

Chicago International Children's Film Festival October 21 - October 31, 2010

CALL FOR ENTRIES



CICFF is the *only* Academy Award qualifying children's film festival!

Now in its 27th year, the CICFF is the oldest and largest children's film festival in the US and the only Academy Award qualifying children's film festival in the world! In 2009, over 260 films from 40 countries were screened for approximately 25,000 children, parents, teachers and filmmakers.

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. We are seeking humanistic, culturally diverse, and compelling films that reveal the world in new ways and leave room for the child's own imaginative response.

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- ▮ **CICFF Award Categories include:** Feature, Short, Animation, Live-action, Documentary, TV series, Poetry-based, & Child-produced film.
- ▮ **CICFF Prizes Include:** Poetry Prize (\$10,000), Montgomery Award for Best Emerging Director (\$2500); Montgomery Award for Best Child Produced Film (\$2500)

The *largest* festival of films for children in North America!

Early Entry Deadline: May 1, 2009 (**save 20%**)

Final Deadline: May 31, 2009

" A wonderful experience for me, and not only



because my film won... it was also incredibly rewarding to be able to compare notes with others working in the field, and, most of all, to hear the feedback from the children. The jury system, giving a voice to children as well as judges and filmmakers, means that when and if you do win, it is an achievement that stays with you."

Julian Fellowes, director

Best of Fest 2009 winner, "From Time to Time"



I took the opportunity to visit this unique festival as it's themed exclusively at films for children and the chance to show our film to a theatre full of children is wonderful and all too rare. The festival gathered together filmmakers from all over the globe - including young filmmakers themselves and to be honoured with a prize from the children's jury was just terrific. I hope I can return with another film one day."

Philip Hunt, director

Children's Jury First Prize winner
Animated Short Film, "Lost and Found"

"Inspired by and for the boundless imagination of children everywhere, the CICFF is a unique event in one of the world's great cities. We encountered wonder, creativity and seemingly endless enthusiasm from participants and organizers."

Mark Shapiro, LAIKA Studios ("Coraline") - "Stop-Motion Magic" Animation Workshop 2009

"At the CICFF I got a chance to meet lots of talented and courageous independent filmmakers, but my favorite thing was fielding questions from inquiring 3 and 4-year-olds at one of the screenings."

Billy Lopez, director (with Jennifer Oxley)

"Third & Bird: A Very Squooky Christmas"



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