



Reel Fun Film Festival

Feb 20-26 2012

2012 Films & Descriptors

Shorts Series 1 (Grades 1-3) *Shown on Reel Fun Family Day & Education Week* (Grades 1-3)



Adventures of Owen

Canada / Live Action/Animated / English / 14 min / Grades 1-3



Owen, a socially awkward little boy, finds he can express himself through his drawings of Spaceman X. He tries to impress his classmate Lisa, but his insecurities hold him back. He tries to escape his home life, which consists of a pestering little sister and a demanding mother. He comes to embrace his talents and realizes what is important in his young life. Live action with animated sequences.



Screening Times:

Family Day 11:00am, 2/21/9:30 , 2/22 12:30pm

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Alfred Thinks We're Aliens

USA / Live Action / English / 11 min / Grades 1-3



Alfred, a seven year-old boy who daily roams the house dressed in a self-made space man costume, attempts to emotionally connect with his mother, who seems, almost literally, a world apart from him..



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Beans

Canada / Live Action / English / 6 min / Grades 1-3



While out grocery shopping with her mother, Charlie is given a coin to put in the candy machine and gets her very own handful of colorful jellybeans. She sits and happily munches away until there is only one bean left - the black jellybean! Not wanting to eat it, but not wanting to throw it away either, Charlie tries to find another use for the black jellybean, and eventually hatches a plan to grow her own jellybean tree in the backyard.



Screening Times:

Family Day 11:00am, 2/21/9:30 , 2/22 12:30pm

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Bob - A Race Around The Globe

Germany / Animated / English / 3 min / Grades 1-3

Bob tells the story of a little hamster that tries to follow his true love around the globe. Can he catch up?

Screening Times:

Family Day 11:00am, 2/21/9:30 , 2/22 12:30pm



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Broccoli Monster

USA / Live Action / English / 6 min / Grades 1-3



When precocious 8-year old, Nate, refuses to eat his broccoli his mother warns him that the Broccoli Monster will get him and he shrugs the threat off. That night, however, things get a little scary and Nate quickly learns there are worse things than eating his broccoli.

Screening Times:

Family Day 11:00am, 2/21/9:30 , 2/22 12:30pm



Electropolis

Canada / Live Action / English / 5 min / Grades 1-3



In a dull monotonous city, a walking signal from a traffic light dreams of becoming a dancer.

Screening Times:

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Floyd the Android

USA / Animation / English / 2 min ea. / Grades 1-3



Floyd the Android is two very short films released together as a showcase for his character. The first is "Teleporter" where Floyd gets tangled up by a novelty teleporter. The second is "Dim Bulb" with Floyd attempts to change a lightbulb at the top of a preposterously tall skyscraper.

Screening Times:

Family Day 11:00am, 2/21/9:30 , 2/22 12:30pm





Jelly Jeff

Germany / Animation / English / 6 min / Grades 1-3



How exciting can a jelly fish's life be? Jelly will show us what happens in his life underwater- good and bad.

Screening Times:

Family Day 11:00am, 2/21/9:30 , 2/22 12:30pm



Mashed

USA / Live Action/Animated / English / 9 min / Grades 1-3



Doomed to sit at the dinner table until his plate is clean, little Trevor reaches to the depths of his imagination to overcome the dreaded potato monster and his evil minions.

Screening Times:

Family Day 11:00am, 2/21/9:30 , 2/22 12:30pm



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Robin Hood 3D

UK / 3D Animated / English / 9 min / Grades 1-3



Within the towers of her castle, timid princess Marion is preparing for her wedding to the callous Sheriff of Nottingham; when her room is invaded and her jewels stolen by a mysterious outlaw in green. The charismatic stranger whisks Marion up in an action packed adventure as he tries to escape the castle and evade the Sheriff, dazzling her with his amazing skill with the bow and arrow and introducing her to a fantastic new world of excitement and romance.

Screening Times:

2/21/9:30, 2/22 12:30pm



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Spycat and the Paper Chase

Singapore / Animated / English / 6 min / Grades 1-3



Spycat hunts down Captain Chico, whose latest scheme involves robbing the world of every paper product there is. The pursuit takes Spycat to colourful Tokyo, then aboard Captain Chico's airship for a climactic showdown between cat and dog.

