts in their own way: Talon sets off to complete his bucket list with his friends while Raven takes matters into her own hands and begins planning a campaign for her father to run as chief of Wapos Bay. But when things get out of control Raven and Talon must band together before it's too late.

(Screened in English)

Who's Got Your Back? Center on Halsted

WORLD
PREMIERE

Saturday, October 29 1:00PM | 76 min | Ages 11-13



Sometimes it's hard to know where to turn when things get rocky. Sosefina is your typical teen; she just wants to fit in. How will she handle it when her large and loud family wants to throw her a birthday party? And Isabella and Ronja's friendship is tested when an old flame comes between them. Hopefully the family's dance school can teach them some steps to escape a sticky situation! When the going gets tough, who's got your back?

The Light (Japan) 8 min
Mr. Bingles Goes Fishing!
(New Zealand) 4 min
Free Rein (Germany) 11 min
The Playmate (Russia) 11 min
Sosefina (Australia) 12 min
Isa's Step: "Ronja's Revenge"
(Denmark) 30 min

P M

Down To Earth Facets Multi-Media

WORLD
PREMIERE

Saturday, October 29 3:00PM | 75 min | Ages 10-12



Although Anne has Tourette's, she stays true to who she is and helps her classmates understand the cool system she came up with to manage it. And in *The Challenge*, Finnish kids at the local swimming hall see if they have what it takes for a big sea rescue. Stay down to earth and you can expect great things!

Garage Sale (USA) 7 min
Luna (Canada) 7 min
Shadow of a Midsummer Night (Norway) 16 min
Flying Anne (Netherlands) 21 min
The Challenge: "Sea Rescue" (Finland) 24 min

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Dream to the Extreme Center on Halsted

WORLD
PREMIERE

Saturday, October 29 3:00PM | 75 min | Ages 11-13



Rob Dyer's skateboard journey across the vast roads of Canada inspires more than his peers. And three kids get the chance to try out their dream jobs. Are they still excited after they've had a chance to see what being a hotel manager, pilot, or drummer is all about? With a goal in mind, you can push yourself to great things!

No More Questions (USA) 5 min
Mary & the Miners (England) 5 min
Shop Tales (Hungary) 8 min
The Vacuum Kid (Canada) 13 min
The Sparrow Who Kept His Word
(Russia) 6 min
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Don't Judge Facets Multi-Media

Saturday, October 29 5:00PM | 78 min | Ages 11-13

NORTH AMERICAN
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Kyle has a quirky collection he's pursued with a passion, and he refuses to let bullies get him down. A round girl struggles to fit in a world of squares. And a world traveler finds himself in a land where people don't care about the cool cola brand. How you see yourself matters more than letting others tell you who you are.

Bach (Russia) 6 min
Sunny (Brazil) 14 min
Flawed (Canada) 13 min
The Vacuum Kid (Canada) 13 min
I Am Round (Sweden) 15 min
Journey to Cape Verde (Portugal) 17 min

Where I'm Comin' From Center on Halsted

Saturday, October 29 5:00PM | 83 min | Ages 11-13

UNITED STATES
PREMIERE

M



Can four sisters stuck in the backseat together on a family car trip actually end up having fun? Despite her family's frugal life, Anuschka dreams of wearing a beautiful dress at her dad's wedding. And Eugenio's new moustache has him rethinking just what family he belongs to! Chances are wherever you're coming from, your family's got your back.

Miss Devine (USA) 4 min
Big Drive (Canada) 10 min
Double Life (Sweden) 13 min
A Dress for Anuschka (Netherlands) 16 min
Pizzangrillo (Italy) 15 min
Eugenio (Puerto Rico) 15 min

Devil's Kickers (Germany) Facets Multi-Media

Saturday, October 29 7:00PM | 95 min | Ages 11+

UNITED STATES
PREMIERE

P V M



Moritz loves soccer more than anything else in the world and is lucky enough to have his dad for a coach! When his parents separate and he and his mother move away to his grandfather's home, however, he must look for a new team. His new town's team is full of his old rivals who meet his desire to try out only with mockery and rejection. Disappointed but determined, he decides to start a team that includes all of his school's outcasts! With the help of his cranky but supportive grandfather, the team

begins practicing, often in the mall where Moritz's grandfather is the security guard, and begin to play well together as a team. But can they beat their town rivals, led by a rich and powerful coach? Find out in this delightful film that's fun for soccer fans and lovers of scrappy underdog tales alike!
(Screened in German)

World Behind My Wall Facets Multi-Media

Saturday, October 29 9:00PM | 75 min | Ages 12+

WORLD
PREMIERE

P M



Jon and his father come up with a clever way to stay connected to a lost loved one. A world weary traveler gains insight by exploring a gorgeously animated simpler life. And two teens unravel when their favorite band member is not where he ought to be. Sometimes you have to get outside your head to find your true heart.

