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2006 WEEKEND SCHEDULE



WELCOME TO THE 23RD ANNUAL CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL!

The CICFF is North America's largest and most celebrated film festival devoted to films for and by kids, and it's the only Academy®-qualifying children's film festival in the world! This year's CICFF features over 220 of the best films and videos for kids from 40 countries around the world.

The CICFF advocates positive programming for kids and families: creative, fun, and culturally diverse films that not only tell stories about children and teens but also present things from kids' point of view. Facets Multi-Media, Inc., a not-for-profit film and video organization, is proud to present the annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival.

HELPFUL HINTS

AGE RANGES

These are suggested for each program and are offered as a general guideline only. Special programs for our youngest audiences will be indicated by the My First Movie icon.



PROGRAM GUIDANCE

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



ADDITIONAL SYMBOLS

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



Appearance(s) by special directors/guest(s) may follow the program!

SUBTITLES, NO PROBLEM!

Professional actors will read the English subtitles aloud for programs for kids nine and under.

FESTIVAL PRIZES

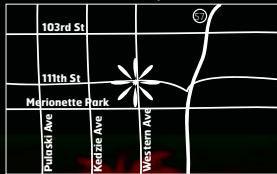
Kids count at the CICFF! After each screening, children receive "Best of Fest" ballots on which to rate and evaluate the films. Ballots are tallied at the end of the Festival, and the film with the most votes wins the highly coveted "Best of Fest Prize." The Best of Fest Prize, along with the Adult and Children's Jury awards, will be announced at the American Airlines Closing Night Awards Presentation Sunday, October 29.

LOCATIONS

Facets Multi-Media
1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago



Beverly Arts Center
2407 W. 111th St, Chicago



Wilmette Theater
1122 Central Ave., Wilmette



DuSable Museum 740 East 56th Place, Chicago (not pictured)

Visit our website at www.cicff.org

CONCESSIONS

Concessions are available at all weekend Festival venues.

QUESTIONS?

Contact "Kidsfest" at 773-281-2166, 773-281-9075, kidsfest@facets.org or visit www.cicff.org

ADMISSION

Regular Admission to Screenings

\$6.00 for children

\$8.00 for adults

Programs are in high demand and seating is limited. Program seating is **ONLY** guaranteed with advance ticket purchase through Ticketweb.

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FOR FACETS, THE WILMETTE THEATER AND THE DUSABLE MUSEUM ONLY.

www.ticketweb.com or by telephone at 1-866-468-3401

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

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GROUP SCREENINGS

Discounts for groups of 25 or more are available.

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TAKE ONE! WORKSHOPS

Workshop space is limited AND REGISTRATION MUST BE DONE IN ADVANCE.
Please call "Kidsfest" 773-281-2166 or 773-281-9075 or visit www.cicf.org
for reservations and information. Please note: Workshop fees are non-refundable.

Dream Screen II- Animation Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 22
Noon to 4 p.m.
Facets Lounge
Facets Multi-Media, Inc.
1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago
Fee \$75 - For ages 11 to 14

Don't wait...animate...Learn what you need to know to create your own animated film from award-winning animation director Mary McKay. Sign up for this intensive, hands-on animation workshop where you will brainstorm story ideas, make your own animation figures from clay, design backgrounds and bring your creation to life. After this two-day crash course you will become an instant "film celebrity" because your original short film will have its world premiere during the second weekend of this year's festival!

Casting Call! - Audition Workshops for kids

Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, Oct. 22
Time 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
REM Studios
3511 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago
Fee \$25 - Saturday session for ages 8 to 11
Sunday session for ages 12 to 14

Want to be an actor? Think you've got what it takes to make it on the silver screen? Join Robert Latte from Chicago's own REM Studios, affiliated with IMTA and learn how to find your mark, step into the light and make the big impression that will take you from sidewalk to screen.

Sound-Off!

Sunday, October 22
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Experimental Sound Studio
5925 N Ravenswood, Chicago
Fee \$25 - For ages 10 to 14

Can you hear me now...? Having great sound is crucial to a great movie. Sound tells you where to look, how to feel and sometimes leaves an impression stronger and longer lasting than the images of the film itself. Let Lou Mallozzi of the Experimental Sound Studio show you how it's done. Learn the basics of how sound works, proper microphone technique and create your own sound track to surprise clips on the fly.

So You Think You're FUNNY?

Saturday, October 28
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Facets Lounge
Facets Multi-Media, Inc.
1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago
Fee \$20 - For ages 7 to 11

What's funny and who says so?? This lively workshop will provide an outlet for budding comedians of all ages. Stage and screen actor Nate Sears (host of Nickelodeon Live!) will introduce participants to "basics" of film comedy and explore three ways of making films funny - visual and physical comedy; scripted or joke-driven comedy and improv comedy. Bring your gags, your best jokes, your silliest costumes and your funniest stories!

Get It Moving! - An Animation Workshop

Saturday, October 28
12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Facets Lounge
Facets Multi-Media, Inc.
1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago
Fee \$35 - For ages 9 to 14

Stretch your imagination in this four-hour workshop led by Emmy Award-winning Animation Director, Jennifer Oxley of Little Airplane Productions, the company behind *The Wonder Pets*, *Go Baby Farm* and *Oobi*. Learn the cutting edge animation techniques that sent these great shows and several others into the hearts and homes of kids all over America. Play with the basic physics of stop-motion animation and recreate your favorite fairy tale with other budding animators.

