

# LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

25th Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival  
October 23 to November 2, 2008

## Child-produced Entries Rules and Regulations

**Who we are:** The Chicago International Children's Film Festival (CICFF) is the largest annual, competitive film festival screening and awarding prizes for the best kids' films from around the world. Last year, the CICFF showed over 200 films from 40 different countries around the world, including almost 50 films made by kids!

**What we do:** We show films that are made for (and by) kids. We accept all kinds of productions: cartoons, live-action, funny films, sad films, artsy films, documentary films and serious films. A Selection Committee made up of kids, filmmakers, and teachers view all entries received by our deadline and recommend films/videos for screening and competition. A jury of 60 kids watches all of the competition films and decides who is going to win.

**Why you need to contact us!** We're looking for young filmmakers, aged 6 to 14, who have made their own films/videos and would like a chance to have them screened at the 2008 CICFF festival. Submitting your work is **absolutely free!** (If you're over 14, just go to our website and download the adult entry form instead at [www.cicff.org](http://www.cicff.org).)

**Who can compete?** If you're a young filmmaker with a film that's ready to hit the big screen, send it to us. If accepted, it will be shown with other kid-produced films in a real theater to hundreds of other kids, many of them filmmakers just like you!

**What can you win? \$2,500 cash prize!**

Selected films compete for the Montgomery Child-Produced Prize awarded as \$2,500 cash to the lucky winner.

Awards are announced at the always-exciting Closing Night Awards Ceremony. It's like the Oscars, but just for kids! Winners take home a plaque, and everybody who participates gets a special certificate.

## READY?

How do you know if your film is right for our festival? Here are some guidelines:

- The whole film must be your work, with very little adult help. It's okay if an adult supervised, as long as you came up with the ideas and created the film.
- Films have to be new, made in 2006, 2007, or 2008.
- **Very important:** Films and videos must be available in a format that we can show.

If you're submitting your film, it must be in one of these formats:

- \* DVD, NTSC Zone 1 or All-zone
- \* BetaSP-NTSC tape (see note below)

Submit your film ONLY if you can provide a copy of it in one of these formats. (Note: You can send us a VHS or DVD of your film with your entry, and if it's selected, then you'd have a month to get the final format copy to us.)

## GET SET . . .

Does your film meet those guidelines? If so, collect the following stuff for your entry:

- \* Completed Kids' Entry Form signed by parent or guardian. (One form per film. You can mail us a printed copy. Forms are available on our website as PDF downloads: [www.cicff.org](http://www.cicff.org).)
- \* A VHS tape or DVD of **your film**. (Label the tape or disk with your film's title. Put only one film per tape or disk. Putting more than one film on a tape or disk will disqualify your entry.)
- \* A short biography: tell us a little about yourself and how many movies you have made in the past!
- \* 2 images from your film. (E-mail to [filmreg@facets.org](mailto:filmreg@facets.org) or send by regular mail.)
- \* A picture of you. (E-mail to [filmreg@facets.org](mailto:filmreg@facets.org) or send by regular mail.)

## Go!

Mail your film and ALL the stuff in the checklist to:

Chicago International Children's Film Festival  
c/o Facets Multi-Media, Inc.  
1517 W. Fullerton Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60614 USA

If you're sending anything by e-mail, the address is [filmreg@facets.org](mailto:filmreg@facets.org).

**Then what happens?** We'll let you know by August 20, 2008 whether your film has been selected for the festival. (Your VHS or DVD and other materials for entry, accepted or not, will not be returned.)

If your film has been chosen, you'll get more details in August. We need to have the final screening copy of your film by September 14, 2008. Please know that you have to pay for shipping the film to us. We'll pay to ship it back to you (we won't pay for customs charges, if you're sending it from outside the United States).

### Mark your calendars!

**May 31st, 2008 is the entry deadline.**

If your film hasn't arrived—complete with entry form, film, and all the stuff in the checklist—by May 31st, it won't be eligible, so don't delay!

## GOOD LUCK!

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**Kids' Entry Form**

Please type or print clearly. This is our only source for contact information, so if we can't read it, we can't find you to tell you whether your film has been accepted!

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Use one entry form for each submission. If you send one entry form, but there's more than one film on your tape, the entry will be disqualified.

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**INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR FILM OR VIDEO**

Title (in English): \_\_\_\_\_

Title (in original language): \_\_\_\_\_

Where (in what country) did you make the film? \_\_\_\_\_

Does this film have any spoken dialog? Check yes \_\_\_\_\_ or no \_\_\_\_\_

If you checked yes, what language is spoken in the film? \_\_\_\_\_

**\* IF YOUR FILM IS IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, IT MUST BE SUBTITLED.**

What year did you make this film? (2006, 2007, or 2008 only): \_\_\_\_\_

How old were you when you made it? \_\_\_\_\_

How long is this film (in minutes): \_\_\_\_\_

If you've made films before, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

If your film is selected, how should your name appear on your certificate?  
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How did you hear about our festival? \_\_\_\_\_

**Write a paragraph telling us what your film is about. (Important: This section must be completed.)**

What kind of film/video are you entering? (Check at least one box.)

Cartoon \_\_\_\_\_

Live-action \_\_\_\_\_

Documentary \_\_\_\_\_

Made-for-t.v. (such as a cable access or school program)\_\_\_\_\_

Format of preview tape sent with entry:

1/2" VHS NTSC tape \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2" VHS PAL tape \_\_\_\_\_

DVD (NTSC Zone 1) \_\_\_\_\_ DVD (NTSC All-zone) \_\_\_\_\_

Final festival format\* to be screened, if selected:

BetaSP NTSC tape \_\_\_\_\_ DVD (NTSC Zone 1) \_\_\_\_\_ DVD (NTSC All-zone) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*IMPORTANT: By signing the participation agreement, you agree to provide the festival with one of these "final festival formats." If you cannot provide one of these, your movie is not eligible.*

How did you shoot your film? (what kind of tape, camera did you use)

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### INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

If you have more than one phone or fax number, please list them all.

Include country and/or city codes for phone numbers and addresses outside the U.S.

Remember: Print Clearly!!!

Your Primary Contact (a parent, guardian, or teacher):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Street (continued): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Director (this is you!)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (continued): \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**All entries and entry fees must be received (complete with film, entry form, and all the stuff on the checklist) by May 31st, 2008.**

**PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

By signing below, you agree that:

1. All the information you provided on this entry form is true and accurate.
2. The film you're submitting is truly the work of a kid, with little or no adult input.
3. If accepted, you can provide a copy of your film in one of the accepted screening formats (see above) by no later than September 14, 2008.
4. The CICFF can use images from your film in its publicity and on its website.
5. The CICFF can screen your film as a part of an online festival of kid produced work.

Signing this document indicates that you have read, understand, and agree to the above Participation Agreement as well as the Rules and Regulations of the Festival.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL ENTRY FORM, PREVIEW TAPE, AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS**  
(clearly labeled with film title) TO:

Chicago International Children's Film Festival  
c/o Facets Multi-Media, Inc.  
1517 W. Fullerton Ave.

Chicago, Illinois 60614 USA

**All entries must be received—completely—by May 31, 2008 to be considered.**

**ENTRY FORM CHECKLIST: Did you include the following with your entry?**

- \* Signed and completed Kids' Entry Form. (One form per film)
- \* A VHS or DVD of your film, labeled with title of your film. (One film per tape or DVD)
- \* A short paragraph about you.
- \* 2 images from your film (by e-mail or regular mail).
- \* A picture of you (by e-mail or regular mail).