

Family Film Festival



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January 16 - 19, 2015

Regent Theatre, 7 Medford Street, Arlington

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Welcome. Bienvenue (French). l'inkwan dehna metah (Amharic). Welkom (Dutch). Willkommen (German).

In other words, welcome in all the languages featured in our 12th Film Festival, entitled "A Cinematic Adventure." Yet, this list doesn't cover all the countries represented in this year's films: Australia, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Ethiopia, Finland, France, India, Japan, Latvia, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and of course, the United States!



The entire festival is created with both children and adults in mind. They speak to the child within, inspiring us with their imagination, creativity and virtuosity. From a swashbuckling search for treasure on an exotic island on opening night to a search for the creator of a first generation robot on Sunday to an around the world tour of the issues facing eleven year-old children on Monday, the festival is filled with stirring adventures that get children's imaginations going.

Among some of the other highlights are: a free screening on Sunday of films based on Mo Willems' pigeon character, a rich selection of films about the environment followed by an interactive environmental activity and a talk by a very special 9 year-old girl from Lexington who took her own environmental initiative on Sunday; and a day of films dedicated to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birthday we celebrate on Monday.

Our first Family Film Festival in 2003 featured just four programs over the course of two days at the Studio Cinema in Belmont. We are excited that we can now offer Boston audiences the opportunity to see such a wonderful collection of highly curated films from around the world, many of them East Coast or New England premieres.

In closing, we would like to express our gratitude to the many people and organizations who have been instrumental in making the festival a reality and to you, our audience members, for coming out and taking part in this meaningful shared experience.

Ellen Gitelman
Executive Director
Belmont World Film



Schedule at a Glance

Screening at the Regent Theatre, 7 Medford Street, Arlington

Friday, January 16

7:00 PM **Captain Sabertooth and the Lama Rama Treasure** (90 min.)

Screenings at the West Newton Cinema, 1265 Washington Street, West Newton

Saturday, January 17

10:30 AM **What's New from Weston Woods Studios** (60 min.)

12:00 **Rooster Doodle Doo** (80 min.)

1:30 PM **Pim & Pom: The Big Adventure** (70 min.)

3:00 PM **Lola on the Pea** (90 min.)

Sunday, January 18

10:30 AM **Mo Willems' Pigeon Books** by Weston Woods Studios—FREE (35 min.)

11:30 AM **It's Easy Being Green: Short Films About Animals and the Environment** (95 min.)

1:30 PM **T.I.M.** (82 min.)

3:30 PM **Belle and Sebastian** (104 min.)

Screening at the Regent Theatre, 7 Medford Street, Arlington

Monday, January 19, A Tribute to the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

10:30 AM **Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with Animated Children's Books from Weston Woods Studios** (60 min.)

12:00 **I Am Eleven** (98 min.)

2:00 PM **Horizon Beautiful** (90 min.)



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At the **Regent Theatre** | 7 Medford Street, Arlington

7:00 PM

Captain Sabertooth and the Lama Rama Treasure

directed by John Andreas Andersen & Lisa Marie Gamlem

(Norway | 2014 | 90 min. | English | East Coast premiere)

This thrilling, funny, and highly entertaining live action film set in the 18th century features a band of clever pirates who embark on stormy and magnificent adventures, as well as a group of children who demonstrate courage, shrewdness and vigor. The audience enters the pirate vessel *The Black Lady* joining 10 year-old Tiny and his female friend Raven on an exhilarating voyage from the pirate alleys in Abra Harbor to the colorful and exotic island of Lama Rama. Together with Captain Sabertooth and his crew, they brave towering waves and travel through deep jungles in their search for King Rufus's fabled treasure. Age 7-15 (\$8).

