

Strong Independent Space



Animated Short Film

Poland, English

Ages 11+

11 minutes

Directed by Damian Krakowiak

When two characters are on different levels, can they ever interact?

Screenings:

- **STRONG INDEPENDENT SPACE** Grades 6-8, Ages 11-13
- **AND YET WE ARE NOT SUPERHEROES** Ages 13+

Squaring the Circle - Chicago Premiere



Animated Short Film

Poland, Nonverbal

Ages 13+

5 minutes

Directed by Karolina Specht

Full of graphic metaphors, a semi-abstract story about an impossible feeling.

Screenings:

- **THE GREAT MALAISE** Ages 13+

Tango of Longing - Chicago Premiere



Animated Short Film
Poland, Nonverbal
Ages 13+
5 minutes
Directed by Marta Szymańska

The tango dancers feel desire, exaltation, tell stories, switch partners, and throb with vitality, happiness, and sadness—all at the same time.

Screenings:

- **EXPERIMENTAL STATION** Ages 13+
- **GENIUS LOCI** Ages 15+

The Astronaut - North American Premiere



Live-action Short Film
Poland, Polish
Ages 8-10
16 minutes
Directed by Jan Zegar

A father and son have a shared fantasy, which they'll soon have to change.

Screenings:

- **HELPING HANDS** Ages 8-10

Matilda and the Spare Head - Chicago Premiere



Animated Short Film
Lithuania, Nonverbal
Ages 8+
13 minutes
Directed by Ignas Meilūnas

Pressured to get good grades, Matilda gets a spare head. Are two heads better than one?

Screenings:

- **ARE WE THERE YET** Ages 8-10
- **VIEW FINDERS** Ages 11-13
- **ANIMATION MASTERS: STOP MOTION MAGIC** Ages 13+

London Holiday- North American Premiere



Animated Short Film
Latvia, Gibberish
Ages 5-8
12 minutes
Directed by Janis Cimmermanis

The Rescue Team is back, this time Her Majesty herself has put in the call. The hapless heroes rush to London, where the beloved bunglers need to fix the famous clock, Big Ben. While the guys grapple with the mighty mechanisms of the historic landmark, we get a tour of the Thames, Buckingham Palace, and of course, meet the famous corgis.

Screenings:

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- **BEST INTENTIONS** Grades K-2, Ages 5-8
- **SETTING SAIL** Ages 5-8

Pea Children - North American Premiere



Animated Short Film
Latvia, Latvian, Gibberish
Ages 2-8
15 minutes
Directed by Dace Riduze

A sweet pod of peas has various adventures through the change of seasons.

Screenings:

- **PEAS IN A POD** Pre K & K
- **STEM: WORLDS AROUND ME** Grades K-2
- **THE KINDERGARTEN SHOW** Grades K-2, Ages 5-8
- **ANIMAL ANTICS** Ages 2-5

Raggie (DUB) - North American Premiere



Animated Feature
Denmark/Estonia, English dubbed
Ages 5-8
74 minutes
Directed by Karsten Kiilerich and Meelis Arulepp

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Making new friends while keeping the old is never easy. Ruby is turning six and her life is in perfect balance – until her older brother Mark has to go back to school. To make her feel better, Mark decides to make Ruby a new companion: a doll named Raggie. Then something amazing happens - Raggie comes to life! The sibling balance changes and the relationship between brother and sister gets off track. Raggie feels guilty for dividing the siblings and decides to leave, but this decision breaks Ruby's heart. When brother and sister set off to find Raggie, can they come together to restore the treasured friend? With some fun musical numbers and wacky side characters, it's fun to find out!

Screenings:

- **WEEKEND FEATURES**