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Providence Children's Film Festival

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More than movies for kids! Explore New Worlds at Ninth Annual Providence Children's Film Festival Held Feb 16-25 Full Schedule Released Includes 15 Features, 145 Shorts, Workshops, Free Activities and Presentations. Tickets are On Sale Now!

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Providence Children's Film Festival (PCFF) is pleased to announce this year's full schedule of films, activities, workshops and community collaborations. Now in its ninth year, the much-anticipated annual Festival takes place at main venues within walking distance of downtown Providence and at satellite venues across the state.

Explore New Worlds

During the Festival, PCFF will screen films selected for their compelling stories with a global perspective that challenge young audiences to better understand the world. This year's program includes 15 feature-length and 145 short films—including a film classic, live-action, documentaries, and animations—created by filmmakers from around the world, representing over twenty countries. PCFF believes in providing enriching shared film opportunities for youth from an early age, inspiring and cultivating a new generation of filmmakers, storytellers, and engaged citizens. Audiences are invited to *Reel Connections* with filmmakers, performances, and discussions that accompany selected films. With **PCFF Cinema Passports** in hand, young filmgoers travel on the magic carpet of film, learning about other countries, cultures and people.

"We believe in the power of visual storytelling to transform how we think about the world and our place in it," said Anisa Raoof. "By giving voice to people of many cultures, PCFF's international films encourage Rhode Island children and families to embrace a global perspective—and find themselves reflected on the screen."

At this year's Festival, movie-goers will get to know a friendly monster in ***Abulele***; soar to faraway lands in the classic ***Chitty Chitty Bang Bang***; get spooked by the mystery of ***Room 213***; follow the story of a girl who struggles to support her family under Taliban rule in ***The Breadwinner***; enter the enchanting animated world of ***Lotte and the Moonstone Secret***; or get caught up in the beats of reggaeton in ***Jeffrey***. You will encounter the lives of children across the world, whether in Colombia (***Hero Steps***), Swaziland (***Liyana***), England (***Swallows and Amazons***), Mexico (***The Other Side of the Wall and Tesoros***), Afghanistan (***The Breadwinner***), or in the UK (***Just Charlie***) as they embark on adventures, face obstacles such as poverty and discrimination, strive to hold their families together, and learn more about themselves and their identities.

New this year, special weekday field trip screenings of short film collections and feature-length films accompanied by lively film discussions and take-home classroom activity guides are open to students in grades K-12. Schools, afterschool programs, vacation care programs and youth groups are invited. Direct teachers or group leaders to our website for more information: www.pcffri.org/fieldtrips.

Please visit www.ProvidenceChildrensFilmFestival.org for complete details on

- Film Details and Schedule
- Main Venues and Satellite Locations
- Opening Night Party and Screening
- Free Movie Screenings
- Parental Guidance
- Patron Perk Discounts
- Tickets
- Workshops

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About Providence Children's Film Festival

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. 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. For more information, visit www.ProvidenceChildrensFilmFestival.org.