



Gnomes & Trolls - The Secret Chamber

Tuesday, April 21

Empire Theatre 7

10:00 AM

Original title: *Tomtar och troll*

Junior is a teenage Gnome who invents peculiar gadgets in his tree-house laboratory. Junior's very traditional father Jalle is the Head Gnome of their forest, and would prefer his son follow in his footsteps to one day be in charge of his own forest. On the eve of the first winter storm of the year, Junior helps his father distribute food to the animals but then disaster strikes - the Troll brothers Face and Slim steal all the food from the secret food chamber. Junior and his best friend, a crow called Sneaky, embark on a heroic journey to the depths of Troll Cave to recover the stolen food. Junior and Sneaky's adventure takes them across vast landscapes and into epic encounters with bizarre animals. Chock full of fast action, touching themes, and slapstick humor, Gnomes And Trolls serves up enough eye candy for audiences all ages.

Sweden, 2008, 35mm, 75:00, English

Director	Robert Rhodin
Producer	Carl Johan Merner
Writer	Robert Rhodin Salvatore Cardoni
Distributor	White Shark, Swedish Film Institute

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Sunshine Barry & the Disco Worms

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Empire Theatre 10

12:20 PM

Fuelled by disco music's infectious energy, *Sunshine Barry & the Disco Worms* is a comic and toe-tapping animated tale about a young worm pursuing a dream.

Barry's world is turned upside down when he finds an old disco record in a box of office supplies his father gives him and he is hooked. He decides to form a band and play that funky music to stardom by winning the upcoming annual song contest. Finding musicians to play in his band is not as easy as Barry had imagined. To make matters worse, he is informed that the contest organizers refuse to allow worms to compete. Could this be the end for Barry and his disco dreams?

Featuring colourful computer animation, a clever script and an amusing cast of insect characters, this is a joyous story about a spirited worm out to prove that having no arms or legs is no obstacle to getting down! It is certain to inspire laughter, excitement and even a little dancing.

Denmark/Germany, 2008, 35mm, 78:00, English

Director	Thomas Borch Nielsen
Producer	Nina Crone
Writer	Morten Dragsted
Distributor	Danish Film Institute, Sola Media GmbH

Quest for Adventure

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Get ready for another ViewFinders Quest for Adventure! Will a young boy be able to give his heart to the girl of his dreams? Can a princess have a sword? And just what happened to the missing art at the museum? Sit back and watch the adventure unfold.

With Reader



Paper Hearts

Elementary school. Valentine's Day. An exquisite time of emotional risk, possible torment and the glory of true love - all beautifully caught in this closely observed local drama.

Canada, 2008, 35mm, 6:00, English

Director	Joey Adrian MacNeil	
Producer	Herb D'Entremont	
Writer	Joey Adrian MacNeil	
Cinematographer	Becky Parsons	
Cast	Owen Pattison	Ava Peill
	Chase Murphy	Vanessa Walton-Bone
	Emily Dunn	Laura Noel MacLean
	Zoe Pace	Grant McLean
	Logan Paul MacGillivray	
Distributor	Joey Adrian MacNeil	



Frog

Original title: *Grodan*

Why can't a princess have a sword? Made as part of The Doris Manifest, a Swedish film project debating gender equality in the film industry and representation on the big screen, this is a tale of a "girl who wanted a sword, and a princess who became a frog."

Sweden, 2008, 35mm, 8:00, Swedish w/English subtitles

Director	Cecilia Torquato
Producer	Annika Hellström
Writer	Cecilia Torquato
Cinematographer	Sophia Olsson
Distributor	Swedish Film Institute

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The C Story

Original title: *Cuento de le C*

Christina just can't seem to figure out how to write the first letter of her name. But by looking around, and talking to her parents, she will see that the answer is right in front of her eyes.

