













Ages 10-12

2011 Children's Film Festival Schedule

The 28th annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival (CICFF), taking place October 21-30, is the largest festival of film for children in North America. Hailed as the "Cannes for Kids," the CICFF was the first children's film festival in the world designated by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as an Academy Award qualifying festival! This schedule lists all of the feature-length and short films for children ages ten through twelve.

Saturday, October 22		
<p>11:00 am Max Palevsky Cinema</p>	<p>The Magicians</p> 	<p>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 - 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? (90 min)</p>
<p>3:00 pm Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p>Flix By Kids I</p> 	<p>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. (71 min 9 Films)</p>
<p>5:00 pm Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p>Stick To It</p> 	<p>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! (74 min 7 Films)</p>
<p>7:00 pm Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p>Rock It!</p> 	<p>Are you a fan of "the Biebs"? Then check out Disney Germany's newest stars in this 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. 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. (99 min)</p>




Sunday, October 23		
1:00 pm Facets Multi-Media	<p>The Italian Key</p> 	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 making new friends in the surrounding town - including the ghost of a nine-year-old chimney sweep who died in the villa. Cabella learns more about the mysterious woman who once lived in the villa - and, in doing so, unlocks the secrets of her own past. (99 min)
3:00 pm Facets Multi-Media	<p>The Storytelling Show</p> 	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 will enjoy. (77 min)
5:00 pm Facets Multi-Media	<p>A Cat In Paris</p> 	How do you say "meow" in French? In Paris, Zoe's mom is a police detective on an important case of cat burglary. And Zoe's cat Dino leads a feline double life of his own! One night after bedtime, Zoe follows Dino out into the city and meets the infamous thief - who isn't as evil as she thought. As Zoe 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. (64 min)
Monday, October 24		
7:00 pm Facets Multi-Media	<p>Cutting Edge Junior</p> 	Arnaud's brand new glasses will finally correct his blurry vision, but is seeing the world clearly more interesting than his imagination? Esterhazy has spent his whole life eating chocolate. Maj wants a real family, but her uncle Sonny is too preoccupied with his tattoo artistry. Will she find happiness with her new woodland fairy 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. (83 min)
Tuesday, October 25		
7:00 pm Facets Multi-Media	<p>Crème of the Crop I</p> 	By being clever and sneaky, a lightning rod thief outsmarts the police...or does he? A mouse faces a hungry lion - and finds a way to come out on top. And in a new spin on a classic tale, three pigs best a big, bad wolf. These French short films feature innovative animation and clever characters who know how to take control! (71 min 12 Films)

Thursday, October 27		
<p>7:00 pm Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p>Tutumuch</p> 	<p>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 <i>The Nutcracker</i> 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. (83 min)</p>
<p>9:00 pm Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p>Jig</p> 	<p>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! (90 min)</p>
Friday, October 28		
<p>9:45 am Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p>Word Up!</p> 	<p>Get ready to get your literary passport stamped! Avid reader Morris Lessmore is swept away to a book-filled land where texts come to life. Felipe's grandfather is his companion in global travel through a set of magical travel guides. The love of words sets these characters on a journey of the imagination. (73 min 5 Films)</p>
<p>10:00 am Patio Theater</p>	<p>Rock It!</p> 	<p>Are you a fan of "The Biebs"? Then check out Disney Germany's newest stars in this 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...along with the band's frontman, Nick. Julia creates an alternate rock persona—but what happens when worlds collide? Sing and dance along in this musical where everything old is new again! (99 min)</p>
<p>11:45 am Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p>It's the Write Time</p> 	<p>Witness the power of the written and spoken word as it transforms lives in these short films. Oral Historian Studs Terkel recounts a time when the voice of a child saved the day. Joe expresses his feelings for Kaitlyn through a handwritten letter; she doesn't know what to make of it! An avid bookworm is swept away into a world where books come to life. Celebrate the magic of imagination and communication. (77 min 8 Films)</p>

Friday, October 28 (cont'd)		
<p>11:45 am Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum</p>	<p>Proud to Be Me: Stories of African and African American Lives</p> 	<p>The characters in this shorts collection are tall on tales. Mwansa and his sister have wild and vivid imaginations encouraged by their father; by continuing the oral tale he spun, they make it into their own. Sassy Sunday School teacher Miss Devine shares a story or two with her young companions. Sule is the proud head of the Proverb Detective Agency where no crime is too big or too small. The proverb in question here is, "Great fire erupts from tiny sparks," but how does it apply to his new case? (60 min 6 Films)</p>
<p>11:45 am Thorne Auditorium</p>	<p>A Cat in Paris</p> 	<p>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 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. (60 min)</p>
<p>7:00 pm Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p>Single By Contract KOSTJA ULLMANN ANNA FISCHER</p> 	<p>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! (105 min)</p>
Saturday, October 29		
<p>11:00 am Max Palevsky Cinema</p>	<p>The Great Bear</p> 	<p>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! (73 min)</p>
<p>1:00 pm Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p>I Am Kalam</p> 	<p>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 Ranvijay and the two become fast friends. But when the King mistakes Chhotu for a thief, it takes the power of Ranvijay 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. (87 min)</p>

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1:00 pm Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum	Wapos Bay: Long Goodbyes 	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. But when things get out of control, Raven and Talon must band together before it's too late. (73 min)
1:00 pm Center on Halsted	Who's Got Your Back? 	Sometimes it's hard to know where to turn when things get rocky. Sosefina just wants to fit in. How will she handle it when her large and loud family wants to throw her a birthday party? 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? (76 min 6 Films)
3:00 pm Facets Multi-Media	Down To Earth 	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! (75 min 5 Films)
3:00 pm Center on Halsted	Dream to the Extreme 	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! (75 min 7 Films)
5:00 pm Facets Multi-Media	Don't Judge 	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. (78 min 6 Films)

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5:00 pm Center on Halsted	Where I'm Comin' From 	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. (83 min 6 Films)
7:00 pm Facets Multi-Media	Devil's Kickers 	Moritz loves soccer more than anything else in the world. But when he and his mother go to live with his grandfather, he must look for a new team, and decides to start a team that includes all of his school's outcasts! With the help of his cranky but supportive grandfather, they begin to play well together. 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! (95 min)
9:00 pm Facets Multi-Media	World Behind My Wall 	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. (75 min 4 Films)

Sunday, October 30

11:00 am Facets Multi-Media	Spooky Scary Stories! 	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. (71 min 9 Films)
11:00 am Music Box Theatre	The Magicians 	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 - 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? (90 min)

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