



THE 8th ANNUAL BAY AREA INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL
JANUARY 29-31, 2016
AT CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER

Director & Bay Area Icon Carroll Ballard to Host Special Evening & Screening of his 1979 Beloved Classic Film, *The Black Stallion*

Director Sanjay Patel of Pixar's *Sanjay's Super Team* to present program on animation with screening of his recently announced 2015 Oscar Nominated Film

Films Made by Kids: Festival to screen *Persevere: The Story of Wilma Rudolph*.

Directed by students at Jefferson Elementary School in Berkeley

Photos, Interviews & Press Passes Available Upon Request

January 25, 2016 (Oakland, CA) - The [Bay Area International Children's Film Festival](#) (BAICFF) will return for its 8th consecutive year January 29-31, 2016. The full weekend Festival, kicking off Friday evening with a Pixar Story Artist Showcase, will take place in Oakland at the [Chabot Space & Science Center](#). As in years past, the 8th fest features a full line-up of high-quality, family-friendly films from around the world along with a weekend of innovative animation workshops for children.



Alex Woo, Pixar Story Artist

The Festival will include over 60 animated, live action, short and feature-length films, special "How did they do that?" presentations, and Q&A sessions with award winning guest filmmakers. Films hail from 20 different countries including Spain, Egypt, Lebanon, Brazil, Ireland, England, The Netherlands, Germany, France, Russia, Australia, Switzerland, India, Croatia, Argentina, Canada, Hungary, the US & Japan, and almost half are made by female filmmakers.

The full program is available at <http://baicff.com/films>.

2016 FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

BAICFF Friday Evening/Opening Night

BAICFF will kick off its 8th year with a *Pixar Story Artist Showcase: A Conversation Amongst Peers*. Get a behind the scenes glimpse into Pixar's story process from 6 veteran story artists showing and discussing their work from some of Pixar's most popular movies, *Toy Story*, *Inside Out*, *Cars 2*, *Ratatouille* and *Wall*E*. 19-year Pixar

veteran and BAICFF co-founder, Jim Capobianco will lead the discussion with his Pixar compatriots Enrico Casarosa, Valerie LaPointe, Nate Stanton, Jeff Pidgeon, and Alex Woo. Opening night will also include a sneak peek of Festival shorts.

An Evening With Acclaimed Bay Area Director, Carroll Ballard

BAICFF will present an evening with acclaimed Director Carroll Ballard. Ballard, who does very limited public engagements, will host a special screening of his classic and much beloved 1979 feature film *The Black Stallion*, preceded by his short film *Rodeo*. Screenings to be followed by a moderated Q&A with Mr. Ballard and BAICFF's Jim Capobianco.

Figure 8: Movement & Music Series

To celebrate its 8th year, BAICFF will present the movable melody of the figure 8 with a new Movement and Music series. These two inseparable aspects of cinema and childhood will be explored and showcased with special performances, film screenings and events that ignite the imagination for a truly memorable kinetic experience. The series will include short films about music and dance, and will feature local filmmaker Irene Chagall's, *Let's Get the Rhythm*, a feature length documentary about children's clapping games from NYC's inner city playgrounds to remote corners of the world.

Films By Bay Area Kids

This year, BAICFF will present five films made by kids including *Guitar Man*, *Drool*, *Be a Little Boulder*, *Moose Emergency*, and *Persevere: The Story of Wilma Rudolph*. *Persevere* was made by students at Jefferson Elementary School in Berkeley, and their teacher Lisa Rossi, some of the young filmmakers will be on hand for a Q&A following the film.



Sanjay's Super Team

How Did They Do That? Series

SANJAY'S SUPER TEAM - Created by Pixar artist and acclaimed

author/illustrator Sanjay Patel, *Sanjay's*

Super Team has shown to critical acclaim in front of Pixar's recent release, *The Good Dinosaur*. Come and see how the short was made from Sanjay himself and his producer Nicole Grindle. **MERMAIDS ON MARS** - Last year at BAICFF'15, Director Jon Peters and Producers Kat Alioshin and Nancy Guettier presented a behind the scenes work-in-progress of *Mermaids on Mars*. Now come see the finished stop-motion animated musical film followed by a Q&A with filmmakers.

Puffin Rock

BAICFF presents Cartoon Saloon's critically acclaimed children's show *Puffin Rock*, the Irish series from the studio that brought us *Song of the Sea*. Narrated by Chris O'Dowd, *Puffin Rock* follows the adventures of a family of puffins who live on a beautiful Irish island.

Animation Workshops and Short Film Presentations

BAICFF workshops allow kids to work in small groups to create engaging short animated films. The entire festival audience has a chance to view the creative results each afternoon as the footage is edited into a humorous, collaborative short film with music and sound effects and projected on the big screen! The workshops this year include

outdoor live-action pixilation, and the ever-popular stop-motion technique with found objects and our signature professional clay animation figures.

Local Youth Filmmakers Series featuring BAYCAT and Camp Reel Stories

BAYCAT: Through education, employment and entertainment in digital media, BAYCAT empowers underserved youth and young adults, helping them find their place in the world.

Camp Reel Stories is a non-profit summer program designed to empower 13-18 year old women with the skills to create their own media, to view current media critically and thoughtfully, and to aspire to leadership in their field.

Tickets and Festival Information

The festival will take place Friday evening at 7:00 pm, Saturday from 10:00am - 9:00pm & Sunday, from 10:00am - 5:00pm January 29-31, 2016 at the Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Drive, Oakland, CA.

ALL TICKETS INCLUDE ADMISSION TO CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER

Tickets are available at:

<http://www.chabotspace.org/baicff-2016.htm>



BAICFF Video Trailer

Opening Night Pixar Story Artist Showcase

Chabot member tickets: \$25

Non-member tickets: \$35

Tickets are limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

One Day Pass (Saturday or Sunday) - A full day of films and activities

Day rate - Adult: \$25 / Youth: \$14

Chabot Member day rate - Adult: \$15/ Youth: \$7

Weekend Pass - Two full days of films and activities for the whole family

Weekend Pass: \$65 (up to 2 adults & 2 children)

Chabot Member Weekend Pass: \$35 (up to 2 adults & 2 children)

Call the Box Office (510) 336-7300 to purchase a weekend passes

BAICFF was founded in 2009 by Jim Capobianco and Shelley Trott, and now in its eighth consecutive year, has become a creative Bay Area gathering that fosters global understanding and cultural exchange through art and cinema. Since its inception, more than 6,500 people have attended the festival enjoying over 325 family-friendly films from across the globe, and 400 children have participated in workshops designed to introduce kids to the world of animation and live-action filmmaking.

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