



The 28th Chicago International Children's Film Festival October 21 to October 30, 2011

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Please join us at the Chicago International Children's Film Festival, the largest film festival for children in North America. The Festival takes place October 21st to October 30th with 240 films from over 40 countries. Hailed as "Cannes for Kids," the Festival was the first children's film festival in the world designated as Academy Award qualifying. You are cordially invited to see the best in multicultural films for young audiences – films that will open children's eyes and minds to new worlds, new people, and new ideas!

Screenings at the Thorne Auditorium

Northwestern University Campus – 375 E. Chicago Ave, Chicago

The Thorne Auditorium is located on the corner of Chicago Ave. and Lake Shore Drive.



**Full festival schedule and tickets available online:
visit www.facets.org/kids**



Screenings on Tuesday, October 25:

Proud to Be Me: Lionel (Switzerland)

86 min - Ages 9 to 12

Lionel is an African-Swiss boy who loves nothing more than spending time with his grandfather, who teaches him stories and traditions of his native land. When grandfather dies, Lionel begins seeing lions everywhere—and on a fateful class trip to the zoo, a lion asks Lionel to help him escape to Africa. How far will Lionel go to maintain his special relationship with his grandfather? Cultural heritage meets current surroundings, as Lionel learns to reconcile his past and present in this affecting film. (*Screened in Italian*)



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Big (Netherlands)

56 min - Ages 11 to 13+

Shown with **Flawed (Canada) - 13 min

Life's not easy for Dylan and Frederieke, two overweight Dutch children, but they know things can get better if they try. They set off on a journey to a camp for kids like them, where they learn to share their struggles with others and face their problems at school and at home. Dylan and Frederieke come to understand how their obesity affects their friends, family and themselves. No matter what your body looks like, it's important to know that any goal can be achieved once you set your mind to it! (*Screened in Dutch*)



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Screenings on Wednesday, October 26:

It Takes a Village

74 min - Ages 9 to 12

Finding new traditions can be the best part of sharing with friends and family. Anuschka's dad and stepmom-to-be prepare for their wedding, and everyone in the family joins in the planning. Chung gains more than just an understanding of a foreign place from his visit to Indonesia. And when it turns out the Big Bad Wolf is actually a protected species, Paul finds it's time for a new twist on the old fairy tale.



Miss Devine (USA) 4 min

A Dress for Anuschka (Netherlands) 16 min

Bob (Germany) 4 min

Friends at 2,000 Miles Away (Taiwan ROC) 21 min

Animals Up to the Roof: "The Wolf is Coming" (Germany) 29 min

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The Great Bear (Denmark)

73 min - Ages 9 to 12

Jonathan does not get along with his little sister, Sophie. But when the siblings visit their grandfather, Sophie gets lost in the dangerous and magical Great Forest and it's up to Jonathan to rescue her! Will teamwork be enough to help them escape from a forest where frogs make it rain and miniature moose prowl the night? Is the Great Bear a foe to be feared, or the forest's ultimate protector? Find out, as Jonathan sets out to save Sophie and find the way back to Grandfather's house! (*Screened in Danish*)



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Screenings on Thursday, October 27:

Tutumuch (Canada)

83 min - Ages 9 to 12

This fascinating documentary explores the rigorous summer program of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet where kids come with a dream to dance, but not everyone will get to make that dream a reality. At stake is a leading role in *The Nutcracker* and a few select spots to study with the ballet year-round. Through the eyes of kids just like you, experience the hard work and commitment of what it takes to make it to the next level. (*Screened in English*)



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The Star Talers (Germany)

59 min - Ages 9 to 12

Based on the Brothers Grimm fairy tale, *The Star Talers* is the story of Mina, a brave little girl whose village is in trouble. The evil king has forced all the adults who can't pay their taxes to work for him, including Mina's own parents. Now, the plucky Mina must take the village's money ("talers") to the castle and bring the adults home where they belong. With the help of a talking dog named Mr. Flix, Mina gets on the road to the castle, equipped with only generosity and hope. Can Mina and Mr. Flix save the village and set her parents free? (*Screened in German*)



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Screenings on Friday, October 28:

A Cat in Paris (France)

64 min - Ages 10+

How do you say "meow" in French? In Paris, Zoe's mom is a police detective on an important case of cat burglary. And Zoe's cat Dino leads a feline double life of his own! One night after bedtime, Zoe follows Dino out into the city and meets the infamous thief - who isn't as evil as she thought. As Zoe befriends the burglar with a heart of gold, the ragtag group prowls around the city in a thrilling adventure of cops and robbers, Parisian style. C'est si bon!
(Screened in English)



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