

## FEATURE FILMS

AGE COLOR GUIDE			
ALL AGES	8+	10+	13+



### OPENING NIGHT!

#### ROBIN AND THE HOODS

In the woods at the end of the road, Robin and her friends, the "Hoods," have built an imaginary world. When an unscrupulous developer wants to cut down the forest and redevelop the area, the children do whatever it takes to save "the kingdom."

UK / 2024 / 100 mins / Ages 8+  
(Imagined scenes of violence, brief smoking scene)



#### BRINGING UP BABY

Strait-laced scientist Dr. Huxley (Cary Grant) is at a critical point in his life and career—engaged to be married, and poised to secure research funding... until he meets Ms. Vance (Katharine Hepburn) and Baby, her pet leopard. His plans don't stand a chance!

USA / 1938 / 101 mins / All Ages (Some dated social norms)



#### MY FREAKY FAMILY

Betty is like many 13-yr-olds. She goes to school, has friends, and does typical teen things. But Betty's family is anything but typical. They are a magical, eccentric family from a faraway kingdom. How does she fit in? The answer is right at hand!

Australia / 2024 / 86 mins / All Ages (Some tense scenes)



#### SEND KELP

This inspiring documentary follows one woman's attempt to confront her eco-anxiety by starting a kelp farm off the coast of Vancouver. However, to coax a crop from the wild Pacific, she'll need help from scientists, harvesters, and entrepreneurs who know the challenges and astonishing potential of this miraculous organism.

Canada / 2024 / 86 mins / All Ages



#### SIROCCO AND THE KINGDOM OF THE WINDS

An encounter with an enchanted toy sweeps two sisters into a storybook world where they must find a way to escape BUT the key to their journey home lies with Sirocco, the mysterious wizard feared for his ferocious storms. Stunningly created storybook animation!

France-Belgium / 2023 / In English / 80 mins / All Ages (Some scenes may startle)



#### THE FLEDGLING 4

A Connecticut school teacher films a new family of barred owls for 100 days as the fledglings learn to survive in the wild. Danger, comedy, and suspense (as well as many mouse parts) all come into play in this head turning documentary.

USA / 2024 / 67 mins / All Ages  
(Owls need to eat and they are not vegetarians!)



#### GREETINGS FROM MARS

This funny and touching comedy is about the big goals of 10-yr-old Tom (with autism) whose otherness is at the same time his secret strength and which brings together two generations that at first face each other like beings from strange planets.

Germany / 2024 / In German w/subtitles / 83 mins / Ages 8+ (Subtitles, crass humor)



10+

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#### THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL

This classic is a great film to introduce a young person to science fiction—it has an alien that looks like us, a ginormous robot that doesn't, and a boy who's right at the center of the action. The sounds of a theremin give it the perfect out-of-this-world touch.

USA / 1951 / 92 mins / Ages 8+ (Smoking, man is shot)



#### AFTER THE LONG RAINS

In a beautiful coastal town in Kenya, children are expected to follow in the footsteps of their parents, but Aisha wants something more for herself and dreams of moving to Europe to become an actress. First she must learn how to fish!

Kenya / 2023 / In Swahili w/subtitles / 91 mins / Ages 10+ (Subtitles, inebriation, challenging cultural family dynamics)

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#### WINNERS

After fleeing Syria, 11-yr-old Mona is left to her own devices to figure out a public school in Berlin where many students are also immigrants. Soccer is one language they share but that only gets one so far.

Germany / 2024 / In German w/subtitles / 119 mins / Ages 10+ (Bullying, profanity, tense emotional scenes)



#### THE MAJOR TONES

Fourteen-year-old Ana's arm has a metal plate inside that suddenly starts to make mysterious rhythmic sounds. When she realizes that they are Morse code signals, Ana attempts to decode them. Who are they coming from? And why is Ana's arm an antenna?