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SATURDAY • JANUARY • 17

At the **West Newton Cinema** | 1265 Washington Street, West Newton

10:30 AM

What's New from Weston Woods Studios
(USA | 60 min. | English | New England premiere)

For sixty years Weston Woods Studios has created the highest quality films from best loved picture books by some of the most well-known children's book authors. This program includes the New England premieres of their newest films, including; *The Very Fairy Princess* written and narrated by Julie Andrews; *Extra Yarn* by Mac Bennet and illustrated by Jon Klassen; *Exclamation Mark* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld; *Me Jane* by Patrick McDonnell about the young Jane Goodall and her special childhood toy chimpanzee named Jubilee; *Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors* by Tanya Lee Stone; *One Cool Friend* by Toni Buzzeo; and *Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson. Age 3–9 (\$5)



12:00

Rooster Doodle Doo directed by Pierre Greco
(Canada | 2014 | 80 min. | English | East Coast premiere)



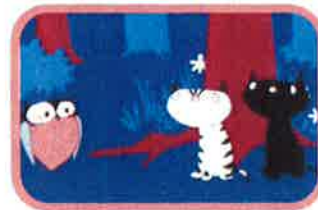
In this comedy from Quebec, a village rooster's punctual (and loud) crowing keeps everyone awake—until a group of sleepy locals hatches a scheme to get rid of him. Sloth ensues and the town starts to fall apart, so the locals hatch a scheme to get him back. Age 4–12 (\$8)

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1:30 PM

Pim and Pom: The Big Adventure directed by
Gioia Smid (The Netherlands | 2014 | 70 min. | English)

Cats Pim and Pom are best friends who live together with "The Lady". When the lady's nieces, Tracey and Stacey, come to visit, they take the cats to the park for a picnic. However, the nieces want to keep the cats for themselves and come up with a secret plan to kidnap them. Pim and Pom manage to escape, but they get lost and end up trying to survive on the streets. There, they meet a group of alley cats who really put their friendship to the test. Will Pim and Pom be able to stay together and find their way home? Age 4–9 (\$8)



**This screening is supported as part of the Dutch Culture USA program
by the Consulate General of the Netherlands in New York.**

3:00 PM

Lola on the Pea

directed by Thomas Heinemann
(Germany | 2014 | 90 min. |
German with English
subtitles read aloud |
East Coast premiere)

A reclusive young girl who
lives with her mother on a
houseboat called "The Pea"
comes out of her shell when she
befriends a Kurdish classmate
living illegally with his family
in Germany. Age 6–15 (\$8)

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SUNDAY • JANUARY • 18

At the **West Newton Cinema** | 1265 Washington Street, West Newton

FREE SCREENING!

10:30 AM

Mo Willems's Pigeon Books by Weston Woods Studios (USA | 35 min. | English)



A free screening of animated films produced by Scholastic/ Weston Woods Studios based on Mo Willems's popular pigeon books and featuring the voices of Willems and his daughter Trixie. Includes the New England premiere of *The Duckling Gets a Cookie*, plus familiar favorites, including *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, *Don't Let the*

Pigeon Stay Up Late, and *The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog*. Everyone who attends will receive a nut free cookie, courtesy of **Fancy Pants Bakery**—just by asking nicely! Age 3–9 (FREE).

11:30 AM

It's Easy Being Green: Shorts About Animals and the Environment

(Various countries | 90 min. | English and a small amount of German with English subtitles | New England premiere)

Environmentally-themed, animated films that are as educational as they are entertaining, including: the multi-award winning *The Dam Keeper*, an animated film by former Pixar artists about a pig who keeps the sails on a large windmill dam moving in order to keep pollution out of the desolate town that is the lone survivor of an environmental disaster; the multi-award winning *Hedgehogs and the City* from Latvia about two hedgehogs and their animal friends who learn to make money in order to return the city to the countryside; *Tant de Foret*, a visually stunning animated film that speaks of the irony that newspapers warn us about deforestation even though they are made of paper themselves; *Sticky*, an animated film that tells the astonishing true environmental story of the return of the stick insects population to Australia after their supposed extinction; and a series of documentaries called *Young Voices of the Planet* about youths from all over the world who are making a difference for the environment. Followed by an interactive environmental activity presented by "E" Inc., as well as a Q&A with Alice Van Evera, a 9-year-old from Lexington, who was so inspired by one of the films that she started a group that was instrumental in getting a regulation banning solar panels on her town's buildings overturned. Age 4–12 (\$8)

Co-presented by "e" Inc.



