



Industry Pros Buddy Up With Kids at Chicago International Children's Film Festival

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Workshops Just for Kids - Acting! Animation! Creature-Making! Storyboarding! Editing!

Chicago, IL -

What if you could jump in and learn moviemaking from the best? The Chicago International Children's Film Festival lines up industry insiders to teach aspiring young filmmakers at the CICFF's wildly successful *Take One! Workshops*. The 25th Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival invites children ages 7-14 to participate in the 2008 **"Take One!" Workshops** October 25-26th and November 1-2nd.

Whether kids crave center stage or behind-the-scenes operations, the *"Take One!" workshops* have something for every innovative young mind. Participants pick from a broad selection of imagination-rich workshops catering to their creativity.

Greg Aronowitz, the creature-effects mastermind of *X-Files*, *Scooby Doo*, and *Babylon 5* and the director of last year's CICFF Best of the Fest winner, *Labou*, leads the **Creepy Creatures** workshop. Says Aronowitz, "We want kids to feel really connected to the creative process of making these creatures. It's a great way to help them build confidence in their own creativity and possibly prompt career choices." Aronowitz will help kids make their own monsters during both weekends of the Festival (10/26 and 11/1 at the Biograph Theater) and then later at ten different schools in the Chicago area.



Storyboard legends Jim Nawrocki and Alan Lipson open young eyes to the wonders of storyboarding from thumbnails to "animatics" (10/25) at Optimus, a professional editing and post-house. And budding actors have two terrific choices - **Casting Call** (10/26) with REM Studios gives kids a 'fast track' auditioning

workshop; while Nate Sears leads **Ready For Your Close Up!** (11/2)a high-energy workshop designed to get kids on-cue and on-camera

Take One! Workshops of the CICFF require an additional fee as indicated. Workshop space is limited, so-sign up is encouraged in advance. For information regarding workshop selection, fees, times and locations, please contact the CICFF at (773) 281-9075 or visit www.cicff.org for reservations and information.

TAKE ONE! WORKSHOPS

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Dream Screen II- Animation Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 25 and Sunday, Oct. 26 (Must attend both days.)

Noon to 4 p.m.

Facets Multi-Media, Inc.

1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago

Fee \$75 - For ages 11 to 14



Join local animator Jenny Gribble as she introduces you to the fun and excitement of creating your own animated stop motion film; based on international folktales. This intensive hands-on animation workshop gives you the opportunity to brainstorm story ideas, create your own animation figures, design backgrounds, and learn the techniques you need to get things in motion under the animation camera. Original, short films produced in the workshop will premiere the second weekend of the Festival in the program *Top Pix - Kids' Flicks III*!

Storyboards - Mapping the Movie!

Saturday, October 25

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Optimus

161 E Grand Ave., Chicago

Fee: \$20 - For ages 11-14

A great movie starts with a plan. Learn about the history of storyboarding from "thumbnails" to comic style boards to animated "animatics" and try out a technique for yourself in this hands-on workshop lead by storyboarding legends, Jim Nawrocki and Alan Lipson. Plus, kids will tour Optimus, a premiere Chicago post-production and editing facility!

Creepy Creatures

Sunday, October 26 and Saturday, November 1*

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Victory Gardens Biograph

2433 N. Lincoln Ave.

Fee \$20 - For ages 10 to 13

*Due to popular demand, workshop offered twice!

Creature characters have leading roles in many Hollywood movies - ever wonder what goes in to creating & filming movie monsters? Using puppetry, costume, makeup, and CGI examples, this hands-on workshop will give you the chance to make your very own creepy creature.

2007 *Best of Fest* Award-winning director of *Labou*, Greg Aronowitz (*The Lost World: Jurassic Park*), leads this hands-on creature creation workshop.

Casting Call!

Sunday, October 26

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

REM Studios

3511 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago

Fee \$20 - For ages 8 to 13

Want to be an actor or model? Think you've got what it takes to make it in Hollywood? Join Robert Latte from REM Studios talent agency, a member of the famed International Modeling and Talent Association (IMTA) for this fast-track auditioning workshop. Learn how to make that big impression that will take you from sidewalk to screen!

Cool Cuts

Saturday, November 1

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Facets Multi-Media, Inc.

1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago

Fee \$20 - For ages 11-14



Need a helping hand taking your homemade movies to the next level? Never fear...*Cool Cuts* is here! Join local filmmaker Chelsey Mortenson in this fun and informative workshop on basic editing techniques using iMovie. Who knows...with a little editing expertise, your next film could win an Academy Award someday!

Ready For Your Close-Up!

Sunday, November 2

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Victory Gardens Biograph

2433 N. Lincoln Ave.

Fee \$20 - For ages 9-14

Festival-veteran and stage/screen actor Nate Sears takes you through the process of acting for the camera in movies, commercials, TV and videos. Explore the differences between stage acting and screen acting in this high-energy workshop where aspiring performers will learn what it takes to be on cue in any performance.

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