Speakin' Out with Shadoe Stevens

Sunday, October 29
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Bosco Productions
160 E. Grand, Suite 600, Chicago
Fee \$35 - For ages 9 to 14



Do you have a voice that the world needs to hear...but no one's listening? Want to learn basic tips on using your voice and personality in creative ways for film and television? Step into this workshop led by Shadoe Stevens, star of radio, tv and film (and the unforgettable voice of the Grammy and Emmy Awards). Come ready to breathe, focus and let 'em hear it.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

WORLD PREMIERE

9:30 A.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 63 MINUTES AGES 2 TO 5

GOODIE BAG



Find out what's inside Lolly's box, and follow Franny's footsteps for a fun, rollicking adventure. Then play with boom chiki boom or sing to your own tune. From England to Estonia there is something for everyone in this shorts program full of wonderful surprises for little tikes.

Sing To Your Own Tune! (USA, 2006) 2 min, **Lolly's Box** (USA, 2005) 3 min, **The Big Question** (Germany, 2005) 4 min, **The Carrot of The Theatre** (Estonia, 2006) 6 min, **Each Problem, Each Solution** (France, 2006) 6 min, **Colors** (Spain, 2004) 3 min, **All Aboard!** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **Let's Play With Boomchiki Boom!** (South Korea, 2006) 6 min, **Franny's Feet: "Say Jamaica"** (Canada, 2004) 11 min, **Jinny Starfly** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **The Witch's Button** (Latvia, 2006) 7 min, **Gordon the Garden Gnome: "The Best Garden Competition"** (England, 2004) 11 min

WORLD PREMIERE

10:00 A.M. **BEVERLY ARTS CENTER** 64 MINUTES AGES 2 TO 5

ZOO PASS



This friendly assortment of animated shorts is a real treat for young viewers who love animals. See dancing penguins, heroic guinea pigs, flying home improvers and work-at-home pigs. This special program features films from six countries, including work by the innovative Little Airplane Productions company.

The Fountain (Spain, 2004) 5 min, **Peppa Pig: "Momma Pig At Work"** (UK, 2004) 5 min, **Miriam's Nest Box** (Estonia, 2006) 5 min, **Janie and Jerome: "Meet Jake"** (USA, 2004) 3 min, **Pass The Pinha** (USA, 2006) 2 min, **Tigga and Togga** (Canada, 2005) 6 min, **Charlie and Lola: "But I Am an Alligator"** (UK, 2005) 12 min, **Go, Baby! Farm!** (USA, 2004) 4 min, **Pingu Boogaloo** (UK, 2006) 5 min, **The Track-Race of a Rabbit and a Hedgehog** (Finland, 2004) 4 min, **The Wonder Pets: "Save The Sheep!"** (USA, 2006) 13 min

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WORLD PREMIERE

10:30 AM **DUSABLE MUSEUM** 72 MINUTES AGES 9 TO 14

PROUD TO BE ME: STORIES OF AFRICA



In collaboration with the DuSable Museum, the CICFF is proud to present this important and thought provoking collection of shorts reflecting on the lives and experiences of African children and featuring the first animated film from the Democratic Republic of Congo, *Prince Loseno*.

Africa Animated: "Toto's Journey" (Kenya, 2005) 2 min, **I Want to Be a Pilot** (Spain, 2006) 12 min, **Magic Cellar: The Tortoise and the Elephant** (South Africa, 2006) 12 min, **Africa Animated: "A Cog Age"** (Kenya, 2005) 2 min, **Prince Loseno** (Belgium/Democratic Republic of Congo, 2004) 24 min, **Lucky** (South Africa, 2005) 20 min

WORLD PREMIERE

11:00 A.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 69 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 8

BIRDS OF EVERY FEATHER



Everyone is different. Each one of us has qualities and traits that make us who we are. We all need and want to be welcomed and accepted. Winston has asthma and he sometimes feels different and a little left out of school activities. But when his special talents and abilities save the day at school, his classmates help him see how much he is truly valued. Esther bravely meets the "strange neighbor" and she uncovers the truth about how crazy notions start when people don't take the time to get to know one another. Young children from France even offer suggestions and solutions that might help bridge our differences, promote tolerance, and show us that everyone has something important to contribute to the world.

The Carrot of The Theatre (Estonia, 2006) 6 min, **Red Planet Blues: "The Zoo Zoo"** (USA, 2006) 9 min, **Lunchroom** (USA, 2005) 6 min, **Asthma Tech** (Canada, 2006) 7 min, **Invasion of The Space Lobsters** (Canada, 2005) 7 min, **Each Problem, Each Solution** (France, 2006) 7 min, **Roberto The Insect Architect** (USA, 2005) 11 min, **The Thief** (Greece, 2005) 16 min

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

11:30 A.M. BEVERLY ARTS CENTER 66 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 8
FAMILY TIME

Sharing the experience of some of the best shorts from around the world should be a family affair! These shorts were selected with families in mind. Find out what happened the day the dog dressed like dad, try to understand what it's like to be the youngest, the smallest and perhaps the shyest. You might find your biggest fan and supporter in one of your own family members.

The Day the Dog Dressed Like Dad (USA, 2005) 2 min, **Jamie Lo: Small and Shy** (Canada, 2006) 7 min, **Toy Artist** (South Korea, 2006) 8 min, **Dobif** (Netherlands, 2006) 10 min, **Capelito: "Ingenious"** (Spain, 2005) 5 min, **Enchanted Shoes** (Poland, 2005) 13 min, **Tzaritzta** (Canada, 2006) 7 min, **Wander** (USA, 2006) 7 min, **Ish** (USA, 2005) 7 min

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1:00 P.M. FACETS CINEMA 74 MINUTES AGES 7 TO 11
KIRIKOU AND THE WILD BEASTS

FRANCE, 2005

DIRECTED BY BENEDICTE GALUP AND MICHEL OCELOT

In this follow-up to the award-winning *Kirikou and the Sorceress*, Kirikou, a small boy with extraordinary abilities, returns! When the community awakens one morning to find that their crops have been destroyed they turn to making and selling pottery to support themselves, with guidance from Kirikou. But when that venture also falls victim to bad luck, Kirikou must continue his efforts, riding atop a giraffe and evading creatures sent by the sorceress. Later, when women of the village fall ill, it's discovered that the only known antidote grows outside of the frightening headquarters of the sorceress. Can Kirikou save his village and will others finally start believing in him? Through it all, the gifted young boy uses his intelligence, creativity, super-speed, and big heart to help others, showing the importance of a generous spirit and belief in oneself.

