



THE 11TH ANNUAL
BAY AREA INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL
ANNOUNCES FILMS & PROGRAM LINE-UP
FOR 2019 FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 16-17, 2019 AT
CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER IN OAKLAND

FAMILY-FRIENDLY FILMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE,
PANELS AND Q&A's WITH INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED
ARTISTS, ANIMATORS AND FILMMAKERS

Festival Hosts Hands-On Animation Filmmaking Workshops, Outdoor Live-Action Pixilation, Stop-Motion Technique with Found Objects & Signature Professional Clay Animation Figures

Images, Interviews & Press Passes Available Upon Request

January 14, 2019 (Oakland, CA) - The [Bay Area International Children's Film Festival \(BAICFF\)](#) is pleased to announce its upcoming 11th annual Fest on February 16 & 17, 2019 (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 Disney and Pixar filmmakers, hands-on animation workshops for kids, and more!

This year's theme is ***Imagination Without Borders*** with festival imagery featuring the work of celebrated Oakland artist, [Favianna Rodriguez](#). Rodriguez is a transnational interdisciplinary artist and cultural organizer who was recently featured on Ben & Jerry's new ice cream flavor, Pecan Resist. The theme will resonate throughout the weekend

with panels, workshops, and films around the topic.

"The Bay Area International Children's Film Festival, now in its 11th year, is an opportunity for Bay Area families, and kids of all ages, to be inspired by the art of film and open up their imagination to new possibilities," said BAICFF Co-Founders and Oakland Residents, Jim Capobianco and Shelley Trott. "Our theme this year, *Imagination Without Borders*, exemplifies our mission to present diverse perspectives from around the world and offer creative workshops for kids with leading artists and animators."

Fest Co-Founder, [Jim Capobianco](#), is also expanding the imagination of film audiences worldwide as the Animation Sequence Supervisor for *Mary Poppins Returns*, recently released in theaters and receiving top awards and accolades.

[2019 Tickets and Festival Information](#): All tickets to the 2-day festival include full admission to the Chabot Space & Science Center.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- At BAICFF we pride ourselves in bringing you a behind the scenes peek at what goes on in the making of some of the most critically acclaimed films and television shows loved by children and adults alike.
- This year includes a special screening of Pixar's Academy Award Winning Film, *Coco*, featuring a presentation on the making of the film with Director Lee Unkrich & Story Supervisor Jason Katz.
- A special CARTOON NETWORK program with screenings of new Cartoon Network shows that are in the process of being developed. Learn first-hand from the creators of the shows about how their projects get developed from inception to short and beyond! (Great for teens!)
- A new partnership with the NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL featuring a collection of Mexican short films, *Viva Kid Flicks*.
- *CHUSKIT*, the gorgeous and inspiring film from India of a young girl with a disability chasing her dream of going to school in her remote Himalayan village. The feisty girl locks horns with her tradition-bound grandfather.
- *THE DAY OF CHOCOLATE*, a beautiful and beguiling feature film from Poland, with a delicious chocolate tasting before the screening.
- BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES of CARTOONS. New voices are telling stories once thought beyond the traditional "Cartoon." Watch new films made by a new generation of leading animators touching on subjects not usually approached in animation. Followed by a panel discussion about the future of animation storytelling.
- ROBOTS! *Never Give Up: The Journey Of Bassett Robotics*. In this inspiring film from Taiwan, six inner city ten-year-olds defy all odds by making it to the World Championship of Robotics. Film to follow with resident scientists helping

audiences learn how to make Robots!

- Signature Hands-On [Animation Filmmaking Workshops](#): Outdoor Live-Action Pixilation, Stop-Motion Technique with Found Objects & Signature Professional Clay Animation Figures. Including a special storyboarding workshop with *Coco* Story Supervisor, Jason Katz.
- IMAGINATION LAB: *The Importance of Beeing*, a short mixed-media documentary which aims to spotlight the importance of bees. The Festival's Imagination Lab will host an exhibition about bee keeping and what you can do to promote bees in your neighborhood.

[Click here for the full program](#)

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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 11th 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 ten annual festivals presenting 500 family-friendly films from around the world for an audience of over 10,000 people with 1,100 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

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