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The Chicago International Children's Film Festival

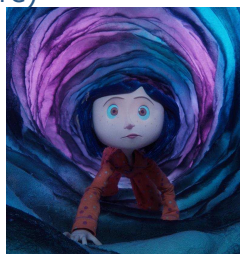
Cross Your Fingers! Academy Award Update

2010 Academy Award Nominees

We wish the best to our filmmaker friends this Sunday night!

"Coraline" (nominated Best Animated Feature)

The animation team from LAIKA Studios were Artists in Residence at the 2009 Fest, with their STOP MOTION MAGIC Workshops, in school workshops at Disney, Peabody and Otis Schools; and as part of the popular "Take One" weekend workshops.



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The LAIKA team included Brad Schiff (Animator), Georgina Hayns (Puppet Fabrication Supervisor), Jill Ahlstrand (Puppet Fabrication Co-ordinator) and Mark Shapiro (LAIKA

Studios, Brand Manager).



We wish them Good Luck this week-end!

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Wallace and Gromit's latest adventure, "A Matter of Loaf and Death" (UK, 2008) is nominated in this year's Animated Short Film category.

This high-speed adventure played to sold-out screenings at the 2009 CICFF!

In the film, Wallace's latest endeavor is "Top Bun," a thriving bakery business that delivers "dough to door." When Wallace and Gromit chance

upon Piella Bakewell with her dog Fluffles, adventure, romance, and mystery are sure to ensue...

2009 Academy Award Winner

Did you know that the Chicago International Children's Film Festival is the ONLY Academy Award Qualifying Children's Film Festival in the World?



At last year's 81st annual Academy Awards, Konstantin Bronzit's charming film, "Lavatory-Lovestory" (Russia, 2007), took home the Oscar® for the Animated Short Film category.

The film chronicles the lonely life of middle-aged public toilet attendant. She sits in her booth all day, collecting payment and reading her newspaper as she dreams of

the romance she's missing when one day her money jar is filled not with coins, but with flowers! The film follows the attendant's journey in pursuit of love... and her secret admirer!

"Lavatory-Lovestory" screened at the 2007 Children's International Children's Film Festival before moving on to taking home the Oscar® in 2009.

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