

KIDS FIRST! Film Festival



The KIDS FIRST! Film Festival returns to Hawai'i during Summer 2009!

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Sundays • June 14 & 28, July 12 & 19 • 3pm • UHM Art Auditorium • FREE!

JUNE 14 • AGES 5-12, 88 MIN.

The Velveteen Rabbit

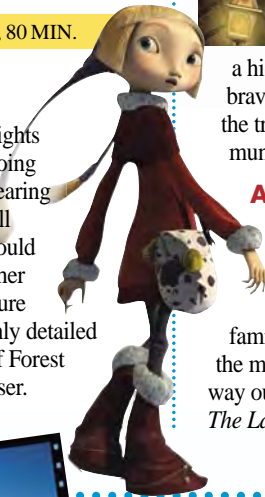


Based on the best-selling book, enchanting combination of live-action and animated adventure story of a lonely boy who wins over his distant father and strict grandmother with the help of a toy rabbit and other toys he befriends in a magic attic. Voices of Golden Globe winner Jane Seymour, Emmy Award winner Tom Skerritt and Oscar winner Ellen Burstyn. Directed by Michael Landon, Jr.

JUNE 28 • AGES 8-12, 80 MIN.

Dragon Hunters (Chasseurs de Dragons)

Zoe loves stories about valiant knights battling dragons, and dreams of going on a dragon hunt. Her guardian, fearing that the World Gobbler dragon will soon awaken, decides that Zoe should be sent away to safety. Zoe has other ideas. Packed with humor, adventure and fantastical creatures, with richly detailed 3D computer animation. Voices of Forest Whitaker and Mary Matilyn Mouser.



JULY 12 • AGES 2-8, 73 MIN.

The Firefly and the Stars

From the Venezuelan savannah, an animated tale about a tiny firefly who wants to play with other glowing fireflies but is rejected because she is different. Convinced her light doesn't measure up, it takes the guidance of a squirrel, the caring of a mama bird and a baby bird mistaking her for a fallen star to open her up to her own true worth.



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With a little encouragement from his sister, Ramon discovers that creativity is about a lot more than getting things "right." The creator of *The Dot* shines a bright beam of light on the need to kindle and tend our creative flames.

Wild About Books

Librarian Molly McGrew introduces birds and beasts to reading. This rollicking rhyming story will have the same effect on young homo sapiens.



The Happy Duckling

Animated adventure set in a pop-up book world follows the antics of a young boy in his struggles against a stacking duck! Expect the unexpected and surprises aplenty behind every flap opened and tab pulled.

The Hidden Treasure of Wompkee Wood

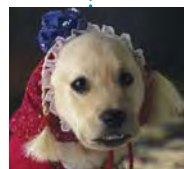


An animated tale about how Twig, the littlest Wompkee, discovers

a hidden treasure map and leads her band of brave Wompkees on a grand adventure to find the treasure and return the gift of universal communication and love to Wompkee Wood forever.

Alex & The Kaleidoscope Band Live Concert

Multiple award-winner. Hand clapping, foot stomping world music infused songs that inspire families to sing, dance and get lost in the magic of the music. We'll wind our way out of the theatre with a couple of songs: *The Laugh-a-Lot Song* and *Together*.



Heidi 4 Paws: A Furry Tale

The re-telling of the classic *Heidi*: an adorable orphan sent to live with her cranky Grandfather in the Swiss Alps, starring ALL DOGS IN ALL OF THE ROLES. Voiced by Angela Lansbury, Stephen Rea, Julian Sands, Steve Guttenberg and others. You have to see it to believe it! "...Thumbs up from the whole family." –Parents' Choice Awards



EarthDance Short-Attention-Span Environmental Film Festival – FOR FAMILIES!

Sunday, July 26 • 3pm • UHM Art Auditorium • FREE!

EarthDance is a compilation of documentaries, comedies, animations and adventures that celebrate humans and nature, one short film at a time. Ages 8+, 90 min.

Carpa Diem Italy, 3 min.

Family Drama. Best Short, Vatavaran Film Festival; Best spot, Festival International Du Film Sur L'Enegie de Lausanne.

Goldfish USA, 12 min.



Two girls. One mission. A lot of fish. Audience Award, Austin Film Festival; Grand Jury Award and Audience Award, Chicago Film Festival.

Balancing Point USA, 5 min.

A meditation and manipulation of gravity and time through reverse motion. Banff Mountain Film Festival award winner.

Zoologic USA, 4 min.

Animation Comedy. A fussy zookeeper is taught a lesson by an unconventional penguin. Student Academy Award.

Once Upon a Tide USA, 9 min.



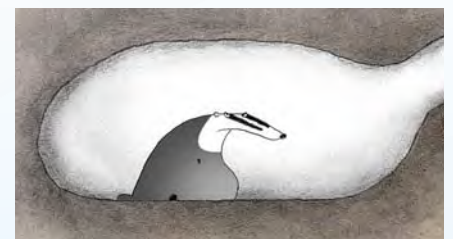
A project of the Center for Health and the Global Environment at the Harvard Medical School. Best in Show, Santa Barbara Ocean Film Festival; Special Jury Selection, Wildscreen International Wildlife and Environmental Film Festival.

Girl Stars: Suryamani, The Forest Activist India, 7 min.

Documentary. Suryamani fights for the right of her community to live in the forest of Jharkhand. Winner, Colorado Environmental Film Festival and Vatavaran Film Festival.

Roberto the Insect Architect USA, 11 min.

Animation based on the best-selling book. A termite named Roberto pursues his dream of becoming an architect and travels to the big city where he hopes to find success. Funny, inspirational and winner of many awards. Narrated by Sean Hayes.



Badgered UK, 7 min.

Animated tale of a grumpy badger who just wants the world to let him sleep. Best Short Animation Oscar nomination; British Animation Award; Best Film on Mountain Environment, Banff Mountain Film Festival.

Riddle in a Bottle USA, 30 min.

Shares how life on earth is connected through moving water. Funded by Save Our Seas Foundation. Best Children's Film, Wild and Scenic Film Festival.