



**THE 12TH ANNUAL
BAY AREA INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL
FEBRUARY 22 & 23, 2020
AT CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER
www.baicff.com**

November 6, 2019 (Oakland, CA) - The [Bay Area International Children's Film Festival \(BAICFF\)](http://www.baicff.com) is pleased to announce its upcoming 12th annual festival on **February 22 & 23, 2020** (Sat-Sun) at the [Chabot Space & Science Center](#) in Oakland. Save the date for another Playdate for the Imagination! The full weekend of events and special programs continues to delight and inspire Bay Area families with premieres of internationally celebrated family-friendly films, presentations from award-winning Pixar filmmakers, hands-on animation workshops for kids, and more!

At this year's festival, experience **The Power of Kids**. As the 2020 election nears, BAICFF will highlight how young people are using their voices to change the world. Through films, programs and panels, the festival will celebrate Bay Area kids, alongside kids from around the world, who use social justice, activism, and civic engagement to call attention to the issues they care about.

In that spirit, the festival commissioned Oakland artist [Robert Liu-Trujillo](#) to create its 2020 poster artwork. Robert, born in Oakland, is the author and illustrator of *Furqan's First Flat Top*. A visual artist who employs illustration, public art, and storytelling in his work, his tales take a variety of forms and reflect his cultural background, dreams, and political/personal beliefs. Robert's motivation is to unearth beautiful, untold stories.

This year's 2020 festival highlights will include:

- Films and Guest Filmmakers from around the World
- Election Year Special! Get your civics lessons with the retro *School House Rock!* BAICFF will showcase some of the beloved animated, educational short films from the series that originally ran from 1973-1985, and is still just as relevant today.
- The ever-popular stop motion animation workshops for kids ages 6-14
- The Fest's *How Did They Do That?* series, will highlight Berkeley Based, Kuku Studios, with a special behind the scenes program of their new Netflix show *Go! Go! Cory Carson*, an animated preschool series that

follows the adventures of kid car Cory Carson as he navigates the winding roads of childhood in Bumperton Hills. The BAICFF program will be Hosted by Cory Carson himself!

A FULL SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS AND FILMS FOR THE UPCOMING FEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 2019 at <http://baicff.com>

Last Year's Festival Highlights included:

- Guest filmmakers Lee Unkrich and Jason Katz from Pixar's *Coco* with Head of Story Jason Katz offering a hands-on storyboarding workshop for kids
- The Fest's *How Did They Do That?* Series collaborated with Cartoon Network to share a glimpse into to how Cartoon Network develops its shows featuring Leticia "Lele" Silva, the creator of *The Wonderful Wingnits*, and Madeleine "Maddy" Flores and J. Smith, the co-creators of *Mushroom and the Forest of the World*
- Beyond the Boundaries of "Cartoons" - BAICFF presented modern short films pushing animation into new realms of storytelling with a panel discussion with local animation storytellers featuring Pixar/Disney filmmakers Trevor Jimenez, Chris Sasaki, Domee Shi and Hanna Abi-Hanna
- A new partnership with the New York International Children's Film Festival featuring a collection of Mexican shorts, Viva Kid Flicks

2020 Tickets and Festival Information:

All tickets to the 2-day festival include full admission to the Chabot Space & Science Center

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like images, interviews and/or embedded links for the 12th annual festival. [Click here](#) for press images.

Many thanks for your consideration!

Tiffany Woolf

About BAICFF

The Bay Area International Children's Film Festival (BAICFF) was founded in 2009 by Jim Capobianco and Shelley Trott to introduce kids to engaging international films. Now in its 12th year, BAICFF has grown to become an annual Bay Area creative gathering and Playdate for the Imagination™ where education and imagination collide; with audiences treated to compelling, culturally diverse films from around the world, special presentations with internationally renowned artists, and one-of-a-kind, hands-on animation workshops. Since its inception, BAICFF has produced eleven annual festivals presenting 600 family-friendly films from around the world for an audience of over 13,000 people with 1,300 children participating in workshops designed to introduce kids to the world of animation and live-action filmmaking. Tickets and information: www.baicff.com

About Chabot Space & Science Center

Founded as an observatory in 1883, today Chabot offers visitors hands-on, interactive exhibits, displays, and Planetarium shows that explore the universe and life here on earth. Combined with a changing program of workshops, Summer Science Camp, outreach programs and special events, Chabot Space & Science Center is the Bay Area's go-to destination for visitors of all ages who want to learn about space and earth sciences. For more information, visit www.chabotspace.org