FILMMAKERS COLLABORATIVE PRESENTS

7TH ANNUAL

BOSTON INTERNATIONAL
KIDS FILM FESTIVAL

Films FOR*BY*ABOUT Kids

NOVEMBER 15-17, 2019
Somerville Theatre, Davis Square, Somerville
with some events at Capital Theatre, Arlington—go to bikff.org for details.

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THE MISSION OF THE BOSTON INTERNATIONAL KIDS FILM FESTIVAL IS TO BRING FAMILIES OF GREATER BOSTON TOGETHER TO ENJOY THE BEST THAT THE WORLD OF INDEPENDENT FILMMAKING HAS TO OFFER WITH MOVIES MADE EITHER FOR, BY OR ABOUT KIDS.

DATES
November 15 – 17, 2019

VENUES
• Somerville Theatre, Davis Square, Somerville
• Capital Theatre, Arlington
• Lesley University

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS
Juried competition with over 65 films from 12 different countries

FILM TYPES
A wide range of short and feature length live-action, animation and documentary films

SCREENINGS
12 programs across three venues

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Festival Highlights

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MY BEAUTIFUL STUTTER

My Beautiful Stutter follows five kids who stutter, ages 9 to 18, from all over the United States and all walks of life, who, after experiencing a lifetime of bullying and stigmatization, meet other children who stutter at an interactive arts-based program, The Stuttering Association for the Young, based in New York City. Their journey to SAY find some close to suicide, others withdrawn and fearful, exhausted and defeated from failed fluency training, societal pressures to not stutter or the decision to remain silent. Filmmaker in attendance.

WHEN:
Saturday November 16
1:00pm

WHERE:
Somerville Theatre
55 Davis Square
Somerville, MA

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NEW HOMELAND

Two-time Academy Award winner Barbara Kopple chronicles the experiences of five refugee children from war-torn Syria and Iraq whose families have resettled in Canada. In this sweetly observed film, Kopple follows the boys for two weeks at a summer camp in the Canadian wilderness. We watch as some boys thrive while others struggle and the best intentions of the camp counselors are put to the test. Producer Eric Forman will attend and answer questions after the screening. Filmmaker in attendance.

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WHEN:
Friday November 15
7:00 PM

WHERE:
The Capitol Theatre
204 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington, MA

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MICROPLASTIC MADNESS

Fifth graders from a Brooklyn public school spent 2 years investigating the local and global impacts of plastic marine pollution, and took action for plastic-free waters. MICROPLASTIC MADNESS is an inspiring and optimistic take on the local and global plastic marine pollution crisis, as told through a refreshing urban youth point-of-view.

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WHEN: Sunday November 17 1:30pm
WHERE: Somerville Theatre 55 Davis Square Somerville, MA

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UNDER PRESSURE

Created by the senior class at Four Rivers Charter Public School, Under Pressure follows the aftermath of the Columbia Gas explosion in the Merrimack Valley in September of 2018. The film explores the complex truth of natural gas as an energy source, as well as the struggles of local families and small businesses as they attempt to rebuild their lives after the disaster.

TARO ALEXANDER, founder of SAY, in attendance

WHEN:
Sunday November 17
3:30pm

WHERE:
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55 Davis Square
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Short Films

BROKEN INTO AGE-APPROPRIATE BLOCKS:

All Film Blocks screened at Somerville Theatre, Davis Square, Somerville

Animated Short Films for Ages 10 & Under

GODSPEED
DIRECTED BY: Sunny Wai Yan

Student Made Short Narratives

MAD SCIENTIST
DIRECTED BY: Falon Danita, USA

Short Films for Middle Schoolers & Above

GAME
DIRECTED BY: Jeannie Donohoe, USA
Films Made in FC Academy

Filmmakers Collaborative created FC Academy—an after-school and summer vacation filmmaking program—in 2016 with a goal of teaching students how to make short films. We believe that by introducing kids to the latest technology and filmmaking techniques—as well as a vehicle for expressing themselves creatively—will provide them with invaluable tools for their academic futures and beyond.

A selection of films made in our Summer Program will be screened at the festival on Sunday, November 17, giving our young filmmakers the opportunity to walk the red carpet, engage with the paparazzi and take questions from the audience!
Festival Awards

SEVEN CATEGORIES

Awards will be given out during a ceremony at Orleans Restaurant on Saturday, November 16 beginning at 5pm in the following categories:

- Best Documentary
- Best Short
- Best International
- Best Student Film
- Best Student Documentary
- Audience Choice Award
- Peggy Charren Award for Excellence

We created the Peggy Charren Award in honor of the woman long considered to be America’s “Grand Dame of Children’s Television”.

Ms. Charren worked tirelessly to achieve quality and diversity in children’s television and organized the parents in her community to create an advocacy group, Action for Children’s Television (ACT). We were honored to have Ms. Charren with us at the first BIKFF to hand out her award. She passed away in January, 2015.
FILMMAKERS COLLABORATIVE (FC) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization with a national membership that includes some of the best filmmakers in the country. Our mission is to encourage and support the making of great films by people of all ages and levels of experience. Providing media training, showcasing films, and being mentors to the next generation aligns perfectly with our passion, mission and expertise. This is why we created the Boston International Kids Film Festival.

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