

Festival In a Van : Elementary Program

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2009 ViewFinders Movie, Animation, Green Screen Challenge Highlights. We are proud to showcase some of Top 10 youth videos to chosen to screen last April during ViewFinders. Each short film has been created, filmed and edited by students in Atlantic Canada and is a commentary on issues relevant to young people today such as racism, bullying, the environment and growing up. We hope they inspire your class to create their own entry for this year's Challenge competition.

Grades P-3 :



Spot and Splodge in Snowstorm (8:00) Sweden Swedish w/ English subtitles

Best friends Spot and Splodge, go outside to play in the winter snow. Building snowmen, having snowball fights, and making snow angels, they are having the best time together - until a sudden winter snowstorm breaks up their fun! Soon they are lost alone in the cold forest with no sign of each other. Perseverance and friendship will prevail in this adorable stop motion animation from Sweden.

Leon in Wintertime (27:11) Canada / France



Leon is a young adopted bear raised by human parents in the countryside. Facing a looming identity crisis, and sensing he may no longer belong, he runs away from home. But he quickly finds adventure when beautiful Princess Molly Gingerbread's father King Balthasar proposes a quest to find a lost key to his kingdom's treasure. Helped by new friends Hedgehog and Hannibal the Elephant, will his path lead him back to the sweet embrace of his beekeeping parents? Or will he find a new life in the court of the King (or an evil Ogre's belly)? This offbeat Medieval tale will entertain and delight young and old.

Maggie and Mildred (3:40) USA

Maggie and Mildred have been best friends their whole life. They live in a pretty little house, and have the best time together playing make believe. Come experience the power of friendship and family in this charming quilted animation celebrating imagination.

Booo (7:00) Sweden- No Dialogue

Little rabbit Booo meets three daring rabbit friends. The three daring rabbits set out for adventure and Booo joins in his own way, but is teased. But when the daring rabbits get in trouble with a dog, it's Booo who comes to the rescue!
Grades 4 - 6

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Good Advice (14:50) Sweden Swedish w/ English subtitles

Rasmus' parents just won't listen to him! So to help his unborn baby brother avoid a similar fate, he has recorded him a tape full of good advice. Now ten-year-old Rasmus has run away, and his parents are surprised by what they hear in this hilarious tale of miscommunication

Granny O'Grimms Sleeping Beauty (5:00) Ireland

Granny O'Grimms puts her own personal Irish twist of experience, wit, and wisdom into this hilariously bitter re-telling of the legend of Sleeping Beauty. shot British short. Warnings: Mild profanity.

Fading Fast (7:35) Canada

A young boy misinterprets a conversation he overhears while home sick from school and, as a result, is convinced he has less than 24 hours to live. He decides to make his last day on earth one to remember.

How People Got Fire (16:02) Canada

Tish is drawn to Grandma Kay's kitchen. Here, past and present blend, myth and reality meet, and the metaphor of fire infuses all in a location that lies at the heart of the community's spiritual and cultural memory. Based on elder Kitty Smith of the T'linget Nation in Yukon Territory, How People Got Fire connects the village children through the oral tradition of their culture with the art of storytelling.

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