15th ANNIVERSARY YEAR BEST OF FEST!



Hello Educators, Librarians, Families, and Everyone,

For the next four weeks, we would like to offer you the very best of children's shorts from around the world -thoughtfully curated to reflect gentle social themes (diversity, kindness, sharing, etc.), as well as to celebrate artistry, music and other wonderful things!

We will offer one short film a day, along with media and literacy suggestions including vocabulary, discussion questions, books, songs, movement, and art activities. In other words, a fun and stimulating way to spend quality learning and art time with your children!

• WHEN IS THE FESTIVAL?

- The festival runs for 1 month, starting Monday, April 13 and ending Saturday, May 9
- $\circ~$ A new film will be available each Monday-Friday, starting at 7 am
- All 5 films from the previous week will be available on Saturdays, starting at 7 am
- There are no films on Sunday

• HOW DO I ACCESS THE FESTIVAL?

- **Step 1:** Click or paste the following link into your browser Monday-Saturday:
- <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLScBPfglLbkmjjTqguwlLEONdfJmMjE8ywR</u> <u>nwqB9Jg76_sdFbg/viewform?usp=sf_link</u>
- **Step 2:** A short form will appear; follow the directions to get to the film!
- NOTE: The link above will NOT change during the course of the festival, just the film it connects you to each morning at 7 am (after you click it/paste it into your browser)

• ABOUT THE FILMS:

- All films have been chosen by a veteran film programmer with over 20 years of experience, and approved/vetted by a committee of educators, librarians, administrators, and childcare professionals
- Films are appropriate for preschool children on up, but have been well-loved by adults as well over the years (some adults come to our screenings by themselves!)
- Our films come from countries around the world such as Russia, Germany, and Spain
- Our first week of films will coincide with the National Education for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) "Week of the Young Child" celebration. Each film has been chosen to match NAEYC's chosen themes of: *Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday*

To learn more about the Rochester International Children's Film Festival, visit: www.kidsfestroc.org