



## Press Release

# Toddlers Take Front Row Seats at the Chicago International Children's Film Festival

**Chicago, IL** - On October 20-21 and October 27-28, the Chicago International Children's Film Festival welcomes young audiences ages 2-5 and 4-6 to its popular "**My First Movies**" screenings featured at three different locations. Youngsters will have the opportunity to watch high quality, age-appropriate films that foster imagination and encourage young children to have fun.



"**My First Movies**" can be seen at Facets and Davis Theatres on the Northwest Side as well as the Wilmette Theatre in Wilmette. Facets Director and WBEZ Commentator Milos Stehlik states, "The Chicago International Children's Film Festival is unique among world-class children's events, in offering a wide range of programs for very young audiences, including children ages 2-5."

"**My First Movies**" programs were created especially for families who are eager to make their child's first movie-going experience special. Films selected for the programs meet stringent criteria for artistry and positive values.

"We search for movies that are positive and also playful. Each program is carefully designed to give young children a palette of new experiences," says Nicole Dreiske, Festival Founder. "A lot of directors attend those screenings so kids actually get to meet people who made the movies they're watching. Last year's 'My First Movies' programs sold out early, so we know parents love these programs," Nicole adds.

The CICFF's "**My First Movies**" programs will feature films from twelve different

countries. In the weekend schedule, they are distinguished by a special icon to make screening selection easier for families.

**"My First Movies tickets go fast!"** Admission to film screenings is \$6 for children and \$8 for adults. Early Group discounts are available. Advance ticket sales for Facets and Wilmette are available online approximately October 1st via Ticketweb at [www.cicff.org](http://www.cicff.org) or (866)468-3401 A complete schedule is available on-line at [www.cicff.org](http://www.cicff.org) or for more information call Tiffany Goodman at (773) 281-9075.



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