

CICFF Presents Dream Screen Poetry Workshop Dec. 10-20

Press Release

Kidsfest Animates Poetry At Otis School!

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On December 10th, a group of Chicago students will begin a creative journey, becoming fluent in two unique languages--poetry and film--along the way.

Thanks to the CICFF's partnership with the Poetry Foundation, twenty-five students at Otis School (525 N. Armour) will discover a love for poetry as part of the Festival's *Dream Screen* animation workshop December 10th through 20th. Led by trained media educators Kerensa Peterson and Jenny Gribble, the children will focus on the study, performance, and animation of poetry.



The after-school workshop begins with a three-day "poetry immersion" in which students will read, analyze and eventually perform a variety of classic poems. The students will then learn animation techniques to produce an original short film, based on a poem they choose from more than 20 poems selected for the program. Fellow students will join in the experience as the program culminates in an all-school screening of the poetry-based film.

"Kids love the creative challenge of illustrating the written words and images of poetry using film, another medium that they enjoy and can relate to," says workshop leader Jenny Gribble. "During the Festival in October, we held *Dream Screen* at Prescott Elementary with great success, resulting in a beautiful interpretation of Dorothy Parker's clever poem *One Perfect Rose*. We are very excited to see what the kids at Otis will create!"



The *Dream Screen* animation workshop will run December 10th through 20th at Otis School (525 N. Armour). For more information please contact Josh Flanders at 773-281-9075 or kidsfest@facets.org.

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