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**EXPLORE NEW WORLDS AT THE
9th ANNUAL PROVIDENCE CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL
FEBRUARY 16-25, 2018**
Films, Workshops, and Activities

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Providence, RI (October 5, 2017)—The Providence Children's Film Festival 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 9th annual Providence Children's Film Festival takes place February 16-25 at main venues within walking distance of downtown Providence and at satellite venues across Rhode Island, with over ten days of screenings, filmmaking workshops, and conversations and activities that help deepen the film-watching experience.

During the Festival, PCFF screens an average of 16 feature-length and 75 short films—including live-action, documentary, and animation—made by filmmakers from around the world. Films are selected for their compelling stories with a global perspective that challenge young audiences to better understand the world. 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. With **PCFF Cinema Passports** in hand, young filmgoers travel on the magic carpet of film, learning about other countries, cultures and people.

“... a fantastic tradition. I enjoy going with my family and seeing familiar faces each year. Love your community emphasis. You don't talk down to kids but offer wonderful films for kids and adults of all ages.”—PCFF Festival patron

Youth are Filmmakers and Jurors

To nurture and promote the work of young filmmakers from around the world, the Festival presents the Youth Filmmaker Showcase, a juried show of international youth-made films. At PCFF, young people have a voice from beginning to end. At most youth-focused film festivals, children only serve on award juries, but PCFF's Film Selection Jury is composed of young film enthusiasts ages 5 to 17 who have a unique opportunity and responsibility: selecting the Festival program from among hundreds of films submitted each year.

PCFF offers clear parental guidance

PCFF-curated films are not always appropriate for all ages. To help parents make informed decisions about what their children see and to provide context for discussions, PCFF film listings include recommended ages, notes on thematic elements, and descriptions of potentially challenging content.

Schedule and ticketing details will be announced in mid-January.

PCFF still has opportunities for sponsors to get involved in the 2018 Festival. Sponsorships begin at \$500 and include excellent exposure to enthusiastic family audiences of over 5,000 attendees. Interested businesses and organizations can visit www.ProvidenceChildrensFilmFestival.org/Sponsor for details. For more information or to get involved, contact Megan Fischer, PCFF Development Manager, at Megan@ProvidenceChildrensFilmFestival.org.

More about PCFF

The Providence Children's Film Festival (PCFF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, founded in 2009. Our mission is to present the best of independent and international cinema to inspire, delight, educate, and connect a diverse community of children and families from Rhode Island and throughout New England. The new PCFF FILM HUB connects the community year-round with a collection of resources—including a film directory of past festival films and film guides with discussion questions and activities activity reel with—designed to promote film education and access to the best of independent and international children's cinema.

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