1:30 PM

T.I.M. directed by Rolf van Eijk (The Netherlands | 2014 | 82 min. | Dutch with English subtitles read aloud)

An 11 year-old boy has only one friend: his outdated house robot T.I.M. ("The Incredible Machine"). When the boy's father decides to trade the robot in, the boy goes on an exotic journey in search of the elusive inventor who created him. A lovely coming-of-age story set in the not too distant future! Age 8–15 (\$8)

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3:30 PM

Belle and Sebastian directed by Nicolas Vanier (France | 2013 | 104 min. | English)



This live action film based on the best-selling children's book is set among the breathtakingly beautiful snowy Alps during World War II. It is the extraordinary tale of a lonely yet appealing six year-old boy and a wild dog—Belle and Sebastian--and their indestructible friendship. Age 6–15 (\$8)

Prize giveaway includes a pet emergency backpacks courtesy of the **Animal Rescue League** of Boston.



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TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MONDAY • JANUARY • 19

At the **Regent Theatre** | 7 Medford Street, Arlington

10:30 AM

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with
Animated Children's Books from Weston
Woods Studios (USA | 60 min. | English)

Films from Scholastic/Weston Woods Studios that highlight the ideals, people, and music connected to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Films include: *Martin's Big Words* by Doreen Rappaport narrated by Michael Clarke Duncan; *Coretta Scott* by Ntozake Shange narrated by Phylicia Rashad; *Nelson Mandela* by Kadir Nelson; the New England premiere of *This Is the Rope* by Jacqueline Woodson, the story of one family's journey north during the Great Migration; *Dem Bones*, the gospel spiritual by Bob Barner; and *Ellington Was Not a Street* by Ntozake Shange narrated by Phylicia Rashad. Ages 4–12 (\$5).



12:00

I Am Eleven directed by Genevieve
Bailey (Australia/Netherlands/Germany/
China/Sweden/Bulgaria/Thailand/Czech
Republic/France/Japan/India/UK/Finland/
Morocco | 2011 | 98 min. | English)

Australian filmmaker Genevieve Bailey traveled the world for six years talking with 11-year-olds to compose this insightful, funny and moving portrait of childhood. From an orphanage in India to a single-parent household in inner-city Melbourne, to bathing with elephants in Thailand, I AM ELEVEN explores the lives and thoughts of children from all around the world. It weaves together deeply personal and at times hilarious portraits of what it means to stand on the cusp between childhood and adolescence, that fleeting moment when childish naiveté has faded, yet teenaged self-consciousness has not yet taken hold. Age 8–15 (\$8)

2:00 PM

Horizon Beautiful directed by Stefan Jäger

(Switzerland/Ethiopia | 2013 | 90 min. | New England premiere)

This beautiful tale about a friendship between a man and a boy from different backgrounds tells the story of a clever and charming 12 year-old orphan in Addis Ababa who dreams of playing soccer in the big leagues. When a famous soccer magnate from Switzerland visits Ethiopia to promote his sport as a fountain of hope for humanity, the boy hatches a plan to get his attention. A wild and meaningful adventure ensues. Age 8-15 (\$8)

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About Belmont World Film

Belmont World Film is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes cross-cultural understanding through the powerful universal language of film. In addition to showing award-winning feature films, documentaries, animation, and shorts from around the world, we provide in-depth post-film discussions led by filmmakers, expert speakers, and foreign dignitaries, as well as cultural performances and ethnic cuisine.

Each year we present an international film series in the spring, Family Film Festival events in the fall and winter, and other special events throughout the year, working with local and international organizations in an effort to heighten awareness of global issues and to encourage people of all ages to make a difference. Films come from such diverse countries, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cuba, Iraq, Latvia, Mongolia and Romania, as well as more familiar European countries such as Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

Since 2002, Belmont World Film's Family Film Festival has been a must-attend event for families in the Greater Boston area with children ages 3–18, offering filmgoers an alternative to the standard Hollywood fare typically found at the local multiplex: stories about self-reliance and acceptance, creativity and imagination, the magic of books and reading, and multiculturalism and tolerance.

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The Dam Keepers
directed by Robert Kondo & Dice Tsutsumi
USA | 2014 | 18 min.

Tant de Foret
directed by Burcu Sankur & Geoffrey Godet
France | 2014 | 3 min.



Sticky
directed by Jill Rose
Australia | 2014 | 20 min.

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