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1:30 P.M. BEVERLY ARTS CENTER 81 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 8

**LITTLE POLAR BEAR:
THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND**

GERMANY, 2005

DIRECTED BY PIET DE RYCKER AND THILO GRAF ROTHKIRCH

A young polar bear named Lars and his friend Robby attempt to rescue their penguin pal Caruso, and wind up on the adventure of their lives! While life is great in the North Pole, little Caruso is homesick and wishes he could go back to the South Pole. Tired of hearing his complaints, Kalle the polar bear decides to send Caruso south. When Lars hears about this, he and Robby set out to help their friend, but before they know it, their journey leads them to the Galapagos Islands. Making new friends cures Caruso of his homesickness but, it doesn't mean the excitement is over: an island volcano is on the verge of eruption. Together with their new buddies, the group must plan their escape before it is too late! Filmed by the makers of the award-winning *Laura's Star* and featuring music by Academy Award-winning composer Hans Zimmer, *Little Polar Bear: The Mysterious Island* is about the power of friendship, the importance of teamwork, and the love of home.

My First Movies

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2:00 P.M. BEVERLY ARTS CENTER 89 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 10

WIN, LOSE OR DRAW

Is life about winners or losers or how you play the game? Lines are drawn in this program with a slight competitive edge. Find out if the Kungfu Gecko has met his match. Joao will face his toughest opponent yet in a demonstration of the Brazilian art of Capoeira. A greedy king will finally get his comeuppance in a short that emphasizes the need for "peas" not war.

Kungfu Gecko (Singapore, 2005) 5 min, **All For A Football: "In My Shoes"** (Mexico, 2005) 15 min, **Smile** (USA, 2005) 8 min, **Lola and Virginia: "Onion Trick"** (Spain, 2006) 12 min, **Mare Capoeira** (Brazil, 2005) 15 min, **The Magic Cellar: "The Chief's Bride"** (South Africa, 2006) 12 min, **War and Peas** (Finland, 2005) 10 min, **Ztydni** (Ukraine/Russia, 2005) 12 min

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

WORLD PREMIERE

3:00 P.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 72 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 10
TOPSY TURVY

Unusual, unexpected, and visually thrilling, these short films turn the ordinary upside down. From a far out legend from the land down under to an unplanned visit with the girl in the moon, prepare yourself for an entertaining and rewarding sample of work from five countries.

First Flight (USA, 2006) 9 min, Mr. Jones: The Map (Norway, 2005) 6 min, Chess (Sweden, 2006) 5 min, A Fairy Tale (USA, 2005) 10 min, Moongirl (USA, 2005) 9 min, Crooked Mick of the Speewah (Australia, 2005) 10 min, Jane and The Dragon: "Shall We Dance" (Canada, 2005) 22 min



4:00 P.M. **BEVERLY ARTS CENTER** 60 MINUTES AGES 10 TO 12
MARTA AND HER FLYING GRANDFATHER

GERMANY, 2006 DIRECTED BY CHRISTIAN SCHWOCHOW

For eleven-year-old Marta, living with her grandfather on an extended vacation seems like wonderful treat. The young girl and older man have always been the best of friends, and spending time together in the countryside yields an expectation for new adventure. But when Marta arrives at her grandfather's house she realizes things are different than before. While still lively, her grandfather now forgets simple things, like washing his face and how to put clothes on the right way. It becomes apparent that his memory may only worsen, and Marta makes it her mission to help her grandfather, an avid dreamer and inventor. Despite the neighbors' constant chatter of gossip, Marta is determined to find a cure for her grandfather's confusion, and return him to his original, peaceful state. Featuring complex characters and stunning cinematography, this film shows one girl's courage to take on some of the responsibilities of adulthood in order to save the grandfather she loves.

Shown with *The Little Matchgirl* (USA, 2006) 7 min; *First Flight* (USA, 2006) 9 min (Total Program Time: 76 minutes)

5:00 P.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 90 MINUTES AGES 10 TO 12
FINDING FRIENDS

NORWAY, 2005 DIRECTED BY ARNE LINDTNER NAESS

Petter is less than thrilled when his parents announce that the family will be spending the summer in the Norwegian countryside. Determined to be unhappy, Petter constantly complains about the countryside's lack of fun things to do - that is, until he finds Leo, an injured dog who instantly becomes his best friend. Suddenly, the summer doesn't look so dreary after all, as Petter spends his time exploring with Leo and nursing him back to health. The stakes are raised, however, when Leo's owner decides he will stop at nothing to get his dog back. With the help of his new friend Nila, an Indian girl, and her loyal bull Samson, Petter commits himself to keeping Leo away from his mean owner, and the three use wit and strength to fend for themselves and achieve their goals.

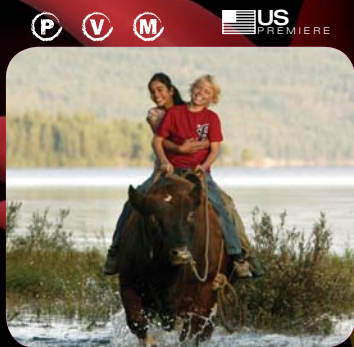
Shown with *The Fan and the Flower* (USA, 2005) 7 min (Total Program Time: 97 minutes)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:30 A.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 60 MINUTES AGES 2 TO 5
BUDDY SYSTEM

Hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder we laugh, smile and get along better with the help of our friends. This shorts program introduces buddies of all kinds -- fuzzy, furry, crawly garden variety and next door buddies! Meet two unlikely pals in a delightfully funny short from Estonia. In a sweet animated short from France, children offer wonderful advice on how best to get along with your friends. When Gordon's garden is overrun by his best friends on the day of the competition, it takes a kindly king to solve his dilemma. So come along with us and bring a friend!

