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More than just movies: Workshops and Film Talks at the Providence Children's Film Festival offer families an opportunity to engage in film topics beyond the screening.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Providence, RI (January 29, 2014) - The 5th Annual Providence Children's Film Festival presents over a dozen family FILM TALKs — post-screening discussions that aim to deepen understanding of subject matter and foster critical watching skills — during the 2014 Festival.

For eight days (February 13-23), the Festival will present the highest quality independent films from around the globe for ages 3-18. In addition to the usual line-up of features and shorts, this year's schedule will include an expanded program of post-film discussions and, over the weekend of February 8 and 9, hands-on, filmmaking workshops for ages 6 to 14.

The Film Talk series brings directors, screenwriters, actors and experts directly to our audiences to enhance, enrich and deepen the film-going experience. Post film conversations and programming offer the opportunity to engage in film topics beyond the screening, to help audiences of all ages better understand challenging and diverse subject matter and to spark even richer family conversations that reach beyond the Festival itself.

Film Talk Schedule*:

*Speakers, locations and times are subject to change.

Ticketing details available on the PCFF website: www.pcfri.org

Maidentrip - Saturday, 2/15 at RISD Auditorium

6:20 – 7:42 pm Film Screening

7:45 – 8:15 pm Film Talk

Meet the Burgesses, a family of four who took a year to travel the world on their sailboat! They will share their own experiences and insights into what it's like to journey on the world's open waters.

Maidentrip - Sunday, 2/16 at Cable Car Cinema

1:50 – 3:12 pm Film Screening

3:15 – 3:45 pm Film Talk

Jim Dickson, a legally blind, solo sailor, will talk about his own travels on the open waters, and will take questions from the audience about the challenges and glories of his sailing adventures.

Gold Star Children - Saturday, 2/15 at Cable Car Cinema

4:30 – 5:28 pm Film Screening

5:30 – 6:00 pm Film Talk

Sometimes a film's director lives right around the corner! Mitty Griffis Mirrer, is both a Rhode Island resident and a Gold Star child herself. She will be with us to answer questions about her film and the film's powerful story of what children of fallen soldiers have and continue to go through.

Gold Star Children - Sunday, 2/16 at RISD Auditorium

6:50 – 7:48 pm Film Screening

8:00 – 8:30 pm Film Talk

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Wunderkinder - Saturday, 2/15 at the Cable Car Cinema

6:05 – 7:41 pm Film Screening

7:45 – 8:15 pm Film Talk

Meet screenwriter and author Stephen Glantz (Clara's War)

Join us in welcoming back, screenwriter, Stephen Glantz to discuss this powerful film.

YSAS Middle/High - Sunday, 2/16 at RISD Museum Metcalf Auditorium

11:50 – 1:10 pm Film Screening

1:10 – 1:40 pm Film Talk

As a follow up to the last short film, **AZZA**, a 16 year old student and her mother will offer their thoughts, experiences and decisions about whether the student would continue to wear a headscarf in her co-ed high school, School One, here in Providence, RI.

Hear This! ...and more - Sunday, 2/16 at RISD Museum Metcalf Auditorium

2:10 – 2:55 pm Film Screening

3:00 – 3:30 pm Film Talk

Join Executive Director, Nancy McGuire Heath, of the RI School for the Deaf and a few of her students to discuss the intersections between the films and real-world deaf culture. Witness ASL interpretation, consider how these students experience language and learn a few simple ASL words.

Once In A Lullaby - Sunday, 2/16 at RISD Auditorium

10:20 – 11:46 am Film Screening

11:46 – 12:16 pm Film Talk

Inspiring Chorale Director of the Wheeler School, Kristin Sprague, and her award-winning a cappella group, The 18 Wheelers, will perform a few songs and then join the audience for a Q & A session.

Once In A Lullaby - Saturday, 2/22 at RISD Museum Metcalf Auditorium

3:30 – 4: 56 pm Film Screening

5:00 – 5:30 pm RI Children's Chorus performance and PCFF Awards ceremony

Rhode Island Children's Principal Chorus led by Christine Noel, Founder and Artistic Director, will perform a short program. This award-winning ensemble of 60 singers is not to be missed.

Safety Last - Sunday, 2/16 at RISD Auditorium

12:45 – 1:58 pm Film Screening

2:00 – 2:30 pm Film Talk

Filmmaker and educator Ryan Stevenson will discuss the classic elements of silent film comedy—its style and technological innovations as well as some of its problems, like its reliance on ethnic stereotyping. What have filmmakers and audiences learned since 1923, and what can we learn from watching early films today?

Safety Last - Sunday, 2/23 - RISD Museum Metcalf Auditorium

3:20 – 4: 33 pm Film Screening

4:33 – 5:03 pm Film Talk

Filmmaker and educator Ryan Stevenson will discuss the classic elements of silent film comedy—its style and technological innovations as well as some of its problems, like its reliance on ethnic stereotyping. What have filmmakers and audiences learned since 1923, and what can we learn from watching early films today?

Druid Peak - Sunday, 2/16 at Cable Car Cinema

4:00 – 5:51 pm Film Screening

5:51 – 6:21 pm Film Talk

Director Marni Zelnick and Executive Producer Maureen Mayer will be present after the screening to answer questions about creating **Druid Peak** from start to finish (and perhaps they'll tell a few stories about working with wolves).

Druid Peak

Monday, 2/17 at Cable Car Cinema

6:30 – 8:21 pm Film Screening

8:21 – 8:51 pm Film Talk

Director Marni Zelnick and Executive Producer Maureen Mayer will be present after the screening to answer questions about creating **Druid Peak** from start to finish (and perhaps they'll tell a few stories about working with wolves).

Le Tableau - Thursday, 2/20 at RISD Museum Metcalf Auditorium

6:00 – 7:32 pm Film Screening

7:32 – 9:00 pm Film Talk and art activity adventure in the RISD Museum

The RISD Museum Education Department will provide an art activity book and invite attendees to go beyond the film by exploring the museum to find “sketchies” and “all-dones”.

Youth Filmmaker Show - Sunday, 2/23 at RISD Museum Metcalf Auditorium

12:00 – 1:10 pm Film Screening

1:10 – 1:40 pm Film Talk

Join a few of this Festival's youth filmmakers and actors to talk about their films and what it takes to create a movie!

Filmmakers: Dylan and Ethan Itkin, Salome Tkebuchava, Thomas Saccoccio and Cameron Harrington.

Actors: Grace Keenan Kelly, Harry Wasser, Carson Laundry

Moderator: Mike Russo (filmmaker and educator)

VENUES

3 venues (wheelchair accessible) conveniently located near downtown Providence within walking distance of one another:

RISD AUDITORIUM - 17 Canal Walk

CABLE CAR CINEMA - 204 South Main Street

RISD MUSEUM Metcalf Auditorium - 20 North Main Street

TICKETS

GENERAL: \$6 Children (2-16), Students (with ID), Seniors (65+) / \$8 Adults

AWARDS PARTY: \$10 Children and Students / \$15 Adults (No discounts apply)

FREE SCREENINGS at RISD Museum, Metcalf Auditorium on Sundays, February 16 and 23, and Gallery Night, Thursday, February 20. Seating for these screenings is limited and tickets are required for each show. Tickets may be picked up on the day of the screening only at the PCFF ticket booth in the Chace Lobby, RISD Museum.

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More about PCFF

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.