








## Ages 8-10

### 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 eight through ten.

<b>Saturday, October 22</b>		
<p>11:00 am Max Palevsky Cinema</p>	<p><b>The Magicians</b></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>1:00 pm Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p><b>Imagination Station</b></p> 	<p>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! (72 min 9 Films)</p>
<b>Sunday, October 23</b>		
<p>3:00 pm Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p><b>The Storytelling Show</b></p> 	<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)</p>
<b>Tuesday, October 25</b>		
<p>7:00 pm Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p><b>Crème of the Crop I</b></p> 	<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)</p>





<b>Thursday, October 27</b>		
<p>7:00 pm Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p><b>Tutumuch</b></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><b>Jig</b></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>
<b>Friday, October 28</b>		
<p>9:45 am Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p><b>Word Up!</b></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>11:45 am Thorne Auditorium</p>	<p><b>A Cat In Paris</b></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>11:45 am Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum</p>	<p><b>Proud To Be Me: Stories of African and African American Lives</b></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>

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**Saturday, October 29**

<p>9:30 am Max Palevsky Cinema</p>	<p><b>The Star Talers</b></p> 	<p>Based on the Brothers Grimm fairy tale, <i>The Star Talers</i> 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. Now, 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 sets off to the castle. Can Mina and Mr. Flix save the village and set her parents free? (59 min)</p>
<p>11:00 am Max Palevsky Cinema</p>	<p><b>The Great Bear</b></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>11:00 am Center on Halsted</p>	<p><b>Pass It On...</b></p> 	<p>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! (76 min 9 Films)</p>
<p>9:30 am Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p><b>I Am Kalam</b></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>



**Sunday, October 30**

<p>9:30 am Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p><b>Tales With a Twist</b></p> 	<p>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. (72 min 9 Films)</p>
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<p>1:00 pm Facets Multi-Media</p>	<p><b>Flix By Kids II</b></p> 	<p>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! (63 min 17 Films)</p>

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