Lolly's Box (USA, 2005) 3 min, That's Why We Are Friends (USA, 2006) 2 min, Each Problem, Each Solution (France, 2006) 6 min, Soup (Brazil, 2005) 2 min, The Carrot of The Theatre (Estonia, 2006) 6 min, Gordon the Garden Gnome: "The Best Garden Competition" (UK, 2004) 11 min, Miriam's Nest Box (Estonia, 2006) 5 min, Peep and The Big Wide World: "One Duck Two Many" (USA, 2005) 11 minutes, Red Planet Blues: "Zoo, Zoo" (USA, 2006) 9 min



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

10:00 A.M. **BEVERLY ARTS CENTER** 60 MINUTES AGES 2 TO 5

HELPING HANDS



Seeing small hands reach out to help is a wonderful thing to behold. Setting a fine example these characters don't hesitate to jump in and lend hand when someone is in trouble. A little bird drops in to lend a wing to a boy who can't seem to reach a water fountain. Janie needs a little help warming up to Jake the dog. Miriam the chicken gets a little help from her family to find a proper home.

Janie and Jerome: "Meet Jake" (USA, 2004) 3 min, Pass The Pinha (USA, 2006) 2 min, The Fountain (Spain, 2004) 5 min, Peppa Pig: "Momma Pig At Work" (UK, 2004) 5 min, Miriam's Nest Box (Estonia, 2006) 5 min, Tigga and Togga (Canada, 2005) 6 min, Charlie and Lola: "But I Am an Alligator" (UK, 2005) 12 min, Go, Baby! Farm! (USA, 2004) 4 min, Pingu Boogaloo (UK, 2006) 5 min, The Wonder Pets: "Save The Sheep!" (USA, 2006) 13 min

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11:00 A.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 60 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 8

CLEVER KIDS AND CRITTERS

Kids can find cool hiding places, answer riddles and solve problems in ways that escape most adults. The lesson is never underestimate the cleverness or resourcefulness of a kid! These shorts will provoke thought and reflection about clever young minds. A child ponders the meaning of life in *The Big Question* from Germany. Dive into a fascinating folktale about the Northern lights. Check out what happens when young ghouls from the *Zombie Hotel* spend their first day at school.

CoolCamels: "Pupak at the Movies" (Hungary, 2006) 3 min, Hiding Places (Denmark, 2005) 10 min, Folklore Restaurant: "Revontulet" (USA, 2005) 3 min, The Witch's Button (Latvia, 2006) 7 min, Capelito: "Swatter" (Spain, 2005) 5 min, The Big Question (Germany, 2005) 4 min, Wander (USA, 2006) 7 min, Roberto The Insect Architect (USA, 2005) 11 min, Zombie Hotel: "First Day" (France/Ireland, 2005) 26 min

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11:30 A.M. **BEVERLY ARTS CENTER** 66 MINUTES 5 TO 10

MY STORY, YOUR STORY

Everyone has a story to tell. Have you ever wondered what the inner lives of the tiniest bugs were like or how a flax seed sees the world? If you could carry a bucket full of dinosaurs and know them as true best friends then this shorts program may be right up your alley. Don't miss the delightful tale about the Fourth King who came too late to Bethlehem -- as told by his Camel.

Transformation (USA, 2006) 2 min, Folklore Restaurant: "The Fox Wedding Parade" (USA, 2005) 3 min, Erky Perky: "A Toast To Perky" (Canada/Australia, 2006) 11 min, Harry And His Bucket Full Of Dinosaurs: "Achoo" (Canada, 2005) 11 min, The Flax (Poland 2005) 13 min, Ish (USA, 2005) 7 min, The Fourth King (Germany, 2005) 26 min

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1:00 P.M. **DUSABLE MUSEUM** 76 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 10

PREACHER FEATURES

Engaging, thoroughly entertaining and respectful of children these shorts will resonate with people of faith. These films are thought provoking and will encourage genuine discussion. Gideon is the latest humorous offering from the producers of Veggie Tales. The Magical Cellar brings a simple morality tale as retold in South Africa. Davie and Golimyr is a fresh and engaging turn on the story of David and Goliath.

Gideon: Tuba Warrior (USA, 2006) 21 min, The Magic Cellar: "The Tortoise and the Elephant" (South Africa, 2006) 12 min, Davie and Golimyr (USA, 2006) 43 min

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22



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1:00 P.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 100 MINUTES AGES 11 TO 13

PAULA'S SECRET

GERMANY, 2006

DIRECTED BY GERNOT KRAEAE

"Everyone has dreams, and dreaming is never stupid." So says Paula, a girl whose dreams are as big as her heart. For a long time, Paula has kept a diary, and written inside are her biggest secrets. Of course the biggest secret is her wish to be rescued from her boring life by a handsome prince. When her diary is stolen by a pair of young thieves, she is devastated. But Tobi, a fellow classmate, knows where the thieves live, and offers to help Paula in exchange for tutoring so he can pass his English exam. Together the two make an odd pair: she is concerned with cleanliness and manners, he is concerned with eating and television. What starts out as routine soon turns into an adventure, and Paula and Tobi discover that first impressions can sometimes be wrong. This fun and involving film shows us that our differences can work to our advantage, team work is important, and that, at times, the princes in our dreams don't really represent the princes in our realities.