Argentina / 2023 / In Spanish w/subtitles / 101 mins / Ages 13+ (Profanity, alcohol, teenage sex talk)



#### WHALE RIDER

This film, like its heroine, dares to dream! A beautifully told, intimate story about family, legacy, and a girl who wants nothing more than to love her grandfather and continue the family line of Maori Chieftains.

New Zealand / 2002 / 101 mins / Ages 10+ (Death in family, profanity, tense emotional scenes)



### "GIVE WHAT YOU CAN" TICKETS = ACCESS FOR ALL!

The Providence Children's Film Festival is dedicated to building community through shared film experiences. We've eliminated financial barriers to every film screening and workshop through our "Give What You Can (or nothing at all)" initiative.

**Want to support ACCESS for ALL?**

When reserving online, consider purchasing tickets at the suggested price or making a donation. Thank you!

**TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SHOWS**

**RESERVE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE OR SECURE THEM AT THE DOOR (IF SPACE ALLOWS).**

Scan for Film & Ticket Info!



## PCFF SHORT FILM REELS COLLECTIONS

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#### BE STRONG, BE KIND

Empathy is a common theme in this reel, with stories that help us understand and share the feelings of others, despite our differences. Often it begins with listening to others.

Multi-national / In English or w/subtitles / 70 mins / All Ages



#### FIRST IMPRESSIONS

You never get a second chance to make a first impression! This is a perfect reel for the youngest audience members and first time festival attendees.

Multi-national / In English or non-dialogue / 65 mins / All Ages



#### LET'S GET ANIMATED

Animation IS magic. Giving inanimate objects the illusion of being alive can be extraordinary. Felted wool, scrolled paper, and transistors are just a few of the unusual materials "brought to life" this year.

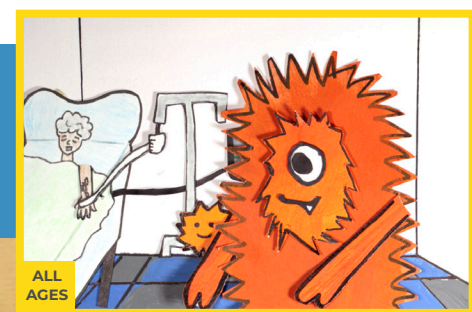
Multi-national / In English or w/subtitles / 75 mins / All Ages



#### PELÍCULAS Y PALOMITAS (MOVIES & POPCORN)

Every year we search for incredible films produced in countries where Spanish is the primary lingua franca. This year we will travel to Argentina, Mexico, and beyond!

Multi-national / In Spanish w/subtitles / 70 mins / Ages 8+



ALL AGES

#### YOUTH FILMMAKER SHOW

12th Annual Youth Filmmaker showcase! Films were submitted by young people aged 6-17 from all over the world to be considered by our jury. We congratulate them on their vision and achievement!

Multi-national / 2024 / In English or w/subtitles / 80 mins / All Ages (Films with more serious content will be placed at the end)



#### MAGIC CARPET RIDE

Hop on for a supernatural trip into imaginative animated worlds. You never know what you'll find on a magic carpet ride, but it's sure to be wacky and wonderful!

Multi-national / In English or w/subtitles / 70 mins / Ages 10+ (Curious kissing, scantily clad character)



#### PASSIONATE PURSUITS

Stories of people with passions so strong that they focus more energy towards honing their skills and reaching their goals than anything else. Time to be inspired!

Multi-national / In English or w/subtitles / 75 mins / Ages 10+ (Rising above family tragedy)



#### SOLVING & EVOLVING

Life is full of surprises and doesn't always go as planned. Everyone encounters an obstacle now and then. It's how you overcome them and what you learn along the way that is the key.