Screening Times:

Family Day 11:00am, 22/21/9:30 , /22 12:30pm



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Shorts Series 2 (Grades 4+) *Shown on Reel Fun Family Day*



Escape of the Gingerbread Man

Canada / Animated / English / 12 min / Grades 4+



A young storyteller challenges the old master in a pub on the Irish west coast. When things take an unexpected turn. Brought to life by veteran Irish comedian Jon Kenny, with original music by traditional Irish band 'Rattle the boards'. 'Escape of the Gingerbread Man' is a mad romp through the Irish countryside, and a subtle commentary on the changes in traditions, and culture that is happening through the emerald Isle.



Screening Times:

Family Day 1:30pm, 2/21 12:30pm, 2/23 9:30am

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Hugzilla

Canada / Live Action / English / 3 min / Grades 4+



Nothing irks Victor Bright more than having his personal space invaded. Directly in his path and getting closer with every step, is a Teddy Bear giving away free hugs. Victor soon finds himself stalked by a hug-monster that will stop at nothing to shower him with affection. Hugzilla is a comedy about how joy can out-muscle misery.



Screening Times:

Family Day 1:30pm, 2/21 12:30pm, 2/23 9:30am



In a Heartbeat

Iceland / Live Action / English / 7 min / Grades 4+



This is a story of a little girl overcoming her fear. When we see her for the first time she is at her home, scared of the world that surrounds her. She is an observer when she watches her parents argue and other kids play. She has no friends and other kids often laugh at her. That causes her to shut off and makes her shy and afraid to become visible to others. But when she sees a classmate bullied by two older boys, she is the only one who takes a stand and causes other kids to join her. By overcoming her shyness and fear, the girl takes an action and is able to make a difference.



Screening Times:

Family Day 1:30pm, 2/21 12:30pm, 2/23 9:30am



Onion Skin

Canada / Live Action / English / 13 min / Grades 4+



A high school student turns heads when he decides to avoid text-messaging a girl in this comedy-turned-romance about the power of letter writing.



Screening Times:

Family Day 1:30pm, 2/21 12:30pm, 2/23 9:30am

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Rock Paper Scissors

Canada / Animation / English / 2 min / Grades 4+



Everything seems like fun and games when a young boys drawings come to life before his very eyes, but when an ordinary game of rock paper scissors goes wrong, his own creation might just become his own worst enemy.

Screening Times:

Family Day 1:30pm, 2/21 12:30pm, 2/23 9:30am



Sherlock Holmes 3D

UK / 3D Animated / English / 9 min / Grades 4+



Bringing the world's most famous detective to 4D Attractions for the first time, Sherlock Holmes 4D™ is a comedy mystery adventure that sweeps audiences along with Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson on a breakneck race through the misty streets of Victorian London on the trail of a brilliant bank thief.

Screening Times:

Family Day 1:30pm, 2/21 12:30pm, 2/23 9:30am



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The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore

UK / Animated / English / 15 min / Grades 4+



Inspired in equal measures, by Hurricane Katrina, Buster Keaton, The Wizard of Oz, and a love for books, "Morris Lessmore" is a story of people who devote their lives to books and books who return the favor. The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore is a poignant, humorous allegory about the curative powers of story. Using a variety of techniques (miniatures, computer animation, 2D animation), award-winning author/illustrator William Joyce and Co-director Brandon Oldenburg present a hybrid style of animation that harkens back to silent films and M-G-M Technicolor musicals. "Morris Lessmore" is old-fashioned and cutting edge at the same time.

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Then I Shall Reign Supreme

USA / Live Action / English / 10 min / Grades 4+



When Robby Alverson pretends to be a medieval prince while playing with his friends in his back yard, his imagination transforms the back yard into a mystical forest, and his stick into a sharp sword. Unfortunately for Robby, his unwillingness to distinguish between imagination and reality quickly begins to get him into trouble with his friends and family - with hilarious results.

