

USA FILM FESTIVAL

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The USA Film Festival announces SCHEDULE OF EVENTS **30th Annual KidFilm® Festival** January 25-26, 2014

DALLAS – The USA Film Festival announces the schedule of events for the **30th annual KidFilm® Festival** taking place **Saturday, January 25** and **Sunday, January 26, 2014** at the Angelika Film Center, 5321 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas. In honor of KidFilm's **30th Anniversary** this year, all programs will be presented **FREE** to the community.

KidFilm is the oldest and largest children's film festival in the United States, featuring an entertaining, educational, and diverse line-up of new and classic films for both children and adults. KidFilm is an annual outreach program of the **USA Film Festival/Dallas**, a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the recognition and promotion of excellence in the film and video arts.

Honorary Co-Chairs for KidFilm are Belinda Dabliz, Laura Williamson, Yvette Ostolaza, Cheryl Trapp and Gail Terrell.

This year, the Festival salutes favorite children's book authors and celebrates magical creatures and our four-legged friends! From an invisible dog who helps his best bud, to a zebra who learns to accept himself despite having only half his stripes, and a mouse and bear, who overcome their differences to form an unlikely friendship, this year's program features adventure-filled films for audiences of any age!

Highlights of this year's program include:

- A Tribute to children's book authors/illustrators **Rebecca Emberley and Ed Emberley** (in person). The program will include screenings of several of the Emberleys' books adapted for the screen including *Chicken Little*, *The Ant and the Grasshopper* and *The Red Hen*, as well as Ed's Caldecott Medal winning *Drummer Hoff* and **FREE copies** of their latest book, "**The Crocodile and the Scorpion**," distributed at the show. The Emberleys will sign books for the audience.
- Animated international films, including the critically-acclaimed French film *Ernest & Celestine* (presented in English), featuring the voices of Paul Giamatti, William H. Macy, Megan Mullally, Nick Offerman and Forest Whitaker, as well as the Australian film *Khumba*, featuring the voices of AnnaSophia Robb, Liam Neeson, Steve Buscemi and Laurence Fishburne.
- Presentation of the *The LEGO Movie in 3D*, featuring the voices of Will Ferrell, Chris Pratt, Liam Neeson, Morgan Freeman, Elizabeth Banks, Will Arnett, Nick Offerman, Alison Brie and Charlie Day.
- A **KidFilmClassics** presentation celebrating the **35th anniversary anniversary** of *The Muppet Movie*.
- Presentations of **favorite books** adapted for the screen featuring a collection of animated short films, including *Creepy Carrots!*, *Hooray for Amanda and Her Alligator* and *Hi! Fly Guy*.
- Films from local producers, including *Abner the Invisible Dog* from Andrew Stevens and *My Dog the Champion* from Farah White.

A full KidFilm schedule may be viewed on the USA Film Festival's website at www.usafilmfestival.com Printed KidFilm flyers may also be picked up at the Angelika Film Center Dallas.

[Editor's Note: Please see **attached** KidFilm flyer for full schedule of programs.]



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Ticket Information:

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Seating is limited. Please arrive early to assure your seat.

Tickets for all shows are available **day of show only**, beginning one hour before showtime. The KidFilm upstairs box office at the Angelika Film Center Dallas opens at 11:30am.

For additional information, please call the USA Film Festival at 214-821-FILM (3456). During KidFilm, please inquire in person at the KidFilm Information Desk at the Angelika Film Center. (Please do not telephone the theater. They do not have KidFilm ticket information.)

Sponsors

The KidFilm **outreach programs for DISD students and educators** are made possible thanks to special support from The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater North Texas.

KidFilm **Presenting Sponsors** include Sidley Austin LLP, ViewPoint Bank, The Eugene McDermott Foundation, Dave Perry-Miller & Associates, HBO, Gaedeke Group, HD Net Movies kidScene, Headington Companies, Dallas Film Commission, Hotel Palomar and Alford Media Services.

