



## Special Prize for Poetry in Film -

Poetry Foundation Partners with Chicago International Children's Film Festival to Award \$10,000 Prize

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CHICAGO -The Poetry Foundation and Facets Multi-Media are proud to announce the second annual \$10,000 Poetry Foundation Prize, to be awarded in October 2009 at the 26th Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival (October 22-November 1).

The Poetry Prize recognizes excellence in the arts of poetry and film through the presentation of a cash award for the best film based on a poem. The Prize will be awarded to a filmmaker whose use of verse in film opens new artistic vistas and inspires children to a deeper appreciation of poetry. This unique competition was created to encourage filmmakers around the world to incorporate poetry into their films in new and compelling ways.



Both animated and live action films will be eligible to compete for the Poetry Foundation prize and a special jury will be convened during the summer of 2009 to determine the award winner. The prize will be awarded to the film that truly captures, reflects and expresses the spirit of poetry in film for young audiences. In order to compete for the Poetry Foundation prize, films submitted must be based on poems that are written by a poet other than the filmmaker.

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#### About Facets Multi-Media and the Chicago International Children's Film Festival:

Founded in 1975, Facets Multi-Media is the nation's leading conservator of great film and one of America's foremost cinemathèques, screening 300 films a year and hosting tributes, retrospectives and premieres of films created by artists across the globe. Called "a temple of great cinema," by critic Roger Ebert, Facets' mission is to present and preserve high quality, multi-cultural cinema for diverse audiences and to offer seminars, classes, and a broad spectrum of educational and cultural programs for adults and children. The most important of these programs is the Chicago International Children's Film Festival (CICFF), the largest festival of films for children in North America and

#### About the Poetry Foundation

The Poetry Foundation, publisher of Poetry magazine and one of the largest literary organizations in the world, exists to discover and celebrate the best poetry and to place it before the largest possible audience. The Poetry Foundation seeks to be a leader in shaping a receptive climate for poetry by developing new audiences, creating new avenues for delivery, and encouraging new kinds of poetry through innovative literary prizes and programs. For more information, please visit [www.poetryfoundation.org](http://www.poetryfoundation.org).

the first juried, competitive festival of children's film in the United States. The CICFF is the only children's film event to be recognized by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as an "Academy-qualifying" festival. For more information, please visit [www.cicff.org](http://www.cicff.org).

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