Screening Times:

Family Day 1:30pm, 2/21 12:30pm, 2/23 9:30am



Education Week Film Info



Circus Dreams

USA / Documentary / English / 82 min / Grades 7-12



Circus Dreams documents a year in the life of Circus Smirkus, one of the best traveling youth circuses in the world. The vibrant feature documentary immerses viewers into the lives of the 12 to 18 year old performers, capturing their intense work ethic, passion for performance, deep friendships and budding loves. With a heartwarming story and great characters, Circus Dreams is an inspiring testament to the power of youthful dreams.



Screening Times:

2/22 12:30pm, 2/23 9:30am

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Elle: A Modern Cinderella Tale

USA / Live Action / English / 95 min / Grades 6-8



Elle wants to be a singer/songwriter, but her dreams are cut short by the sudden death of her parents. She moves in with her adoptive uncle, who runs a small independent record label whose biggest act, Sensation, is also Elle's biggest pain. The pop music environment at the label, very different than the country roots she is used to, adds to Elle's feelings of loss and frustration, and her misplaced guilt, which is caused by the fact that her parents had been en route to her performance at the time of her death. But when she meets Ty Parker (Sterling Knight), a famous pop singer with a passion for "real" music, her repressed ambition is released through a revitalized interest in singing and songwriting.



Screening Times:

2/21 9:30am, 2/21 12:30pm, 2/24 9:30am

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Fuschia, The Little Witch

Denmark / Live Action / English (Dubbed) / 85 min / Grades 1-2



A great adventure can sometimes hatch from the smallest egg. As wizard Quark finds out when he finds an egg in the Witches' Wood. This egg produces not a bird, but a little girl. A very special little girl. A mini-witch, whom he names Fuschia. Fuschia, the Mini Witch is the film version of the book of the same title by Paul van Loon.



Screening Times:

2/21 9:30am

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Jack and the Beanstalk -An Adventure of Gigantic Proportions



USA / Live Action / English / 94 min / Grades 3+



A fairy tale character who is about to flunk out of fairy tale school, Jack must perform a heroic deed by Monday or fail miserably, just like his father before him. Anxious to make good, Jack sells his C.O.W. (Computer of Wonder) for a handful of magic beans and a mysterious book that records his adventures as he's having them. Accompanied by his sidekick Grayson -- a goose who ate a bean and underwent an amazing transformation -- Jack climbs the magic beanstalk to recover the fabled Harp of Destiny from the evil Giant who lives in the sky. Helping Jack on his perilous quest is the spunky Jillian, a fearless young girl whom Jack meets on his journey -- and who just may have a hidden agenda...

An all star cast includes: Colin Ford, Chloe Grace Morteza, Christopher Lloyd, Wallace Shawn, Katey Sagal, Chevy Chase, Gilbert Gottfried, the voice of James Earl Jones and many more.....

Screening Times:
2/23 12:30pm, 2/24 9:30am

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Most Valuable Players



USA / Documentary / English / 94 min / Grades 9-12



Across the USA, high school sports are regularly lavished with funding, publicity and scholarships, while theater departments struggle to put on the school musical hoping for some attention of their own. It's no different in the sports crazy Lehigh Valley, PA, except for the "Freddy Awards," a live television event that recognizes excellence in local high school musical theater. Illustrating that arts education encourages the same teamwork, camaraderie and confidence as sports, Most Valuable Players follows three theater troupes on their creative journey to the elaborate award ceremony - the "Super Bowl" of high school musical theater.

Also available on DVD with extra bonus material after Feb 21...

Screening Times:
2/22 9:30am, 2/23 12:30pm

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The Butterfly Circus



USA / Drama / English / 20 min / Grades 8-12



At the height of the Great Depression, the showman of a renowned circus leads his troupe through the devastated American landscape, lifting the spirits of audiences along the way. During their travels they discover a man without limbs at a carnival sideshow. However, after an intriguing encounter with the showman he becomes driven to hope against everything he has ever believed.

