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Chicago International Children's Film Festival Announces Press Subheading

Chicago, Illinois Jan 24, 2007 Yesterday's announcement of the 2007 Oscar nominees brought news that three CICFF prize winners and jury favorites are up for prizes at the 79th Academy Awards.

"The Chicago International Children's Film Festival is the only Academy-nominating children's festival in the world, and having three of our prize winners and official selections compete for the Oscars this year sends an important message. We're raising the bar for quality children's programs," says CICFF Program Director Deidre Searcy.

The three CICFF films nominated for Oscar consideration are:

THE DANISH POET
(Canada/Norway, 2006,
15 min) Renowned
Norwegian actress and
director Liv Ullmann
narrates this 2006 CICFF
Official Selection about
an uninspired but
persistent poet. The
film is both humorous
and tender, featuring an
animation style that
combines *The Triplets
of Belleville* with
Dilbert. Nominated for
Best Animated Short
Film, this is the second
Oscar nod for director
Torill Kove, whose *My Grandmother Ironed the King's Shirts* also went from CICFF acclaim to
Oscar contention.



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story.

The Little Matchgirl tells of a poor little girl who's forced to light the matches she sells in order to keep warm. The film was the last Disney animated project to utilize a now outdated digital ink and paint program, which gives the picture's warm and cold color scheme a tangibility the audience can really feel. Directed by Roger Allers (*The Lion King*), this 2006 CICFF Festival Favorite joins *The Danish Poet* in the running for the Best Animated Short Film Oscar.

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BINTA AND THE GREAT IDEA
(Spain, 2004, 30 min) At the 2004 CICFF, Javier Fesser took home the prestigious Montgomery Prize for Best Film by an Emerging Director for this spirited short film. Mixing gorgeous visuals, lively music, and wonderful performances, *Binta and the Great Idea* follows a young girl in Senegal who tries to help her father make the world a better place. This year, the Academy recognizes Fesser's picture in the Best Live Action Short Film category.



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Chicago International Children's Film Festival

The Chicago International Children's Film Festival is the largest festival of films for children and youth in North America. The CICFF programs over 200 films each year from 40+ countries and welcomes over 100 filmmakers who lead interactive workshops with audiences.

The CICFF is the ONLY children's film festival selected to be an Academy nominating film festival.

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