The Chicago International Children’s Film Festival:
Weekday Programs for Grades 3-5

Please join us for programs from the Chicago International Children’s Film Festival, the largest film festival for children and youth in North America. The Festival features films from 44 countries. The Festival is Academy Award qualifying. You are cordially invited to see the best in multicultural films for young audiences – films that will open students’ eyes and minds to new worlds, new people, and new ideas!

Multiple Venues:

Included in all weekday programs:
- Media education for pre-and-post screenings is included in the total running time for these programs.
- Film curriculum attendant with Common Core standards

Group Screening Agreement
- Groups must arrive at theater 20 minutes before screening.
- Screenings will not be delayed for late groups regardless of size or circumstance.
- School or organization is responsible for all transportation arrangements.

Full festival schedule available at https://www.facets.org/cicff
A LITTLE SAVOIR-FAIRE

Grades 3-5

Themes: French-based language and culture, books/folklore; good neighbors, adventure, fitting in

90 minutes, includes media education

This French-language collection of animated shorts contains lessons and tales, both old and new.

In one story based on folklore, a wealthy merchant is frustrated when one humble stonemason isn't jealous of his wealth. In another short, discover the origins of a favorite French food. In the last short, three unlucky barnyard heroes must journey all the way to Avignon with a precious "package" foisted on them from a passing visitor.

Films from: France, Belgium, Netherlands
Languages: French, English, and films without dialogue

ACTION PLAN

Grades 3-5

Themes: Expect the unexpected in others, keep your mind and your ears open, don't judge a book, adventure, letting go

90 minutes, includes media education

These characters think they have it all figured out. But do they?

In one animated short, we learn how a particular bumble bee ought to act. In another short, a group of forest creatures assumes they know all about a peculiar new tree. In the last film, three barnyard misfits set off on hilarious misadventures in search of the owners of the unexpected parcel dropped in their laps.

Films from: Canada, France, Belgium, USA, Germany, South Africa
Languages: English, French, and films without dialogue
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HIGHER HOPES
Grades 3-5
Themes: Be yourself, be a leader, listen to others
90 minutes, includes media education

The characters in this collection explore what it’s like to be different and if being “different” is okay.

In one short, anger almost gets the best of two brothers until they realize that nonviolence and communication are more favorable. In the next short, a Muslim boy is elected mayor of a small town. He realizes not only the difficulties of leadership but also the struggles of being seen as an “outsider”.

Films from: France, Czech Republic, South Korea, The Netherlands
Languages: English, Dutch, and films without dialogue

TALES WITH TAILS
Grades 2-4
Themes: Based on books, adventure, community
100 minutes, includes media education

This collection of films stars curious critters who love going on fun adventures.

In the first two shorts, three barnyard misfits go through a series of hilarious mishaps and misadventures. In another short, for fans of the beloved books from Scottish author Julia Donaldson (The Gruffalo), the latest animated version to hit the screen is here. The Highway Rat follows the tale of a dastardly rat bandit seriously smitten with sweet treats. Starring the voice of David Tennant (Dr. Who).

Films from: England, France, Belgium
Languages: English