Spain, 2008, BetaSP, 7:00, Spanish w/English subtitles

Director	Carlos Navarro
Producer	Carlos Navarro
Writer	Carlos Navarro
Distributor	PROMOFEST

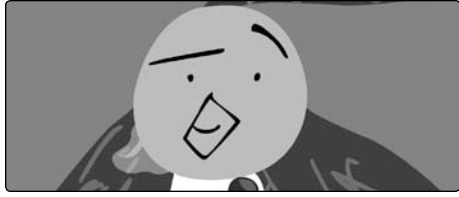


Maggie and Mildred

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.

USA, 2008, DigiBeta, 3:40, English

Director	Holly Klein
Producer	Holly Klein
Writer	Holly Klein

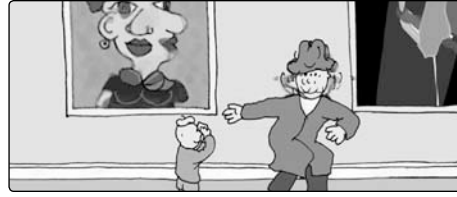


The Interview

Pahgawk is a bird who always finds himself in extremely odd situations. In the interview of the film's title, Pahgawk is asked to tell us the story of his life. It turns out life hasn't been so easy on this bad luck bird, as we hear about his many zany misadventures in this youth-made animated film.

Canada, 2008, DigiBeta, 5:08, English

Director	David Pagurek van Mossel
Producer	David Pagurek van Mossel
Writer	David Pagurek van Mossel



Panic Painter

Original title: *Panikkonstnären*
A fun loving little boy and his friendly father head to the museum to check out some art. Even though some people think modern art can be confusing, at this museum it is fun and adventure! Come and join the fun, as an apparent theft ends up turning the art world upside down.

Sweden, 2008, 35mm, 9:00, Swedish w/English subtitles

Director	Johan Hagelbäck
Producer	Johan Hagelbäck
Writer	Johan Hagelbäck
Distributor	Swedish Film Institute



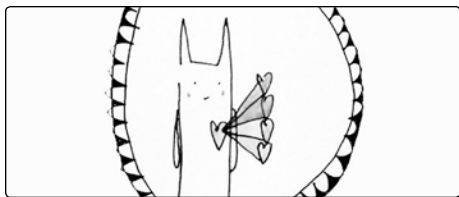
Tastes Like Christmas

Hot chocolate and cookies go down great around the holidays, especially gingerbread men! ...But wait... Did that one just move? It's definitely food for thought in this tasty and locally animated short.

Canada, 2008, BetaSP, 0:36, No dialogue

Director	Seana Kozar
Producer	Seana Kozar
Writer	Seana Kozar
Distributor	Twisted Biscuit Productions Inc.

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Storage Compartments

We are all made up of the things that we feel and experience. Local filmmaker Bethany Riordan-Butterworth has created an animated film honouring all of the small things we keep stored inside of us in this personal, yet universal, film.

Canada, 2008, BetaSP, 5:13, English

Director	Bethany Riordan-Butterworth
Producer	Bethany Riordan-Butterworth
Writer	Bethany Riordan-Butterworth
Distributor	CFAT (Centre for Art Tapes)



Good Advice

Original title: *Goda Råd*
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.

Sweden, 2008, 35mm, 14:50, Swedish w/English subtitles

Director	Andreas Tibblin	
Producer	Mikael Flodell	George Ivanov
Writer	Andreas Tibblin	
Cinematographer	Paul Evans	
Cast	Sofia Helin	Magnus Krepper
	Styrbjorn Roald	
Distributor	Drama Svecia	



World in Your Hands

Original title: *Verden i dine hender*
The world is a fragile thing, so we have to make sure that we play nicely with it. This sentiment is cleverly expressed in this very literal depiction of a world in peril.

