



Travel the World as a *Facets Film Ambassador*

Judge Movies in Italy or Canada or India! Make a Movie in Korea!

Facets and the Chicago International Children's Film Festival (CICFF) give YOU the opportunity to visit another country as a **Facets Film Ambassador** international film festival youth delegate. Facets has collaborative partnerships with film festivals in Italy, Canada, India, and Korea that will allow us to send lucky delegates to jury films, attend filmmaking workshops, and much more! Below, please find more information on the opportunities and details on how to apply for a chance to participate!

1. Giffoni International Film Festival – Giffoni, Italy – Dates: July 23-31, 2010 (travel: July 21-Aug 2)

Giffoni, Italy, the largest children's film festival in Europe, annually pushes the envelope with cutting edge cinema for youth and a child & teen jury of over 900 participants. With film screenings each day & concerts each night, Jury members will be immersed in Italian culture and make new friends from around the world.

- 2 delegates will be chosen ages 13-15 (Born from August 1, 1994 to July 31, 1997)
- 2 delegates will be chosen ages 16-17 (Born from July 25, 1992 to July 31, 1994)

2. Seoul International Youth Filmmaking Camp – Seoul, Korea – Dates: July 8-14, 2010 (travel: July 7-15)

Teens ages 13 - 18, also have the opportunity to attend the International Youth Filmmaking Camp in Seoul, Korea, where they will make a short film and screen it at the Seoul International Youth Film Festival.

- 3 delegates will be chosen ages 13-17

3. Carrousel International Film Festival of Rimouski – Rimouski, Quebec, Canada – Dates: Sept. 25 – Oct. 3, 2010 (travel dates: Sept 24 – Oct 4)

The Children's Carrousel International Film Festival in Rimouski, Canada is a week-long extravaganza with film screenings and workshops. But make sure you "Parlez vous français" because you will need to have an intermediate to fluent knowledge of French to attend.

- 1-2 delegates will be chosen, ages 13-17
- delegates must be speak French at an intermediate to fluent level

4. Golden Elephant Film Festival – Hyderabad, India – November, 2011 - dates TBA (travel: TBA)

The Golden Elephant Film Festival is dedicated to films produced internationally for children and youth. The bi-annual event organized by the Children's Film Society of India, and is one of the premiere festivals of movies for young people, in the world. The Festival attracts audiences in the thousands and welcomes over 300 children from all over India to participate in their Jury.

- 4-6 delegates will be chosen ages 13-17

Don't Miss the Audition!

Auditions will take place **soon** for the chance to attend one of these three international children's film festivals. Teens eligible for these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities must be Facets Kids Film Camp or Young Chicago Critics, signed up for FKFC this year, or complete a special media education training session through Facets & the CICFF.

- **ALL opportunities are age-specific.** See information above.
- **Participants are responsible for cost of air transportation to and from host country and spending money.** When in host country, participants will be provided accommodations (via homestay or hotel), transportation to and from events, and some meals.
- **Participants will be required to give written and verbal reviews** of films appropriate to their age group. *English is spoken at the Italian, Korean & Indian events but only French will be spoken at the Canadian festival.*
- **Participants in these international opportunities will be asked to complete a journal** about their experience & the films they see. They may also be asked for **print and television press interviews** in the US and abroad.

Interested? Contact Kathleen Beckman at 773-281-9075 ext. 3037 or kidsfest@facets.org to RSVP.

Auditions

TBA at Facets (1517 W. Fullerton, Chicago). The audition should take about 2 hours.

To qualify for an audition:

- a. Your child must be of the appropriate age range for the opportunity (see top section for details).
- b. Your child must be currently enrolled in Facets Kids Film Camp, a graduate of Facets Kids Film Camp or Young Chicago Critics, or complete a special media education training session through Facets & the CICFF. *For those currently enrolled in Facets Kids Film Camp, you must participate in Session 1 to be eligible for the Italy and Korea trips.*
- c. Participants families must have funds available for airline ticket cost (cost varies annually & per destination but typically is between \$900-\$1800 for Italy, Korea & India), and spending money (\$200-\$500).
- d. Participants must have a valid passport or be able to obtain a valid passport prior to time of travel.

In the meeting, parents and children will have the opportunity to find out more about these travel opportunities, about what it means to be a youth delegate, about the process of travel internationally (passport, accommodations, transportation, costs), and about what an average day at these events is like. Parents and children will also have the opportunity to speak with parents and their kids who have attended these festivals in the past.

The audition will offer the candidates a brief introduction to media education & will include verbal discussion about a film, a written review, and an individual on-camera review.

- 1. Children who have been selected will be contacted within two weeks.** Participants must have a valid passport to travel.
- 2. Children selected must complete the Young Chicago Critics program or other media education training through Facets & the CICFF.**
- 3. A final meeting will be held with the selected participants (& their parents) in July (for Italy & Korea) and in September (for Canada), In November for India.** At the meeting, the Festival will answer any last minute questions the children or parents have about their trip. Also, children will be reminded of their responsibilities as well as some pointers about travel to a foreign country.
- 4. Participants travel:**
 - Giffoni, Italy – July 23-31, 2010 (travel dates: July 21-Aug 2)
 - Seoul, Korea - Approx Dates: July 8-14, 2010 (travel dates: July 7-15)
 - Rimouski, Quebec, Canada – Sept. 25 – Oct. 3, 2010 (travel dates: Sept 24 – Oct 4)
 - Golden Elephant, Hyderabad, India – November, 2011 - dates TBA (travel dates: TBA)
- 5. All International Delegates ages 13 & 14 are invited to participate in the CICFF's Children's Jury the first 2 weeks of August.**

Giffoni International Film Festival - www.giffoniff.it

Carrousel International Film Festival of Rimouski - <http://www.carrousel.qc.ca/>

Seoul International Youth Filmmaking Camp - <http://www.siyff.com/>

Golden Elephant Film Festival – www.cfsindia.org

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