The USA Film Festival is supported, in part, by the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

About KidFilm® DISD Outreach Programs

In addition to the KidFilm public weekend, special outreach programs are presented for thousands of Dallas Independent School District students (grades K-5) and educators. Students attend programs selected especially for them. Many of the films presented are book-based and designed to be curriculum-interactive including relevant topics and issues (cultural awareness, compassion, history, math, geography, the importance of education and reading, etc.)

About the USA Film Festival

Now celebrating its 44th year, the USA Film Festival is a Dallas-based, 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the encouragement and recognition of excellence in the film and video arts. The Festival's year-round programs and events include KidFilm, special monthly programs and premieres, TexFest, and the USA Film Festival, held each spring. The USA Film Festival is supported in part by the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs and the Texas Commission on the Arts. More information about the Festival is available online at www.usafilmfestival.com.

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[Editors Note -- For a full program line-up, please see attached program flyer. For additional images, etc., please contact the USA Film Festival at 214-821-6300 or usafilmfest@aol.com]



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see the films -- meet the filmmakers!

SATURDAY
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MEET AUTHORS
AND ILLUSTRATORS
REBECCA AND ED EMBERLEY



AND RECEIVE A
FREE BOOK!



ANGELIKA FILM CENTER

(In Mockingbird Station)
5321 E. Mockingbird Lane
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KIDFILM WELCOME!

On January 25th and 26th, 2014, the **USA Film Festival** will present the **30th Annual KidFilm**, the oldest and largest children's film festival in the United States. In honor of KidFilm's **30th Anniversary**, all programs will be presented **FREE** to the community! Film and video are our most accessible art forms and some of our most valuable teaching/learning tools. KidFilm gives audiences of all ages an important opportunity to see and discuss great films together!

This year we salute some of our favorite children's book authors and celebrate magical creatures and our four-legged friends! From an invisible dog who helps his best bud, to a zebra who learns to accept himself despite having only half his stripes, and a mouse and bear, who overcome their differences to form a unlikely friendship, this year's program features adventure-filled films for audiences of any age!

MEET OUR SPECIAL GUESTS!



SALUTE TO AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATORS Rebecca Emberley and Ed Emberley

The festival is honored to host wonderful children's book authors and illustrators (and father and daughter) Rebecca Emberley and Ed Emberley.

Come out and meet Rebecca and Ed, see their books come to life on the movie screen, receive a **FREE BOOK** and have it **autographed!**

Rebecca Emberley is the author and illustrator of numerous books for children, including a bestselling bilingual series. She comes from a family of artists, including her father Ed Emberley, her brother Michael Emberley, and sister in law Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick, all children's book illustrators, and her daughter Adrian Emberley and husband Peter Black, both singer-songwriters. Rebecca has recently co-founded an independent children's press called Two Little Birds. One of Two Little Birds' initiatives is to provide literature for children who cannot afford books – for every book sold, they donate a book to children in need.

Ed Emberley is the author and illustrator of more than 80 books, including the bestselling *Go Away, Big Green Monster!* and his enormously popular Drawing Book series. He has received many awards and accolades, including a Caldecott Honor in 1967 for *One Wide River to Cross* and a Caldecott Medal in 1968 for *Drummer Hoff*.

Rebecca and Ed have created several books **together**, including *If You're a Monster and You Know It*, *Ten Little Beasties*, *Mice On Ice*, *Chicken Little*, *The Ant and the Grasshopper*, *The Red Hen* and *The Crocodile and the Scorpion*.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR KIDFILM CO-CHAIRS!



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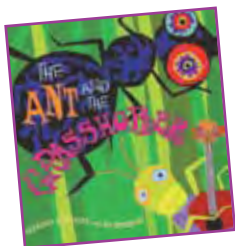
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Gail Terrell
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Mom, 3 kids,
4 grandkids,
5 great-grandkids

These great ladies help organize the KidFilm community programs.

SATURDAY JANUARY 25, 2014



12:30pm BOOKS ON THE BIG SCREEN!

MEET AUTHORS REBECCA & ED EMBERLEY and receive a FREE book!

The Emberleys' works, *Chicken Little*, *The Ant and the Grasshopper*, *The Red Hen* and Ed's Caldecott Medal winning *Drummer Hoff*, come to life on the big screen in film adaptations from Weston Woods Studios and Scholastic Media. Following the screening of four short films, Rebecca and Ed will read their newest book, *The Crocodile and the Scorpion*, with the audience.