Screening Times:
2/22 12:30pm, 2/23 9:30am

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The Great Bear

Denmark / Animated Feature / English / 20 min / Grades 4-6



Jonathan and his little sister Sophie are on holiday at they grandfather's cabin deep in the forest. Jonathan tries to get rid of Sophie, but when he finally succeeds, it's in a way Jonathan would never have imagined.



Sophie has been kidnapped by a huge bear, and now he has to somehow find her and get her back home. In the course of their journey the two are mixed up in an epic battle between a hunter dwelling the forest and the great bear. But before Jonathan and Sophie can save themselves, the forest and the bear from an evil fate, they have to accept each other as brother and sister.



The Embassy of Denmark in Canada has kindly assisted in bringing The Great Bear to the Reel Fun Film Festival

Screening Times:
2/22 9:30am

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The Italian Key

Finland/USA/Italy/UK / Live Action Drama / English / 92 min / Grades 8-12



A romantic fairy tale about a 19-year old orphan girl who, as her sole inheritance, gets an antique key that unlocks both an old Italian villa and the secrets of her family history.



Screening Times:
2/24 12:30pm

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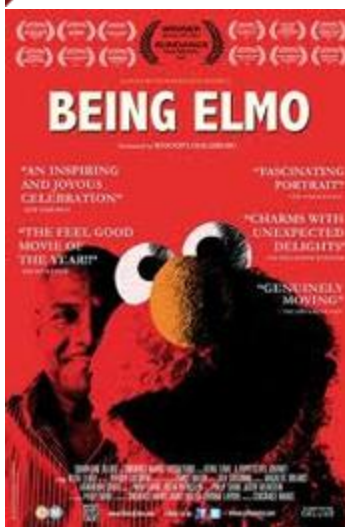
**SPECIAL
SCREENING!**

Tuesday Screening Event:

Being Elmo

USA / Documentary / English / 80 min / Ages 4+

Beloved by children of all ages around the world, Elmo is an international icon. Few people know his creator, Kevin Clash, who dreamed of working with his idol, master puppeteer Jim Henson. Displaying his creativity and talent at a young age, Kevin ultimately found a home on Sesame Street. Narrated by Whoopi Goldberg, this documentary includes rare archival footage, interviews with Frank Oz, Rosie O'Donnell, Cheryl Henson, Joan Ganz Cooney and others and offers a behind-the-scenes look at Sesame Street and the Jim Henson Workshop..



Screening Times:

2/21 7:30pm

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Saturday Family Screening Event

Jig

UK / Documentary / English / 99 min / Ages 4+

JIG is the remarkable story of the 40th Irish Dancing World Championships, held in March 2010 in Glasgow. Three thousand dancers, their families and teachers from around the globe descend upon Glasgow for one drama filled week. Clad in wigs, make up, fake tan, diamonds and dresses costing thousands of pounds they compete for the coveted world titles.

A year of incredibly hard work for just a few tense minutes on stage. This feature length documentary was given access for the very first time to the little known world of competitive Irish Dancing.

Award-winning filmmaker Sue Bourne went behind the normally closed doors of Irish Dancing and found a remarkable world. Wonderful characters of all ages from across the globe... Ireland, Holland, Britain, America and Russia. JIG discovers a world of dedication, hard work, obsession, passion, success and failure and astonishing talents pushed to their limits in the quest for perfection.



Screening Times:

2/25 1:00pm

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**SPECIAL
SCREENING!**

Cantos Closing Screening

Once again we are thrilled to provide a special presentation of two classic silent era films, in partnership with Cantos Music Foundation. Cantos will be supplying a full **live soundtrack** to the film using some of their incredible collection of instruments including keyboards, percussion, theramins and other electronic instruments!

Screening Time:
2/26 1:00pm, Plaza Theatre

Buster Keaton's *Sherlock Jr.*

USA / Comedy / Silent / 45 min / Ages 8+

A film projectionist longs to be a detective, and puts his meagre skills to work when he is framed by a rival for stealing his girlfriend's father's pocketwatch.

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Buster Keaton's *Cops*

USA / Comedy / Silent / 20 min / Ages 8+

In *Cops*, a young man (Buster Keaton) tries to prove to the girl he loves that he's a good business man and ends up inadvertently making one shady deal after the other.

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