



From the Chicago International Children's Film Festival

Oscar Nominations for Festival Films

Congratulations are in order for two films from the 2010 Chicago International Children's Film Festival! Both ***The Gruffalo*** and ***The Lost Thing***, which screened at the Festival last October, have been nominated for Academy Awards in the Best Animated Short Film category.

Since the winners of our Adult Jury's best animated and live-action short film categories are automatically eligible for Oscar consideration, we closely follow the Academy Award announcements and are delighted that these two wonderful films are receiving this recognition.

Both ***The Gruffalo*** (Jakob Schuh, Max Lang, Michael Rose, and Martin Pope) and ***The Lost Thing*** (Andrew Ruhemann and Shaun Tan) were doubly honored at the 27th annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival's closing night awards ceremony last fall:



The Gruffalo

The Gruffalo received **second prize** from the Adult Jury in the animated short film category, and was honored with the **Best of the Fest Award**.

The Lost Thing received **first prize** from the Adult Jury in the animated short film category, and was awarded the **Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Prize** for best film by an emerging director.



The Lost Thing

The Academy Award winners will be announced on February 27th. We hope to see our Festival friends take home the prize!

Our best wishes and congratulations go out to all those involved in the making of these films.

Jakob Schuh, director of ***The Gruffalo***, on his experience with the Chicago International Children's Film Festival: "I found the CICFF an incredibly rewarding, exhilarating and, to be honest, often moving experience. A children's film festival in the truest sense of the word, CICFF gave me the opportunity to watch and discuss an incredibly diverse selection of children's films from all over the world with a similarly diverse audience of children. Both are rare, and the combination felt priceless."

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