

Award Winning Director Visits CPS Elementary Schools

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"How'd They Do That?"

Special Effects Artist Enchants Students at Chicago Public Schools in CICFF
"Directors in Schools"

CHICAGO, IL - May 19-21, Facets Multi-Media's recent "Hollywood and the Art of Puppetry" workshop allowed third, fourth, and fifth-grade classes at select Chicago Public Schools the chance to meet and work with renowned puppetry and special effects master Greg Aronowitz (*The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, *Scooby Doo*.)



Students at Walt Disney Magnet School, Oscar Mayer School, Elizabeth Peabody Elementary School, Prescott Elementary School, and Charles L. Darwin Elementary School were able to learn in-depth about the art of puppetry and animatronics. Mr. Aronowitz answered questions and helped the children create a puppet inspired by the title character of his 2008 film *Labou*, the winner of the "Best of Fest" Award at the 2007 Chicago International Children's Film Festival.

"We had an amazing experience at the Festival in 2008 doing the Creepy Creatures workshop for the Academy Foundation's Directors in the Schools program," said Aronowitz. "When we got our national release we decided to come back and donate our newest puppetry workshop here in Chicago."



Aronowitz and his producer Sheri Bryant spent the day on which *Labou* hit shelves at Target, Best Buy and WalMart doing workshops in schools! "Our children were thrilled and their concentration throughout the workshop was exceptional. This was a first-rate arts learning experience!" enthused Debbi Winslow of Peabody School.

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