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1:30 P.M. **BEVERLY ARTS CENTER** 90 MINUTES AGES 10 TO 13

WILD SOCCER BUNCH 3

GERMANY, 2006

DIRECTED BY JOACHIM MASANNEK

You'll cheer for the sensational Wild Soccer Bunch and its high scoring team. This daring and fearless group of young soccer players has become an international phenomenon thanks to its smart dialogue, engaging characters and thrilling action. In this third feature, the Wild Soccer Bunch is up against its greatest challenge so far--an opponent more devious, more diabolical than even they had ever imagined--girls!!! To defend their title and their stadium, they must overcome the "Beastly Beasts," who are led by none other than Fabi, formerly the best friend of Soccer Bunch leader Leon.



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2:00 P.M. **BEVERLY ARTS CENTER** 75 MINUTES AGES 7 TO 9

HANSEL AND GRETEL

GERMANY, 2006

DIRECTED BY ANNA WILD

Beautifully shot with lush images and atmospheric music, this faithful retelling of the Brothers Grimm tale vividly brings to life the story of Hansel and Gretel, the brother and sister abandoned in a forest by their parents. Lost and hungry, Hansel and Gretel eventually stumble upon a mysterious house made of gingerbread and other sweets. When the creepy woman who lives there imprisons Hansel and forces Gretel to clean and cook for her, the children must devise a plan to escape. This exciting version of the classic story showcases the bravery and ingenuity of children in what can be a difficult world, staying true to the original while employing a hypnotic visual style.



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3:00 P.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 83 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 10

UNNA AND NUUK

FINLAND, 2006

DIRECTED BY SAARA CANTELL

What if it were possible to travel back in time? Would you do it? For Unna, a bright and clever eleven-year-old, this possibility becomes a reality. Upon hearing that the gift of healing has been passed on to her, Unna makes it her mission to find the leaves that will help her ailing grandfather. There is only one problem: the leaves can only be found on a tree that existed in the forests of Finland hundreds of years ago! Unna's case isn't hopeless though-- in her grandfather's attic she finds a portal to the past. Unna steps into another time, where she meets and befriends a boy named Nuuk who is also a healer. He introduces her to his tribe and shows her his way of life. But a disagreement with a neighboring tribe creates unexpected tensions. In this action-packed film filled with fantastic cinematography, two children learn that in order to problem solve, they must be able recognize and rely on each other's strengths.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

4:00 P.M. **BEVERLY ARTS CENTER** 115 MINUTES AGES 12 AND UP



YOUNG ANDERSEN

DENMARK, 2005

DIRECTED BY RUMLE HAMMERICH

Take a journey back in time in this powerful film about a young and impressionable Hans Christian Andersen. The film centers around a challenging time in Andersen's life when he was unsure about himself and his abilities. See how he perseveres and overcomes not only his own insecurities, but the doubts and ridicule of those around him. Photographed with great attention to detail and sensitively directed by renowned director Rumle Hammerich, this film is truly inspirational for both the aspiring writer and anyone who dares to dream.

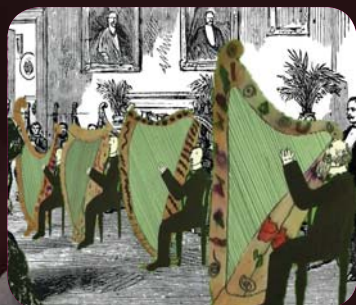


5:00 P.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 76 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 10

REEL KIDS-TOP KID FLICKS

Young filmmakers from around the world submitted their best work to this year's festival. This high energy selection of work created by kids for kids includes wildly entertaining live action and animated short films. Come check out the work by these young filmmakers and remember this screen could be yours next year!

Woods and Strings (UK/Wales, 2006) 5 min, **Haiku Cwn Afan** (UK/Wales, 2006) 4 min, **The Adventures of the Lost Eyeball** (USA, 2005) 1 min, **Each Problem Each Solution** (France, 2006) 7 min, **The Itchy Tongue** (USA, 2005) 1 min, **Top Tips for the Fluffiest Chicken** (USA, 2005) 4 min, **The Tree and the Woodcutter** (Mexico, 2006) 3 min, **The Archaeologist** (Belgium, 2005) 5 min, **The Cheating Cheetah** (USA, 2005) 1 min, **Little Know It All** (USA, 2005) 4 min, **Sticks and Stones** (UK, 2004) 19 min



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:30 A.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 64 MINUTES AGES 2 TO 5

ZOO PASS



This friendly assortment of animated shorts is a real treat for young viewers who love animals. See dancing penguins, heroic guinea pigs, flying home improvers and work-at-home pigs. This special program features films from six countries, including work by the innovative Little Airplane Productions company.

The Fountain (Spain, 2004) 5 min, **Peppa Pig: "Momma Pig At Work"** (UK, 2004) 5 min, **Miriam's Nest Box** (Estonia, 2006) 5 min, **Janie and Jerome: "Meet Jake"** (USA, 2004) 3 min, **Pass The Pinha** (USA, 2006) 2 min, **Tigga and Togga** (Canada, 2005) 6 min, **Charlie and Lola: "But I Am an Alligator"** (UK, 2005) 12 min, **Go, Baby! Farm!** (USA, 2004) 4 min, **Pingu Boogaloo** (UK, 2006) 5 min, **The Track-Race of a Rabbit and a Hedgehog** (Finland, 2004) 4 min, **The Wonder Pets: "Save The Sheep!"** (USA, 2006) 13 min



10:00 A.M. **WILMETTE THEATER** 63 MINUTES AGES 2 TO 5

GOODIE BAG



Find out what's inside Lolly's box, and follow Franny's footsteps for a fun, rollicking adventure. Then play with boom chiki boom or sing to your own tune. From England to Estonia, there is something for everyone in this shorts program full of wonderful surprises for little tikes

