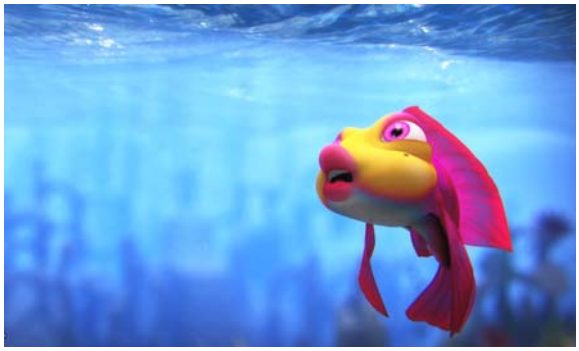
Saturday, February 8, 2014
Facets Families Second Saturdays:
"For Your Consideration" – Best of Film 2013

February is 'Oscar fever' in the States. These films are "tops" in their own countries and either award winners or top-rated by the Festival's children's jury in 2013! Nowhere else but on the big screen can one see these films: animated, thoughtful stories about friends, family, problem solving – or just delightful adventure tales.

***Films screened with English subtitles. In programs for ages 7 and younger subtitles will be read aloud.**

9:30AM Best of Short Film 2013
Animated Shorts Program
Ages 2-5
Running time: 60 minutes

How Shammies Guessed	Latvia
In the Shadow	Croatia
Hopfrog	Russia
Miriam's Kite	Estonia
My Mum is an Aeroplane*	Russia
The Meatballs and Sorry Bullies	Sweden
Tiny Bubbles	South Africa
Twins in Bakery	Japan
Dress to Impress	Germany
Animal Friends "Bird Day"*	Sweden



Pictured: "Tiny Bubbles"

Stop-motion, hand-drawn, "fabric" style animation are examples of the beautifully crafted short films about friends, family, and figuring things out. Fun stories, such as: how will the little fish gather all the bubbles she sees? How do the twins create whole villages out of the items in their neighborhood delicatessen? The Festival's *Films for the Young Child* award winners, jury favorites and the "best of the Fest" films await for the wee ones. *Film will screen with English subtitles which will be read aloud.

11:00AM Best of Short Film 2013
Animated Shorts Program
Ages 5-8
Running time: 73 minutes

Hopfrog	Russia
Unknown Peoples of the Earth*	Hungary*
Snowflake	Russia
Donald	Germany
Estefan	USA
Night of the Elephant*	Germany
Little Anna and Tall Uncle: "Help"*	Sweden
My Strange Grandfather	Russia
I Want My Hat Back	USA
Hedgehogs and the City	Latvia



Pictured: "Donald"

February brings Festival Film award winners: animated films that are in the hand-drawn, stop-motion, even "paper" styles – lovingly crafted short films about travel, friends, family – and even a few quirky characters in town. In one film, based on the favorite book, Bear queries each woodland neighbor to find his lost hat. In another film, Scottish Donald has the lassies and kiddos singing about his traditional costume in a whimsical musical film. In another film, Grandpa is a beachcomber who repurposes trash for treasure, creating a new pal in the process. In a last film, the hedgehog bands together fellow forest creatures to take back their habitat, one project at a time. The best of the Festival's animated films for 2013 await, "for your consideration".

1:00PM Best of Short Film 2013
Animated/Live-action Shorts Program
Ages 8+
Running Time: 75 minutes

P *profanity relative to the age range of the program*

Do I Have to Take Care of Everything*	Finland
I Spy With My Little Eye*	Germany
Calling Quilombola*	Brazil
Sweet Love*	Netherlands
The Flame and the Cotton Ball*	Denmark



Pictured: "Eye Spy With My Little Eye"

On the “short list” for live-action film consideration this Oscar season was the fun, Finnish family short, “Do I Have to Take Care of Everything”, leading the way for the best films for ages 8+ .In the live-action short film from Germany, two reluctant play-date pals find fun in making ordinary items come to new life. In another film, children (who play adult characters) must save their town from the wicked Candy Boss. In the last film, “Flamme” and “Woolie” are from opposite worlds and set out on a journey to find the perfect place where they can be friends at last. Family films with a fresh perspective, “For Your Consideration”.

3:00PM Best of Fest 2013
Class of Fun*
Live-Action Feature Film
Ages 9+
Directed by Barabara Badero
Netherlands
Running Time: 81 minutes



Winner of the 2013 Best of Fest Award! Tired of the monotony of school, rules, and standard textbook material, Tobias and his boisterous classmates have gone through substitute teacher after substitute teacher. However, that dynamic changes when Mr. Kees, a free-spirited, 19-year-old trainee, arrives and introduces them to a fun new way of learning. From turning the classroom into a jungle for biology to taking the kids on a field trip to the local grain museum, Mr. Kees, or “Teach” as the students call him, shows them that learning can be exciting. As he changes the students’ attitudes towards school, “Teach” becomes a fast friend for our hero Tobias. *Film screened in Dutch with English subtitles.*

Screenings take place at:
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In programs for ages 7 and younger subtitles will be read aloud.
All films are official selections of past editions of the Chicago International Children’s Film Festival.

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