The Human Voice (USA) 3 min
Heaven Behind the House (Norway) 25 min
Journey to Cape Verde (Portugal) 17 min
Kiss Bill (Sweden) 30 min

Tales With A Twist Facets Multi-Media

Sunday, October 30 9:30AM | 72 min | Ages 8-10

WORLD PREMIERE
V M



Once upon a time, with a twist. Prince Rat is in love - with a human! Can he win her love or should he look elsewhere? A young boy's butterfly connection leads him to a magical monarch migration. And Sien remembers one of her grandfather's traditions on the anniversary of his death.

- Miss Devine** (USA) 4 min
- The Bear Facts** (Canada) 4 min
- Mary & the Miners** (England) 5 min
- Waseteg** (Canada) 7 min
- Hungarian Folk Tales: "The Poor Man And The Dog"** (Hungary) 8 min
- The Storyteller** (England) 11 min
- Prince Rat** (Germany) 15 min
- Monarch** (Mexico) 8 min
- The Hairdressing** (Netherlands) 10 min

Princess Lillifee and the Little Unicorn (Germany) Music Box Theatre

Sunday, October 30 9:30AM | 70 min | Ages 4-6

UNITED STATES PREMIERE



When the magical fairy princess Lillifee is entrusted with a baby unicorn named Lucy, she knows it is her duty to return the baby to her parents. But where is a princess to start? Princess Lillifee has no idea where to look for unicorns or how to find them. With a little help from her friends, and a few wishes come true thanks to Lucy, Lillifee is able to locate Lucy's parents, but not before discovering that they are prisoners of the evil Prince Steel - who has turned

everything to ice in the land of Blutoopia! Based on the hugely popular book series, join the Princess and her pals in pink sparkly splendor in this fun sequel to the Festival's 2009 animated feature. (Screened in German)



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Sunday, October 30 11:00AM | 71 min | Ages 10-12

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Just in time for Halloween, these short films offer plenty of treats - and tricky transformations! You are what you eat, but will Jasper turn into junk for real? Those school grades are really haunting, until a boy changes them for the better. There's more than meets the eye in this unpredictable program.

- Fluffy McCloud** (Ireland) 3 min
- Orange O Despair** (France) 4 min
- Colored Pencils** (Brazil) 9 min
- Big Brother** (Switzerland/Germany) 6 min
- Second Hand** (Canada) 8 min
- Junk** (England) 7 min
- Zero** (Iran) 10 min
- The Great Journey** (Brazil) 15 min
- Specky Four Eyes** (France) 9 min

The Magicians (Netherlands) Music Box Theatre

Sunday, October 30 11:00AM | 90 min | Ages 9-12

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Ben and his father are aspiring magicians with a dream: to become the next big talents in the Netherlands! With the help of their assistant Sylvie, their magic show is the hit of local schools and stages. But when Ben and his father attempt a trick they may not be ready for, Sylvie disappears! When the police realize Sylvie's gone for good, things grow dire for Ben's family - and Ben learns that things are never quite what they seem. Will Ben find Sylvie, or has she vanished forever into a puff of magic?

(Screened in Dutch)

Flix By Kids II Facets Multi-Media

Sunday, October 30 1:00PM | 63 min | Ages 7-10

WORLD
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Have you ever had something go differently than you planned? A worm looking for a job finds a position he didn't bargain for. When a submarine sailor sneaks onto another ship, we soon learn that he's after something much sillier than expected. After running into a tree on her broom, a witch discovers that even plants don't like to be messed with. Nothing is as it seems in this fun and wacky collection of shorts produced by kids just like you!

- Recycle Man** (USA) 4 min
- Moonlove** (Belgium) 5 min
- Music Speaks** (USA) 4 min
- Tree of Brooms** (Belgium) 4 min

- Water Please** (India) 4 min
- Worm at the Employment Office** (Croatia) 2 min
- The World Fading from Darkness** (USA) 7 min
- Milk in the House** (Japan) 3 min
- Submarine** (Croatia) 2 min
- Nightmares from Hell** (England) 3 min
- Click** (Croatia) 3 min
- Photo-Safari** (Croatia) 2 min
- Black Snow** (Canada) 5 min
- Crazy Space** (Belgium) 3 min
- It's Not the Dinners** (England) 6 min
- Frog Choir** (Croatia) 3 min
- The End** (Belgium) 3 min



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