

Invitation to the Adult Jury of the 25th Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival!



Greetings!

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the CICFF's Adult Jury.

The Festival's Adult Jury consists of filmmakers, critics, child-development specialists, business and philanthropic community leaders and parents. The Jury is a marvelous opportunity to network with some of the top media professionals in Chicago, leading to rewarding friendships and a chance to preview the best in children's media from around the world. Together with your fellow jury members, you will be asked to make final decisions on the films, which should be awarded prizes in over 15 categories.

Things you should know about the Festival:

- The CICFF is the only children's film festival in the world to be recognized as an Academy qualifying Festival by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Your deliberations as a Jury member will determine the winning films that are eligible for competition at the Oscars®!
- For more than 30 years, the Chicago International Children's Film Festival has set new standards for what children's festivals can achieve. As the largest and longest running children's film program in North America, the CICFF programs the best in world cinema, featuring over 200 films from 40 countries.
- The CICFF features year round programs, audiences of 30,000 and more than 100 directors in attendance

- Interactive workshops are an important part of the CICFF's mission to make media a participatory rather than a passive experience. Past attendees have included: Shia LaBeouf (*Transformers*, *Holes*), Jane Seymour (*Wedding Crashers*), Harold Ramis (*Ghostbusters*, *Stripes*), and Sissy Spacek (*Coal Miner's Daughter*).

We will be holding an orientation meeting for the Adult Jury on Thursday, July 10, at 6 p.m., at Facets Multi-Media, 1517 West Fullerton Avenue, in Chicago. Jury members must attend this orientation to participate.

Please R.S.V.P. with Kathleen Beckman at 773-281-9075 (ext.3037) or by e-mail at [<kidsfest@facets.org>](mailto:kidsfest@facets.org) to confirm your attendance at the orientation.

The decisions of the Jury members have tremendous influence on the futures and careers of many of the fine filmmakers whose works are screened at the Festival. We look forward to receiving your materials and to your involvement with this inspiring program.

Kind Regards,

Nicole Dreiske,
Artistic Director/Chicago International Children's Film Festival

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