

CURRENT MOVIE SCREENINGS

KIDSFIRST FILM FESTIVAL AT

SUGAR SPACE PLAY CAFE

(not all titles are played at every screening)

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Moko The Young Explorer (Indie short, 4:55 min.)

Moko is a young boy full of curiosity and gifted with a generous imagination. His one and great challenge is to discover the globe in its every corner. Thus, he travels through the African, the Asian, the European and both American continents. He is a true adventurer who loves to meet new people, deal with new situations and feel new emotions. He is both fascinated and scared by all the natural phenomenon surrounding him: stars, rainbows, tornadoes, seasons...

Polar Opposites (Indie Short, 3:45 min.)

A grumpy penguin flees his colony to be by himself, but has to protect his iceberg from a friendly polar bear who wants company.

The Symphony of Triangle (Indie short, 1:30 min.)

The Symphony of Triangle is a stop-motion animation. It plays with different triangles.

Fables of living water (Indie short, 8 min.)

Mónica and Sergio, two brothers that play a fight all day. They have a play room where they have all their toys. When they have any problem, with their imagination they fly to Agua Viva, where all their toys get life. The toys help to solve their problems with a story

Miles Away (Foreign short, 3:30 min.)

Miles is a little boy whose best friend is a tree. Together they venture on a roadtrip and enjoy a perfect Summer day at the fun fair. Miles Away is a short movie for kids, with one simple message: You'll never be lonely or bored as long as you let your imagination lead the way.

PigTails (Indie short, 2:58 min)

A pig in a pet store only wants to be adopted, but doesn't realize he only needs to be himself to do it

The Girl Who Talks to The Moon (Foreign Short, 5:18 min.)

The Girl Who Talks to the Moon is a web-series funded by the CBC in Canada. It follows the adventures of an inquisitive girl named Harmony who lives on the magical island of Haida Gwaii. Every night before she falls asleep, the moon gives Harmony a fun task, like learning how to make a kite. In her dreams Harmony completes the task with the help of friendly animals. Along the way she learns about the ancient Haida language through song and play. The show is a combination of stopmotion animation, live action and hand puppets. Pilot Episode Synopsis: Wanting a new toy, Harmony learns how to make a kite from Yúuya the Raven.

Freestyle (Indie short, 4 min.)

Opposite's attract. A playful 2D pup encounters a curious new toy, a 3D basketball that unfortunately has a mind (and stomach) of its own

Go Happy Feet (Foreign short, 15:04 min.)

On the sunny coast of Western Australia five best friends and their puppet buddies live a life full of music, fun and dancing! They love to learn about healthy habits but recently things have started to go missing in Happy Feet Bay! The team must work together to solve the mystery.

Dino Dana: Mega Tooth (Foreign short, 11 min.)

Introducing Dana, a feisty 10-year-old 'paleontologist in training' who (like Dan and Trek before her) eats, sleeps and breathes dinos. So much so that her Dad made her a special backpack that she can transform to look like any dinosaur she wants. Dana has a 12-year old sister Saara, who she's always trying to get to 'play' dinosaurs. Saara is a little shy than Dana and though she likes dinosaurs she's definitely not as obsessed with them as her younger sister. Fortunately for Dana, after a chance encounter with Trek and his Dino Field Guide, Dana can now see dinosaurs too! What's more, when Dana transforms her backpack, the dinosaurs think she's one of them – allowing her to get closer to the action than any of her predecessors. With 10 new dinosaurs, including for the first time 2 prehistoric mammals, Dino Dana continues the Emmy award winning tradition of imagining the awesomeness of the past into an adventure in the present. Dana and Saara are at the Aquarium when Dana tells Saara a fantastical story about a time traveling sub that takes them on a journey to hunt the prehistoric Megalodon.

Little Flower Artist Movie (Indie short, 4:56 min.)

2D, hand-drawn, animated short film inspired by the children's book, "Where Little Flower Got Her Power." The ten-year-old Little Flower is an artist who loves painting flowers. Her big imagination gives her an artistic super power that can bring whatever she paints to life. After her personified flowers are painted, they talk to her. The storyline is developed around the meaning of her favorite flowers, which are associated with memorable incidents that impacted her life. Little Flower exchanges greetings with the Black Poplar, Mugwort and Almond Flowers, whose names mean courage, happiness and hope.

