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The Chicago International Children's Film Festival -Academy Award Update

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

The CICFF has earned an international reputation for presenting the very best in children's media from around the world. The festival advocates inspired, innovative programming for kids. The CICFF prides itself in screening humanistic, culturally diverse, and compelling films that reveal the world in new ways while leaving room for the child's own imaginative response.

For Further Information:

CLICK HERE for a full list of winners from the 2009 CICFF.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for a full list of this year's Academy Awardnominated films.

2010 Academy Award Nominee



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

CICFF 2009 Winners Eligible for Consideration at the 2011 Oscars®

Keep an eye out as the 2011 Academy Award nominations are announced for

the Animated Short Film and Live-Action Short Film categories. As CICFF 2009 Winners in these categories, they are now eligible for 2011 Academy consideration.



Angry Man (Norway, 2009), directed by Anita Killi, won 1st Prize in the CICFF Animated Short Film category. It is a powerful and poetic film about family domestic issues. Winner Killi participated in the Festival in years prior, this third entry taking the top prize for the category in 2009!

Sores & Sîrîn (Germany, 2008) was directed by Katrin Gebbe and won 1st Prize in the CICFF Live-Action Short Film category.

An emotional story of Kurdish siblings Sores and Sîrîn who have lost their parents to the Iraq War. When they are sent to live with a foster couple in Germany, the pair's relationship is seriously tested.



2009 Academy Award Winner



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 he 2007 Children's International Children's Film Festival before moving on to taking home the Oscar® in 2009.

To find out more about this year's 27th annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival please visit us online at http://www.cicff.org

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