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Explore the World at This Year's Providence Children's Film Festival, February 12-22, 2015: Feature Films, Shorts, Workshops, and Presentations

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Providence, RI (November 24, 2014) – The Providence Children's Film Festival (PCFF) returns this February for its sixth year showcasing exciting films, workshops and presentations for eleven days between February 12 to 22. Coinciding with the February 2015 school vacation, the Festival presents the highest quality independent films for ages 3-18, but are sure to appeal to all audiences with compelling stories and worldwide adventures. Responding to popular demand, organizers are offering more hands-on workshops for children ages 6 to 14 than ever before on the weekend of February 7th & 8th. On February 16, young filmmakers (up to 12th grade) will share their work with the community at a special public screening and forum. The number of post-film discussions, venues and seats are also increased this year.

Bringing the world to Rhode Island and fostering film literacy

In just six years, PCFF has become one of the nation's top multi-day film festivals dedicated to programming for young audiences, now rivaling children's film festivals in New York, Chicago, Seattle, and Los Angeles.

This year's programming is as international as ever and brings to area youth a wide range of storytelling and experiences from around the globe, including France, The Netherlands, China, Brazil, U.K., Sweden, Denmark, Japan, and Germany. The Festival will also feature a variety of genres and forms—classic cinema, live action, animation, and documentary—paired with an expanded offering of "Film Talks," PCFF's own brand of post-screening discussions that aim to deepen understanding of subject matter and foster critical thinking skills.

Some highlights of the 2015 Festival:

- **THE OKEE DOKEE BROTHERS *Through the Woods: An Appalachian Adventure*** (Music Documentary) – All ages.
GRAMMY® Award-winning Americana Folk musicians, the Okee Dokee Brothers, composed the songs for *Through the Woods* while hiking sections of the Appalachian Trail. Join them on their journey in the wilderness as they hike, camp and compose some foot stomping, knee slapping music.
- **ANTBOY** (Comic book super hero comes to life.) – Ages 8 and up.
A young boy bitten by a very special ant is suddenly endowed with incredible powers, and learns that with great power comes great responsibility.
- **BELLE AND SEBASTIAN** (1960's TV series turned feature film) Ages 8 and up.
Set during WWII in the Snowy Alps, a young boy and a giant mountain sheepdog become friends and have their loyalty to each other and their village put to the test.
- **ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL** (Cesar Award 2014 – Best Documentary) Ages 8 and up.
Follow four incredibly inspired young students from four different countries as they display heroic effort and overcome physical obstacles to get themselves to school on time each day. This award-winning documentary travels through Kenya, Patagonia, Morocco and India and leaves you in a state of awe.

- **FINN** (Family Feature Film) Ages 10 and up.
A young boy mourning the loss of his mother finds solace and a passion for music while his father insists he play soccer. Why?! The answer to this mystery will make you want to watch again.

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Films will screen at four venues conveniently located in one neighborhood: **Metcalf Auditorium** in the RISD Museum Chace Center, 20 North Main Street (returning venue); **Gilder Center for the Arts - Wheeler School**, 216 Hope Street (new venue); **Perry and Marty Granoff Center for the Creative Arts at Brown** 154 Angell St. (new venue), and **Avon Cinema**, 260 Thayer St. (new venue).

Tickets go on sale in mid-January 2015.

Grant Funders, Sponsors, and Community Partners for 2015:

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More about PCFF

Mission: *PCFF presents the best of independent and international children's cinema to inspire, delight, educate, and connect a diverse community of children and families from Rhode Island and throughout New England.*

The Providence Children's Film Festival (PCFF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was founded in 2009 to bring high-quality, independent and international children's films, animation and documentaries to New England, and to present them as shared theatrical experiences for the community. The festival organizers include artists, educators, librarians, and nonprofit administrators who see value in introducing children to film and animation as a way to help them make connections to both their own and other cultures.

Kids are Part of the Jury!

At PCFF, youth have a voice from beginning to end in the selection of films. PCFF's Junior Jury is composed of young film enthusiasts ages 5 to 15. At most children's film festivals children only serve on award juries, but PCFF's Junior Jury gives children a unique opportunity and responsibility: working alongside an adult committee to select the final festival program from among hundreds of films submitted each year.

PCFF offers clear parental guidance

Children's films are not always appropriate for all ages. PCFF film listings include recommended ages, notes on thematic elements, and descriptions of potentially challenging content to help parents make informed decisions about what their children see. For more information, visit www.pcffri.org.

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