Full Time Machine Guitar (Indie music short, 27:42 min.)

Ralph from Ralph's World lives in a colorful TV Treehouse with 3 puppet friends, Beauregard, Rani, and Malcolm. With the help of his time machine guitar, they go on adventures through history to meet interesting people and learn about music. They have lots of fun, and play lots of songs along the way!

Pit Stop: Running on Empty (Indie short, 4:19 min.)

The race cars are having a showdown in the desert in Episode 3 of the car racing cartoon for kids, Pit Stop! But will the scorching hot conditions leave gas tanks bone dry? And can Racer #4 talk herself into the fastest race of her life? Whose race car will cross the finish line first? It's a hot one!

Carl's Car Wash: Gus's Garbage Truck

(Indie Short, 4:44 min.)

Yikes! Gus's garbage truck is trashed! What a stinky mess! Time to head to Carl's Car Wash to get this rubbish truck all cleaned up! Can Carl choose the right car wash settings to get Gus's garbage truck sparkling clean?

Drew's Dancing Drum (Indie short, 5 min.)

Drew loves playing his drum for people until he is bullied by a boy named Malcolm. His dad encourages Drew to go on drumming and befriend the very boy that bullied him.

Shimajiro & the Rainbow Oasis (Foreign Feature, 60 min.)

Shimajiro and his friends meet Coco, a girl who was separated from her mother during a severe sandstorm. They decide to help Coco find her mother, leaving Dr. Roarson behind to repair the Dig-Bug so they can all go home. This is the fifth movie starring a tiger boy named Shimajiro, and it was screened in movie theaters around Japan. The movie has been conceived to be a child's first movie theater experience, and has been designed in a way that will hold the attention of a young audience throughout the film. Each child is given a cardboard megaphone that they are encouraged to use at various times by the story's characters to cheer them on or shout a particular phrase, and even use as a weapon to thwart the film's villain. The film itself features a wide variety of entertainment, from sing-alongs to dance-alongs, puppet animation, and regular animation. Japanese screenings of the movie come with a short break in the middle, while the lighting and sound in the theater are adjusted to give the children the most comfortable experience possible.

Miss Persona (Indie short, 2.28 min.)

The Miss Persona web series gently approaches problem solving through dress-up imaginative play. Miss Persona is an industrious little lady with a big imagination! Her tippy-top number-one favourite activity in her tiny little world is to take care of the forest's creatures and look after every little thing, especially her best friend -- a loyal and shy teddy bear who loves bowties named Bernard who lives with her in her treehouse. Along the way Miss Persona encounters tricky problems that she must then figure out how to solve. The good news is problems aren't a problem.

Waves from the Sky(foreign short, 9 min.)

Pedro, a bird who cannot fly in sync with his flock, decides to branch out on his own. After plummeting to a beach, Francisca, the friendly sea turtle, will teach him to connect with rhythm and harmony. In Spanish / English sub-titles.

The Machine (Foreign short, 4 min.)

Don Juan is a very funny inventor who lives with his young son Diego, who loves nature. After testing his latest machine for making cakes, Diego amazed to see the terrible consequences that his father's invention causes to the environment and the waste it produces. Could Diego help solve the problem?

The Hole (El Agujero) (Foreign Short, 4 min.)

A little girl comes out to play in the garden and discovers a hole. She begins to take care of it and wants to play with it. As nothing happens she gets very mad, until one day a tiny leaf pops up and she became very happy to see that her efforts have been rewarded.

Love Song of the Drone (Indie Environmental Short, 2:47 min.)

An animated music video about the life (and love) cycles of a drone bee. Director's Statement: This film is a labor of love; my wife is a beekeeper and I was fascinated by the world of bees, especially the different roles and jobs each member of the hive has. It just seemed natural to have a song written for them! The world of beekeepers is full of really talented, creative and caring people!

Hoot Quarters: Lachanophobia (Indie short, 9 min.)

