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CICFF Hosts Sneak Preview of *Hoodwinked!* With Director Cory Edwards

Chicago, IL – On Thursday, January 12 at 4:30pm the Chicago International Children's Film Festival will host the Chicago premiere of "***Hoodwinked!***" in a special preview screening at Facets Multi-Media (1517 W. Fullerton).

Little Red Riding Hood gets a fab makeover this 3-D animated feature which revisits the classic kids fable from the point of view of the four main characters. The story begins when Chief Grizzly (Xzibit) and Detective Bill Stork (Anthony Anderson) investigate a domestic disturbance at Granny's (Glenn Close) cottage, involving a karate-kicking Red Riding Hood (Anne Hathaway), a sarcastic wolf (Patrick Warburton) and an oafish Woodsman (Jim Belushi). The charges are many: breaking and entering, intent to eat, wielding an axe without a license, but these unusual suspects have their stories to tell first.

Director Cory Edwards (*Chillicothe*) will speak after the film and answer questions from Facets Future Filmmakers, Facets members and scores of Chicago Public School children. "Taking a story that every child knows and giving it a *Rashomon*-style structure introduces kids to new ways of looking at movies," said Deidre Searcy, the CICFF Program Director. "We're thrilled to have, ***Hoodwinked!*** be the kick-off for the Festival's 2006 year-round programs," she continued

Facets Multimedia is one of the nation's leading cinematheques, screening 300 films a year and hosting tributes, retrospectives and premieres. Facets produces the Chicago International Children's Film Festival (CICFF), the largest festival of films for children in North America, and the only Academy® qualifying children's festival in the world. The 23rd Annual CICFF runs from October 19th-October 29th at locations around the city. Coming soon: the CICFF's **Young Chicago Critics** – June 23 through July 30 – an intensive "movie camp" for kids who love movies and love sharing their thoughts and opinions. For information, call (773) 281-2166 or (773) 281-9075 or visit our web site at www.cicff.org.

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