Multi-national / In English or w/subtitles / 75 mins / Ages 10+ (Bullying, immature humor)



# PROVIDENCE CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 14-23, 2025



films + workshops + popcorn + music + soup + Réel Connections = pcffri.org

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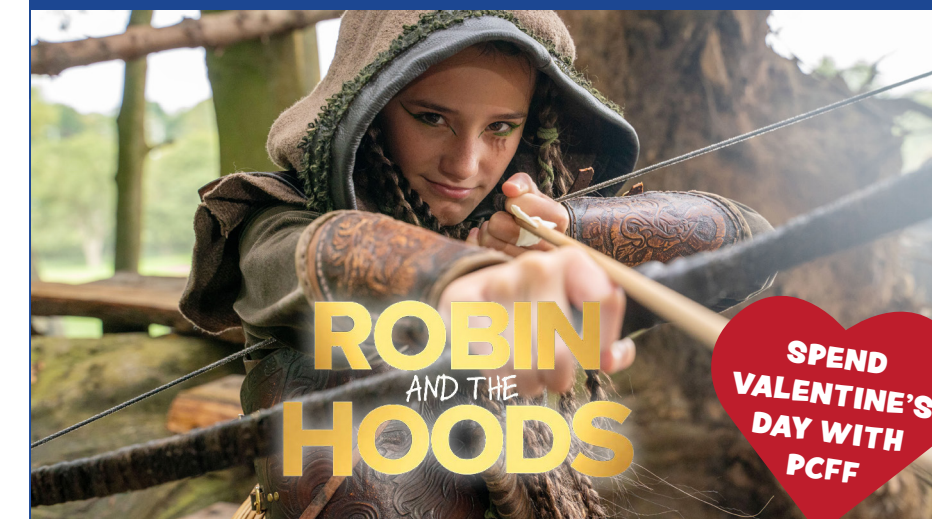
# WELCOME TO THE 16TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL!

Journey around the globe with us and enjoy incredible cinematic stories, delicious soups, fresh popcorn, stop motion animation activities, live music and special guests! All programming is "Give What You Can" (or nothing at all!) so dig into this schedule and reserve your seats!

## OPENING NIGHT PARTY & SCREENING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 6:00-9:00 PM

THE HOPE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
324 Hope Street, Providence, RI (Ample parking is available on site.)



SPEND VALENTINE'S DAY WITH PCFF

That's right, spend Cupid's holiday with PCFF enjoying tasty treats, bubbly drinks, live music, animation fun, and our adventurous Opening Night film, Robin and the Hoods, in the beautifully restored Hope High School auditorium.

### OPENING NIGHT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

("GIVE WHAT YOU CAN" TICKETS ARE REQUIRED. RESERVE ONLINE.)



- 6:00 PM Opening Night party begins and the Gif-o-Graf animation stations light up!
- 7:00 PM Opening Night Welcome
- 7:15 PM Feature Film: Robin and the Hoods

OPENING NIGHT REFRESHMENTS COURTESY OF THE AMAZING DUO... **risd • caters** ARTISAN EVENTS **CAMPUS FINE WINES** CULTIVATING THIRST

## OUR VENUES THIS YEAR



**HOPE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
324 Hope St., Providence  
Seating capacity: 1,100  
Parking: Ample parking on site



**THE GILDER CENTER FOR THE ARTS AT THE WHEELER SCHOOL**  
228 Angel St. (between Brook and Hope St.), Providence  
Seating capacity: 250  
Parking: On and around Angel St. or in Wheeler School lot off of Hope St.



**COMMUNITY LIBRARIES OF PROV: South Providence Branch**  
441 Prairie Ave., Providence  
Seating capacity: 75  
Parking: Best on Croyland Rd., located behind the library



**COMMUNITY LIBRARIES OF PROV: Mount Pleasant Branch**  
315 Academy Ave., Providence  
Seating capacity: 100  
Parking: Best on Academy Ave. and surrounding streets



**METCALF AUDITORIUM, CHASE CENTER RISD MUSEUM**  
20 North Main St., Providence  
Seating capacity: 200  
Parking: Best on College, North Main and Benefit Streets



Scan for tickets and more info!