Sing To Your Own Tune! (USA, 2006) 2 min, **Lolly's Box** (USA, 2005) 3 min, **The Big Question** (Germany, 2005) 4 min, **The Carrot of The Theatre** (Estonia, 2006) 6 min, **Each Problem, Each Solution** (France, 2006) 6 min, **Colors** (Spain, 2004) 3 min, **All Aboard!** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **Let's Play With Boomchiki Boom!** (South Korea, 2006) 6 min, **Franny's Feet: "Say Jamaica"** (Canada, 2004) 11 min, **Jinny Starfly** (USA, 2005) 2 min, **The Witch's Button** (Latvia, 2006) 7 min, **Gordon the Garden Gnome: "The Best Garden Competition"** (England, 2004) 11 min



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

US PREMIERE

10:30 A.M. **WILMETTE THEATER** 81 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 8

LITTLE POLAR BEAR: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND



GERMANY, 2005

DIRECTED BY PIET DE RYCKER AND THILO GRAF ROTHKIRCH

A young polar bear named Lars and his friend Robby attempt to rescue their penguin pal Caruso, and wind up on the adventure of their lives! While life is great in the North Pole, little Caruso is homesick and wishes he could go back to the South Pole. Tired of hearing his complaints, Kalle the polar bear decides to send Caruso south. When Lars hears about this, he and Robby set out to help their friend, but before they know it, their journey leads them to the Galapagos Islands. Making new friends cures Caruso of his homesickness but, it doesn't mean the excitement is over: an island volcano is on the verge of eruption. Together with their new buddies, the group must plan their escape before it is too late! Filmed by the makers of the award winning *Laura's Star* and featuring music by Academy Award-winning composer Hans Zimmer, *Little Polar Bear: The Mysterious Island* is about the power of friendship, the importance of teamwork, and the love of home.



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NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

11:00 A.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 100 MINUTES AGES 7 TO 9

RUUDI

ESTONIA, 2006

DIRECTED BY KATRIN LAUR

Six-year-old Ruudi is the world's biggest Viking fan. When he hears that a large-scale model of an ancient Viking longboat is visiting his coastal town, he vows to ride it. There is only one problem: no boy is allowed onboard the boat without his father! But Ruudi has never met his father and doesn't know where to find him, so he has to think fast if he wants to ride the boat before it leaves town. Inspired by a carnival beauty competition, Ruudi decides to hold a Big Father contest, and whoever wins will get Ruudi as his son, and a big chest of Viking treasure as the grand prize! Soon every man in town is participating in the contest! Who will ultimately win the Big Father contest and ride the Viking boat with Ruudi? And what do two greedy antique dealers want with Ruudi? In this adventurous and humorous film, a young boy learns that sometimes what we're looking for is right around the corner, and that if one works hard enough, dreams can come true.



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NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

11:30 A.M. **WILMETTE THEATER** 100 MINUTES AGES 11 TO 13

HORROR BUS

NETHERLANDS, 2005

DIRECTED BY PIETER KUIJPERS

Eleven-year-old Onnoval is an aspiring writer, but his gift for storytelling doesn't put him in the "in crowd" at school. He is teased and ridiculed by classmates, and after one difficult encounter, he vows to get even. He meets a mysterious character named Ferlucci who offers to rid him of his problems in exchange for one of Onnoval's stories. If Onnoval can write a truly great and horrible story, Ferlucci can make everything in the story come true. However Onnoval's plan for revenge starts to go wrong! Eventually, he realizes what he has done, and, with the help of his friends, he vows to save his classmates from the fate awaiting them. Will Onnoval stop the evil Ferlucci in time to save the day? Find out in this thrilling adventure to the ghostly castle where Onnoval learns to be careful what he wishes for.



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CHICAGO PREMIERE

12:30 P.M. **WILMETTE THEATER** 74 MINUTES AGES 7 TO 11

KIRIKOU AND THE WILD BEASTS

FRANCE, 2005

DIRECTED BY BENEDICTE GALUP AND MICHEL OCELOT

In this follow-up to the award-winning *Kirikou and the Sorceress*, Kirikou, a small boy with extraordinary abilities, returns! When the community awakens one morning to find that their crops have been destroyed they turn to making and selling pottery to support themselves, with guidance from Kirikou. But when that venture also falls victim to bad luck, Kirikou must continue his efforts, riding atop a giraffe and evading creatures sent by the sorceress. Later, when women of the village fall ill, it's discovered that the only known antidote grows outside of the frightening headquarters of the sorceress. Can Kirikou save his village and will others finally start believing in him? Through it all, the gifted young boy uses his intelligence, creativity, super-speed, and big heart to help others, showing the importance of a generous spirit and belief in oneself.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

1:00 P.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 96 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 8

WINKY'S HORSE

THE NETHERLANDS, 2005

DIRECTED BY MISCHA KAMP

Were you ever the new kid in school? Meet Winky Wong: cute, spunky, and determined to fit in, even though she has just immigrated from China to the Netherlands, and can barely speak any Dutch. Winky may be slowly learning the ways of her new country, but when she meets a neighbor's horse, she decides that she has finally found a friend. Soon Winky begins to spend her days biking between school, her family's restaurant, and the horse's pasture. When it becomes clear that she can't help take care of the horse forever, Winky goes to extraordinary means to get her own—she even asks Sinterklaas, the Dutch Santa Clause, for a horse! Will Sinterklaas grant Winky her wish? Find out in this delightful film about a young girl with the courage to follow her dreams.

