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Third Annual Providence Children's Film Festival Set for February 16-21, 2012
Six days of films and workshops in the Creative Capital
www.providencechildrensfilmfestival.org

Providence, RI (November 28, 2011) – Now entering its third year, Rhode Island's first and only festival dedicated to children's films returns to Providence February 16-21, 2012. The Providence Children's Film Festival (PCFF) expands this year to six days and three venues, offering families and film fans shared theatrical experiences of even more high-quality, independent and international films, animation, documentaries, film-making workshops and presentations. The Festival features films for children and youth between ages 3-18, with provided guidance for content and age appropriateness. Partners and sponsors include BankRI, Butterfield, Carter Family Charitable Trust, Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP, KidInfo, Myranda Group, Providence Athenaeum, Providence Children's Museum, Rag and Bone Bindery, Rhode Island School of Design, RISD Museum of Art, Seven Stars Bakery, and Whole Foods Market.

For 2012, PCFF is excited to present an exclusive U.S. premier of award-winning European film shorts from Poland's ANIMATOR film festival, one of the world's largest and most recognized animation film festivals. This premier is the result of a special collaboration with RISD Senior Lecturer Marcin Gizycki, who also serves as Artistic Director of ANIMATOR.

WHAT: 3rd Annual Providence Children's Film Festival
Six days and three venues filled with high-quality, independent and international films for children and youth between ages 3-18
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WHO: Children and families of Rhode Island and the region, film-makers and students, and anyone with an interest in high-quality, independent film and the art of film-making

WHEN: **February 16-21, 2012 (six days straddling Presidents' Day Holiday Weekend)**

WHERE: Three downtown Providence venues:
The Cable Car Cinema: 204 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903 (www.cablecarcinema.com)
RISD Museum, Chace Center Metcalf Auditorium: 20 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02903
RISD Auditorium: 17 Canal Street, Providence, RI 02903

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS:

In addition to the ANIMATOR Shorts Film Reel, festival highlights include two films that were showcased at this year's Toronto Sprockets Film Festival:

Circus Dreams, a high-energy documentary about Circus Smirkus, the nation's only traveling youth circus, follows the troupe of quirky, funny, and extremely bendy 12- to 18-year-olds from auditions to rehearsals and all the way through a grueling 70-performance tour. Circus Smirkus, based in Vermont, visits Rhode Island every year, so many local families are familiar with the troupe. The film's director and several performers from the film will attend the screening.

Crocodiles Strike Back: A charming and exciting tween action-suspense drama from Germany, this film about friendship is the sequel to *The Crocodiles*, an audience favorite from the 2011 Providence Children's Film festival.

More details will be available soon on the festival website: <http://www.providencechildrensfilmfestival.org>

ABOUT THE PROVIDENCE CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL:

Founded in 2009, the Providence Children's Film Festival brings high-quality, independent and international children's films, animation and documentaries to the community in Providence, Rhode Island, and the region. The festival was conceived and organized by a group of Providence residents who were inspired by their own passion for film and the city's rich creative environment and wanted to make more opportunities for local children to enjoy harder-to-find independent and international films. The festival organizers, who include artists, RISD faculty, librarians, and nonprofit administrators, also believe strongly in the community-building potential of shared theatrical experiences, and see value in introducing children to film and animation as a way to help them make connections to both their own and other cultures.

In 2011, the Providence Children's Film Festival presented fourteen feature-length films and approximately forty short films representing twenty countries, attracting an audience of 3,000 to Providence over the Presidents' Day Weekend Holiday.

The Providence Children's Film Festival is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization run by an all-volunteer staff with the assistance of valuable donations of time and services from local businesses and arts and cultural organizations.

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