Hoot Quarters is an episodic series starring, The Hoots, a band who write, record and perform original music for the young and old(er), and Oliver t. Owl, a purple owl who thinks he knows everything, but whose knowledge is almost always a little off. Hoot Quarters is the name of the tree house where The Hoots hang out and rehearse. The built said tree house in a tree where Oliver was already living. Oliver decided to move into the tree house - preferring it to the knot hole abode he was previously occupying. After spending just a little time with Oliver, two things were clear: 1) he is extremely lovable, and 2) as previously mentioned he has some rather curious views of the world. Specifically, he seems to think he knows a lot more about just about everything than he actually does. Because of this, The Hoots and their friends often find themselves having to steer Oliver's slightly misguided-self back on the right course. In doing so, they realized there was an abundance of excellent teaching moments and opportunities that could benefit not just Oliver but the rest of community and world at large. Each episode of Hoot Quarters focuses on one of these lessons. They primarily focus on music education and healthy lifestyle choices. They are shot in the same style the band writes their music: in a way that the young and older can appreciate and enjoy. The lessons are never too overt and/or presented in a way that speaks down to their audience. In the Sea of Bees episode the band Sea of Bees visits Hoot Quarters and shows Oliver that sometimes it's okay to play in the dirt (even if one has lovely purple feathers). In Lachanophobia, Oliver learns the importance of trying something before you decide you don't like it, because you never know until you try!

I am Not a Mouse (Foreign Indie Short, 2 min.)

Every time Lucy is called 'Mouse' by her Mum, she turns into a real mouse! What is Lucy going to do? Available with French, Italian, Russian or Spanish subtitles.

Awesome Beetle's Colors (Foreign short, 2:57 min.)

A short, fun & educative plasticine animation. A nearly impossible story, supported by a catchy melody, guides us through the ABCs. There are many letters in the Alphabet and in the process of learning they are usually linked to nouns. The filmmakers have created a link between all the letters of the Alphabet using nouns, adjectives and verbs. Most importantly, this offers visual, auidial and kinesthetic associations that help children in the process of learning. Children's brains will make the necessary connections on their own and complicated things will be learned easily and effortlessly. In Latvia all kids have learned the alphabet by the Latvian counterpart of "Awesome Beetle's Colors", written by the artist Indra Sproge who is the director of this new animation. This project is now available in English so that children all over the world can learn Alphabet with great fun and ease! From Latvia.

Dinosaur Stomp (Indie short, 2:24 min.)

Join Eep the Mouse and Mary Quite Contrary and dinosaurs on a prehistoric learning adventure. Chomp-chomp-chomp and stomp-stomp-stomp your way to dancing, learning and fun. Just be sure to share your veggies!

E Ho'omau: Pele Searches for a Home

(Foreign Short, 25:29 min.)

Pele, the primal force of volcanic heat and lava, leaves her ancient home of Kahiki and searches out a new home for herself and her family. As she travels down the Hawaiian island chain, she is pursued by and battles her eldest sister Namaka, the goddess of water and the sea. After a climactic battle on the island of Maui, she finally finds refuge in Kilauea on the Big Island of Hawai'i.

Cheez...Z (Indie Short, 3 min.)

Yamasaki, an old man, who wants to take a nice picture of Warbie, a little bird. The problem is that Yamasaki is too slow for this tricky bird. FIRST PLACE, STUDENT PRODUCTION COLLEGE (9 MINUTES AND UNDER)

Philadelphia Chickens

(Indie short, 4:28 min.)

Two pigs from Connecticut travel down Interstate 95 to go watch the renowned chickens swing-dancing in a park near the Schuylkill River. Wild and woolly. Or, rather: feathery. The original singers of the track, Kevin and Michael Bacon, make spiffy cameo appearances, including some fine glimpses of Kevin Bacon dancing beside some serious chickens. The Bacon Brothers are portrayed as pigs, seeing as they are the Bacon Brothers.

One Shoe Blues (Indie short, 4:57 min.)

The great B B King stars in this wry and elegant music video, along with some enthusiastic intrusions by uninvited sock puppets. Shot on 35mm film, this is cartoonist Sandra Boynton's first venture into film-directing. The song 'One Shoe Blues' was written by Sandra Boynton and Michael Ford, for the album 'BLUE MOO: 17 Jukebox Hits from Way Back Never.' Produced by Sandra Boynton.

Harvie & The Magic Museum Trailer

(Foreign Feature, 85 min.)

Harvie is a smart but a bit lively boy with one ambition, to finish the last level of his computer game. Once in the Gamers Hall of Fame, his absent-minded father, Mr. Spejbl, would finally be proud of him. But finishing the game turns out to be only the start of a real adventure that takes Harvie, his dog Jerry, and his friend Monica deep into the forgotten realms of the city's old puppet museum.