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1:30 P.M. **WILMETTE THEATER** 90 MINUTES AGES 10 TO 13

WILD SOCCER BUNCH 3

GERMANY, 2006

DIRECTED BY JOACHIM MASANNEK

You'll cheer for the sensational Wild Soccer Bunch and its high scoring team. This daring and fearless group of young soccer players has become an international phenomenon thanks to its smart dialogue, engaging characters and thrilling action. In this third feature, the Wild Soccer Bunch is up against its greatest challenge so far—an opponent more devious, more diabolical than even they had ever imagined—girls!!! To defend their title and their stadium, they must overcome the "Beastly Beasts," who are led by none other than Fabi, the former best friend of Soccer Bunch leader Leon.

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3:00 P.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 90 MINUTES AGES 12 TO 14

THRILLER THEATER

If a little nail-biting, spine-tingling cinema is what you need to start your Halloween weekend off right then don't miss this shorts program. Charlie has his suspicions about the strange boarder in his house while an unopened package is the subject for an eerie piece of animation from Germany. The question of what becomes of the fateful character, Olyver Brody, will bring you to the edge of your seats but *Zombie Prom* will get you dancing in the aisles!

Edgar & Ellen: "Capture the Pet" (USA, 2006) 3 min, *The Boarder* (USA, 2004) 8 min, *Delivery* (Germany, 2005) 9 min, *Cracks* (Denmark, 2005) 15 min, *Meat the Campbells* (Scotland/UK, 2005) 10 min, *Olyver Brody* (USA, 2006) 17 min, *Zombie Prom* (USA, 2006) 36 min

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5:00 P.M. **FACETS CINEMA** 98 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 12

AZUR AND ASMAR

FRANCE/BELGIUM/ITALY/SPAIN, 2006

DIRECTED BY MICHEL OCELOT

"Azur and Asmar" is the latest animated masterpiece from renowned director Michel Ocelot. It is an epic adventure of two foster brothers, one black and one white, who are fatefully separated as children. After many years they meet again and set off on a journey full of magic and wonder. Our heroes encounter the Djinn Fairy, the Scarlet Lion and a giant, regal bird, all depicted with stunning artwork inspired from Persian miniatures and great European painters. More than an engaging and beautifully animated film, *Azur and Asmar* is a persuasive and elegant plea for racial acceptance.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

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9:30 A.M. FACETS CINEMA 65 MINUTES AGES 5 TO 8 GREAT ADVENTURES

If you love a great adventure then come along for a thrilling ride. Race through the streets of Madagascar. Imagine you are a little bird flying high for the very first time. Visit with special friends on a Greek island. All these adventures and more await you!

The Big Race (USA/Madagascar, 2004) 6 min, **Bubble** (USA, 2005) 4 min, **First Flight** (USA, 2006) 8 min, **Asthma Tech** (Canada, 2006) 7 min, **Wander** (USA, 2006) 7 min, **Capelito: "Ingenious"** (Spain, 2005) 5 min, **Invasion of the Space Lobsters** (Canada, 2005) 7 min, **The Thief** (Greece, 2005) 16 min

WORLD
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10:00 A.M. WILMETTE THEATER 60 MINUTES AGES 2 TO 5 HELPING HANDS



Seeing small hands reach out to help is a wonderful thing to behold. Setting a fine example these characters don't hesitate to jump in and lend hand when someone is in trouble. A little bird drops in to lend a wing to a boy who can't seem to reach a water fountain. Janie needs a little help warming up to Jake the dog. Miriam the chicken gets a little help from her family to find a proper home.

Janie and Jerome: **"Meet Jake"** (USA, 2004) 3 min, **Pass The Pinha** (USA, 2006) 2 min, **The Fountain** (Spain, 2004) 5 min, **Peppa Pig: "Momma Pig At Work"** (UK, 2004) 5 min, **Miriam's Nest Box** (Estonia, 2006) 5 min, **Tigga and Togga** (Canada, 2005) 6 min, **Charlie and Lola: "But I Am an Alligator"** (UK, 2005) 12 min, **Go, Baby! Farm!** (USA, 2004) 4 min, **Pingu Boogaloo** (UK, 2006) 5 min, **The Wonder Pets: "Save The Sheep!"** (USA, 2006) 13 min

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11:00 A.M. FACETS CINEMA 98 MINUTES AGES 11 TO 14 WIDE, WIDE WORLD OF TV

Come see what you're missing, quality shows that may never make it to your living room. Do your parents drive you crazy? Did you ever think the guys in gym were just animals? Would you follow a troupe of circus performers into the future? Smartly written, entertaining and with high production values, these programs may move you to demand more from the programs you watch.

Mortified: The Talk (Australia, 2006) 22 min, **Maddigan's Quest: Witch Finder** (New Zealand, 2005) 24 min, **Magic Tree: Devourers of Books** (Poland, 2006) 29 min, **My Gym Partner's A Monkey: "Political Animals"** (USA, 2005) 23 min

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

11:30 A.M. WILMETTE THEATER 89 MINUTES AGES 8 TO 10
WIN, LOSE OR DRAW

Is life about winners or losers or how you play the game? Lines are drawn in this program with a slight competitive edge. Find out if the Kungfu Gecko has met his match. Joao will face his toughest opponent yet in a demonstration of the Brazilian art of Capoeira. A greedy king will finally get his comeuppance in a short that emphasizes the need for "peas" not war.