All Ages. FREE books (while supplies last).
30 min. of films + book signing with Rebecca & Ed!

12:30pm FAVORITE STORIES ANIMATED SHORT FILMS!

Join us for a fun-filled program of new (book-based) animated short films! Tag along with friends **BINK & GOLLIE: TWO FOR ONE** and **HOORAY FOR AMANDA AND HER ALLIGATOR**, discover if a fly can be a pet (not just a pest) with **HII FLY GUY**, watch Jasper Rabbit outsmart some **CREEPY CARROTS!**, learn the importance of giving with **TOO MANY TOYS**, and help a bear find his hat with **I WANT MY HAT BACK**. KidFilm is proud to salute our friends at **Weston Woods Studios on their 60th Anniversary** with this special program. 63 min. All Ages.



2:30pm ERNEST & CELESTINE (presented in English)

Based on the popular Belgian children's books, this exquisitely crafted animated film tells the tale of an unlikely friendship that spans worlds and species. Spirited, orphaned young mouse Celestine must reluctantly put aside her budding artistic inclinations to devote herself to her training as a dentist. Meanwhile, Ernest the bear, a reclusive and curmudgeonly musician-poet, lives in a secluded woodland cottage, only venturing out into town to find his next meal. It is well-known that mice and bears are never to mingle, so when the two unexpectedly cross paths and form an unlikely but inseparable friendship, it naturally incites the disapproval of their respective town elders. Will Ernest and Celestine's unshakable bond be powerful enough to topple the long-standing barriers between their two worlds? Featuring the voices of Paul Giamatti, William H. Macy, Megan Mullally, Nick Offerman and Forest Whitaker. *Ernest & Celestine* will be released in April 2014. 80 min. All Ages.

2:30pm THE LEGO MOVIE in 3D!

The first ever full-length theatrical LEGO adventure! This original 3D computer animated story follows Emmet, an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average LEGO minifigure who is mistakenly identified as the most extraordinary person and the key to saving the world. Emmet is drafted into a fellowship of strangers on an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant, a journey for which he is hopelessly and hilariously underprepared. Featuring the voices of Chris Pratt, Will Ferrell, Liam Neeson, Morgan Freeman, Elizabeth Banks, Will Arnett, Nick Offerman, Alison Brie and Charlie Day. *The LEGO Movie* opens in theaters on February 7th. 94 min. All Ages.



4:30pm KHUMBA

Life is not all black and white for Khumba, a young zebra born with only half his stripes. When his superstitious herd blames him for the sudden drought affecting the land, Khumba teams up with a sassy wildebeest and a flamboyant ostrich to find the legendary waterhole where the first zebras got their stripes. On his daring quest across the Great Karoo desert, Khumba meets a host of quirky characters and comes face-to-face with a tyrannical leopard in an epic battle to earn his stripes. Khumba must find the courage and self-acceptance to save all the animals of the Great Karoo. Featuring the voices of Jake T. Austin, AnnaSophia Robb, Liam Neeson, Steve Buscemi and Laurence Fishburne. *Khumba* can be purchased exclusively at Walmart and will be released on Video On Demand on February 11th. 84 min. All Ages.

4:30pm A PONY TALE

Sixteen-year-old Juliet lives on a ranch with her loving stepmother and two irritating stepbrothers. Since her father passed away, the ranch has been going downhill, until -- in an act of desperation -- her stepmother agrees to entertain an offer from a greedy businessman rather than face foreclosure. But Juliet thinks she has a secret that could keep the ranch open: her horse, Horatio, can talk! *A Pony Tale* will be released on Video On Demand and DVD on January 28th. 89 min. Ages 8 and up.



SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2014



12:30pm ABNER THE INVISIBLE DOG

It's Chad's 13th birthday and he has just discovered a big surprise! Due to a top secret formula that accidentally fell into Chad's hands, his best friend, Abner, a big, furry sheepdog, can vanish into thin air! Not only is Abner invisible, but he can talk, too! (And he's a bit of a wise guy.) Science nerd Chad already has enough problems fighting off two bullies who want to wreck his chances with the cute girl next door. Now he has to hide an invisible, talking dog from his parents and figure out how to get everything back to normal, all the while outwitting a pair of clumsy crooks determined to steal the top secret formula in this lively tale. Co-Starring David DeLuise of *The Wizards of Waverly Place*.

Producer Andrew Stevens in attendance. 90 min. Ages 6 and up.

12:30pm ANIMATED ADVENTURES

Fly away on a magical adventure with **THE SNOWMAN AND THE SNOWDOG**; follow a baby elephant searching for his family in the beautiful **AHCO ON THE ROAD**; and celebrate diversity with the charming **JILLIAN DILLON**, the hippopotamus.

40 min. All Ages.

1:30pm LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM SHOWCASE

Three films featuring three brave boys who dare to forge their own paths. See the moon find its way home in **LITTLE MOON LOST**; build a rocket while exploring an unlikely friendship with **ROCKETSHIP**; and learn the meaning of family in **JAKE & JASPER: A FERRET TALE**. 45 min. Ages 5 and up.



2:30pm OTTO THE RHINO

Based on the popular Danish children's book, *Otto the Rhino* follows Topper, a young boy with a vivid imagination. After finding a pencil, he soon discovers that it has magic powers when his drawing of a rhino is suddenly standing alive and hungry in the middle of his apartment! With his best friend's birthday just around the corner, Topper realizes that the enormous "Otto" would make for the perfect gift. But how does he keep Otto the Rhino hidden, let alone sneak him across town? Life in this sleepy seaside village is about to be completely shaken up!

Otto the Rhino will be released on Video On Demand and DVD on February 18th. 77 min. All Ages.

2:30pm DWEGONS AND LEPRECHAUNS

Dwegons are fun, lovable, miniature creatures that are direct descendants of leprechauns. They visit our world from the fantastical "Dwegonland" located deep under the earth's surface, with only a few existing entrances that most people never find...except for the Fitzgeralds. Just when it seems their luck is running out, the Fitzgerald family from Chicago inherits an old Victorian home in California. The Fitzgeralds decide to turn the house into a new Bed and Breakfast, but little do they know, the house is filled with Dwegons! The Fitzgeralds and Dwegons become friends, but can they outsmart two Russian art thieves and restore peace to all of Dwegonland? Featuring the voice of Academy-Award winner Melissa Leo. 97 min.

Ages 6 and up.



4:30pm THE MUPPET MOVIE (1979)

KidFilmClassics Special Sing-a-Long Screening!

Join Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear, and the Great Gonzo as they head out for Hollywood with dreams of stardom twinkling in their eyes! Filled with tons of fun songs by Paul Williams, including perennial favorite "The Rainbow Connection," come follow the (mis)adventures of the Muppet gang as they journey to The City of Lights, all the while being pursued by evil fast-food mogul Doc Hopper (a hilarious Charles Durning) who wants Kermit to promote his fried frog-leg franchise! Featuring cameos by Steve Martin, Richard Pryor, Bob Hope, Carol Kane, Telly Savalas, Madeline Kahn, Orson Welles, Mel Brooks, and more. 90 min. All ages.

4:30pm MY DOG THE CHAMPION

Madison is a spoiled big city 16-year-old with a full teenage social life. But when her mom is deployed overseas for three months, Maddy is sent to live with her hard-nosed grandfather at his rural cattle ranch. In this strange place with no Wi-Fi, Maddy meets cute 17-year-old dog trainer Eli, gets a lesson in love and respect from her stubborn grandpa, and forms a bond with an old cattle dog who just may have the potential to be a blue ribbon champion. Through their mutual sense of displacement, Maddy and the cattle dog form a special bond in this heartwarming story about the meaning of family, the courage of outcasts, and the promise of new beginnings. Starring Dora Madison Burge (*Friday Night Lights*), Cody Linley (*Hannah Montana*) and Lance Henriksen. Producer Farah White in attendance. 87 min. This film is approved for all ages by the Dove Foundation.



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