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WELCOME TO FESTIVAL 2025!

	FRI. 2/14	SATURDAY 2/15	SUNDAY 2/16	MONDAY 2/17	TUES. 2/18	WED. 2/19	THUR. 2/20
10:00 AM	Hope High School Auditorium	Hope High School Auditorium	Hope High School Auditorium	Hope High School Auditorium	Comm. Libraries: South Providence	Comm. Libraries: South Providence	Comm. Libraries: Mt. Pleasant
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2:00 PM		SEND KELP 2:15 PM	PELICULAS Y PALOMITAS! 2:15 PM	SOLVING & EVOLVING 1:30 PM	THE FLEDGLING 4 1:15 PM	SOLVING & EVOLVING 1:30 PM	THE MAJOR TONES 3:45 PM
3:00 PM		GREETINGS FROM MARS 3:15 PM	WHALE RIDER 4:00 PM	THE MAJOR TONES 3:15 PM	THE MAJOR TONES 3:15 PM	WINNERS 3:00 PM	THE MAJOR TONES 3:45 PM
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6:00 PM	<b>OPENING NIGHT!</b>						
7:00 PM	ROBIN AND THE HOODS 7:15 PM						
8:00 PM							

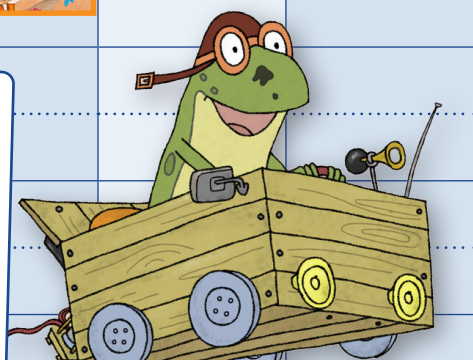
**REEL CONNECTIONS**  
Taking you deeper into the films—from a Q&A with special guests to demonstrations, from film-related activities to performers—that's a PCFF Reel Connection!

CLICK ON THE MEGAPHONE ON OUR WEBSITE SCHEDULE

**SPOONS & TUNES!**  
Delicious soup to fuel you film fanatics! Soups are made fresh and celebrate a culture or ethnicity on screen each day! A delicious way to sip your way around the world. Every day of the festival!

Enjoy a wide variety of live music performances by area musicians! Come listen, hum, or dance the winter wiggles away. Weekends only!

Free & Open to All!



FESTIVAL PROGRAM

	FRI. 2/21	SAT. 2/22	SUN. 2/23
10:00 AM	Comm. Libraries: Mt. Pleasant	Comm. Libraries: Mt. Pleasant	RISD Museum Metcalf Auditorium
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Don't forget to get your tickets!

**WE INTERRUPT YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING TO BRING YOU... STOP MOTION ANIMATION WORKSHOPS!**

Back by popular demand and with expanded sessions!

Learn the fundamentals of stop motion animation, create inventive characters, design intriguing backgrounds, storyboard the action, and animate with our new Gif-o-Graf machines!

**TWO WAYS TO WORKSHOP!**

- PRE-REGISTER FOR A SESSION
  - Each morning, 10:30-12:00
  - Educator-led, for ages 7-12
  - Space is limited!
  - Pre-registration is required at pcffri.org
- DROP-IN STOP MOTION ANIMATION FUN!
  - Each afternoon, from 12:30 pm & on
  - Drop in for all ages animation exploration led by our educators and volunteers.
  - No registration necessary!

## TAKE A PART OF THE FESTIVAL HOME WITH YOU!

Our 2025 Limited Edition Silkscreen Poster and T-shirt are available for sale at all screening locations!

\$20



All proceeds go to support the festival.

## THANK YOU TO OUR FESTIVAL SUPPORTERS

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FESTIVAL PROGRAM + MORE!