Norway, 2008, DigiBeta, 3:00, No dialogue

Director	Geir Henning Hopland	
Producer	Ane Olrud	Geir Henning Hopland
Writer	Geir Henning Hopland	
Cinematographer	Roger Haugen	
Cast	Drago Henriksen Haagensen	Simen Lauritzen Stensrud
Distributor	Norwegian Film Institute	

Around the World in 80 Minutes

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Around the World in 80 Minutes is back with a new collection of stories from around the globe. Prepped to inspire, educate and entertain, we leave Halifax and touch down in United Kingdom, Norway, Australia, New Zealand and back to Canada. Pack your bags, buckle up and enjoy the voyage! **With discussion.**



My Grandmother Beijing

Original title: *Min Bestemor Beijing*

An allegorical story of the modernization of Beijing as told from the perspective of a young Chinese boy. The beautiful claymation and wistful narrative underscore a beautiful film about both the good and ill of change.

Norway, 2008, 35mm, 9:07, Mandarin w/English subtitles

Director	Mats Grorud
Producer	Pål Roed
Writer	Mats Grorud
Cinematographer	Mats Grorud
Distributor	Norwegian Film Institute

Granny O'Grimms Sleeping Beauty

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.

Ireland, 2008, BetaSP, 5:00, English

Director	Nicky Phelan
Producer	Darragh O'Connell
Writer	Kathleen O'Rourke
Distributor	Brown Bag Films



Five Miles Out

Cass is sent by her mother on a camping holiday with their extended family. This is no pleasurable vacation as both mother and daughter deal with a family crisis back at home. Haunted by the secret plight of her sister Cass takes the first tentative steps into adulthood in this beautifully shot British short.

Warnings: *Mild profanity.*

UK, 2008, 35mm, 18:28, English

Director	Andrew Haigh
Producer	Tristan Goligher
Writer	Andrew Haigh
Cinematographer	Matyas Ederly
Cast	Dakota Blue Richards

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The Scavengers

Choreographer, voice over artist, and actor Cory Bowles enters the filmmaking world with this poignant short about three boys who discover what just might be a dead mermaid in a remote cove. Blending humour and the cruel curiosity of youth, we get a complex and captivating film from a startling new talent on the Atlantic Canadian film scene.

Canada, 2008, 35mm, 10:57, English

Director	Cory Bowles
Producer	Cory Bowles John Davies
Writer	Cory Bowles
Cinematographer	Jeff Wheaton
Cast	Cameron Begin Rachel Franco Josh Baker Devon Taylor
Distributor	THINK?TANK Creation

Kehua

Caleb is a Māori boy going with his mother for the first time to a Marae (Māori gathering place and ritual site) to attend the tangihanga (funeral) of his grandfather.

New Zealand, 2008, 35mm, 13:00, English

Director	Wiremu Grace
Producer	Libby Hakaraia
Writer	Wiremu Grace
Cinematographer	Wiremu Grace
Cast	Arama Vincent-Wihapi Nicola Kawana Grant Roa Grace Hoet Api Taylor
Distributor	The New Zealand Film Commission

Forming Game

Forming Game is a collaboration between animator and composer. Rather than scoring to pictures or drawing to sound this project took shape in a more organic artistic process.

Canada, 2008, BetaSP, 5:15, No dialogue

Director	Malcolm Sutherland
Producer	Marcy Page
Writer	Malcolm Sutherland
Cinematographer	Jason Lee
Distributor	National Film Board of Canada



Ali & the Ball

Living in limbo at a detention centre in Australia, eight-year-old Ali and his family wait for the government to decide their fate as illegal immigrants. As security in the centre tightens Ali cleverly enlists outside help to try and replace his mother's prized possession that was taken by the guards. Filled with hope in the face of despair, this nearly dialogue-free film demonstrates the universal values of love and friendship.

Australia, 2008, DigiBeta, 14:59, English

Director	Alex Holmes
Producer	Helen Panckhurst
Writer	Alex Holmes
Cinematographer	Geoffrey Simpson Martin McGrath
Cast	Ali Soummaka Camilla Ah Kin Luci Hughes Rayan El-Saghir
Distributor	Panckhurst Productions Pty Ltd