Kungfu Gecko (Singapore, 2005) 5 min, *All For A Football: "In My Shoes"* (Mexico, 2005) 15 min, *Smile* (USA, 2005) 8 min, *Lola and Virginia: "Onion Trick"* (Spain, 2006) 12 min, *Mare Capoeira* (Brazil, 2005) 15 min, *The Magic Cellar: "The Chief's Bride"* (South Africa, 2006) 12 min, *War and Peas* (Finland, 2005) 10 min, *Zlydni* (Ukraine/Russia, 2005) 12 min

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE



12:30 P.M. WILMETTE THEATER 75 MINUTES AGES 7 TO 9
HANSEL AND GRETEL

GERMANY, 2006

DIRECTED BY ANNA WILD

Beautifully shot with lush images and atmospheric music, this faithful retelling of the Brothers Grimm tale vividly brings to life the story of Hansel and Gretel, the brother and sister abandoned in a forest by their parents. Lost and hungry, Hansel and Gretel eventually stumble upon a mysterious house made of gingerbread and other sweets. When the creepy woman who lives there imprisons Hansel and forces Gretel to clean and cook for her, the children must devise a plan to escape. This exciting version of the classic story showcases the bravery and ingenuity of children in what can be a difficult world, staying true to the original while employing a hypnotic visual style.

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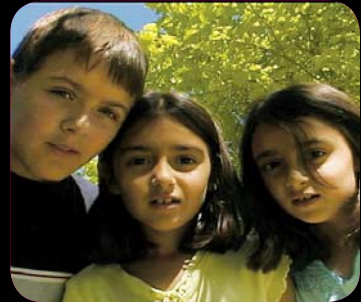


1:00 P.M. FACETS CINEMA 74 MINUTES AGES 10 TO 14
REEL KIDS-TOP KID FLICKS II

Drop in to see more of the best films made by up and coming filmmakers from around the world who are under 15 years of age. We hope this program will inspire more young filmmakers and look forward to receiving your best work next year. Based on audience response this year several of these films will be selected to be a part of an online streaming festival for young people.

The Wash Room (USA, 2005) 4 min, *Drive* (Canada, 2006) 5 min, *Lost and Found* (Canada, 2006) 6 min, *Reaching out* (Australia, 2005) 2 min, *El Mate Circus* (Argentina, 2004) 1 min, *Carnival of Wales* (UK/Wales, 2006) 4 min, *Touching Differences* (Australia, 2005) 2 min, *The Whole World is Watching* (USA, 2005) 10 min, *End it* (Australia, 2005) 3 min, *Pieces of the Garden* (USA, 2006) 10 min, *Imagine* (USA, 2006) 3 min, *Que Sera Sera* (USA, 2006) 8 min, *An Interview With Great Grandma Tillie* (USA, 2006) 9 min, *The Final Frontier: "Explorers or Warriors"* (USA, 2006) 16 min

WORLD PREMIERE



1:30 P.M. WILMETTE THEATER 76 MINUTES AGES 11 TO 14
LITTLE HEROES

ISRAEL, 2006

DIRECTED BY ITAI LEV

Alicia is a young Russian immigrant with telepathic powers, a skill that doesn't make it easy to blend in. One day, while on a school field trip, Alicia "sees" people in need of help trapped in a car and she urges the others onboard the school bus to stop and call the police. Time is of the essence, and Alicia is determined to find the accident victims. She seeks the help of the bravest friends she can find and winds up with a rather unlikely crew, including Erez, a young Israeli boy trying to live up to his father's heroic legacy. More than an adventure film, *Little Heroes* is about learning to know one's self and accepting the shortcomings, as well as the merits. Together the gang ultimately proves that appearances can be deceiving when it comes to true heroism.

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OPENING NIGHT GALA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Join us as we open the gates and let imaginations run wild at our 23rd annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival's Opening Night Gala. We will kick off ten monster days of screenings, workshops and unique opportunities to meet film directors from around the world. It will be a bash you won't want to miss. The event will include a special sneak preview of great short films from the 2006 Festival. Our reception is family friendly with entertainment sure to please everyone including the Radio Disney AM 1300 Party Patrol with PK The Cosmic DJ!

First Flight (USA, 9 min)
Chess (Sweden, 5 min)
The Drive (USA, 5 min)
Ish (USA, 7 min)

Wander (USA, 7 min)
Little Matchgirl (USA, 9 min)
Moongirl (USA, 9 min)



PK THE COSMIC DJ

RUNNING TIME: 51 MINUTES

WHERE? Thorne Auditorium
375 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL
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WHEN? Thursday, October 19
6:00 p.m. Reception
7:15 p.m. Opening Remarks
7:45 p.m. Film Presentation

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And the winner is Don't miss the excitement of the 23rd Annual Closing Night Awards Ceremony, hosted by famed radio/TV personality and children's book author Shadoe Stevens (*America's Top 40, Hollywood Squares*). Filmmakers, celebrities and friends will applaud the big winners and view the best offerings of the previous ten days. Don't forget to join us for the Gala Party immediately afterwards where you can fill your tummy and your autograph book.

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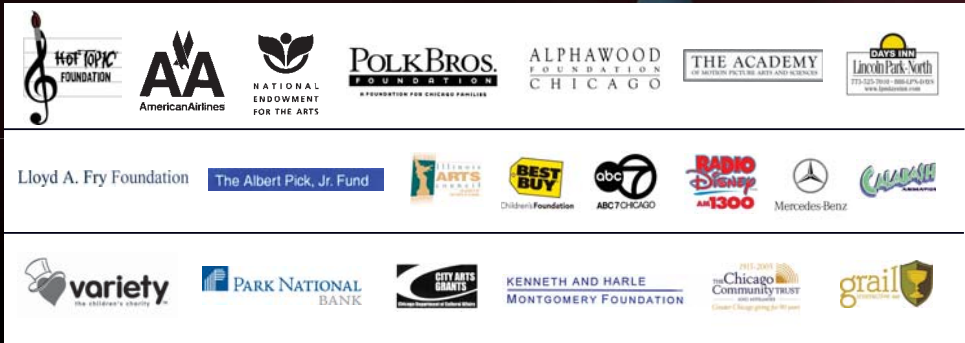
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