

Chicago International Children's Film Festival

The 26th annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival (CICFF), taking place October 22-November 1, 2009, is the largest festival of films for children in North America and features over 200 animated and live action films from 40 countries. Programming the best children's media for over 30 years, the Festival welcomes over 25,000 Chicago area children, adults, and educators to the screenings, and over 130 filmmakers, media professionals & celebrities attend the Festival to lead interactive workshops with kids. The CICFF is also the ONLY children's film festival qualified as an Academy® Qualifying Festival!

Screenings take place at Facets Multi-Media, 1517 West Fullerton Ave., Chicago, and at other Chicago venues. For more information about the CICFF, please visit our website at <www.cicff.org>, e-mail us at <kidsfest@facets.org>, or call "Kidsfest" at 773-281-9075.

Festival Venues:

- **Facets Multi-Media** – 1517 W. Fullerton Avenue, Chicago
- **Harold Washington Cultural Center** - 4701 S. King Drive, Chicago
- **Bank of America Cinema** - 4901 W. Irving Park, Chicago
- **Kerasotes Showplace 14** – 2600 N. Western Avenue, Chicago
- **Thorne Auditorium** – at Northwestern University Campus – 375 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago
- **Wilmette Theatre** – 1122 Central Avenue, Wilmette

Danish Films Playing at the 2009 CICFF:

Carsten & Gitte's Movie Madness: "Otto & the Pacifier" (Denmark, 2008) - 6 min
Animated Short

Directed By: Anders Morgenthaler Karla Nielsen, Rikke Hallund, Sabine Ravn, Mette Skov, Esben Toft Jacobsen

Screening Times:

Saturday, October 24, 9:30 a.m., Facets Cinema
Saturday, October 24, 10:00 a.m., Bank of America Cinema
Saturday, October 31, 10:00 a.m., Wilmette Theater
Sunday, November 1, 9:30 a.m., Facets Cinema

A special pacifier comes to life and baby Otto follows it on a lovely adventure through the wilderness. Together they encounter animals, flowers, and insects.

Carsten & Gitte's Movie Madness: "Pinkie" (Denmark, 2008) - 7 min
Animated Short

Directed By: Anders Morgenthaler Karla Nielsen, Rikke Hallund, Sabine Ravn, Mette Skov, Esben Toft Jacobsen

Screening Times:

Saturday, October 24, 9:30 a.m., Facets Cinema
Saturday, October 31, 9:30 a.m., Facets Cinema
Saturday, October 31, 10:00 a.m., Wilmette Theater
Saturday, October 31, 12:00 p.m., Wilmette Theater

Pinkie wants to help his family of fingers build their house, but his parents say he is too little. Feeling left out, Pinkie feels like the smallest creature in the world, until he meets those who who give him a confidence boost.

The Dream Creatures (Denmark, 2009) - 12 min

Documentary Short

Directed By: Catherine Kunze Jacob Wellendorf

Screening Times:

Saturday, October 24, 1:30 p.m., Bank of America Cinema

Monday, October 26, 9:45 a.m. Facets Cinema

Saturday, October 31, 11:00 a.m., Facets Cinema

Sunday, November 1, 12:00 p.m., Wilmette Theater

Chloe and Thea are two adventurous girls who meet a mysterious two-year-old named Valdemar. His mother, a painter, creates strange paintings that are formed from the dreams of their bright yellow house. Art and philosophy collide in this funny, fantastic short.

The Royal Racket: "The Beckoning Moon" (Denmark, 2008) - 17 min

Live-action Short

Directed By: Danish Broadcasting Corporation

Screening Times:

Saturday, October 24, 1:00 p.m., Facets Cinema

Sunday, November 1, 11:00 a.m., Facets Cinema

The unlikely crew of the Royal Racket are on the move to epic adventures, and their newest crew member is out of this world.

Sunshine Barry and the Disco Worms (Denmark/Germany, 2008) - 78 min

Animated Feature

Directed By: Thomas Borch Nielsen

Screening Times:

Friday, October 23, 11:45 a.m. Bank of America Cinema

Sunday, November 1, 10:30 a.m., Wilmette Theater

Barry is a young, ambitious earthworm who is fed up with being at the bottom of the food chain. The other backyard creatures treat the earthworms like dirt, and Barry can't imagine being stuck making compost for his entire life. But when he accidentally stumbles upon an old disco record, Barry feels the groove and suddenly has a life-changing idea: he's going to form the greatest disco band of all time! This touching animated film captures the dreams and desires of a youngster who refuses to be trapped by his circumstances and whose imagination and determination are limitless.