

FACTS Travel the World as a *Facets Film Ambassador* Judge Movies in Italy or Canada or India! Make a Movie in Korea!

Facets gives YOU the opportunity to visit another country as a *Facets Film Ambassador* international film festival youth delegate. Facets has collaborative partnerships with film festivals in Italy, Canada, India, and Korea that will allow us to send lucky delegates to jury films, attend filmmaking workshops, and much more! Below, please find more information on the opportunities and details on how to apply for a chance to participate!

Giffoni International Film Festival – Giffoni, Italy www.giffoniff.it

July 12-21, 2011 (travel: July 10-July 23)

Giffoni, Italy, the largest children's film festival in Europe, annually pushes the envelope with cutting edge cinema for youth and a child & teen jury of over 900 participants. With film screenings each day & concerts each night, Jury members will be immersed in Italian culture and make new friends from around the world.

- 2 delegates will be chosen ages 13-15 (Born from August 1 1995 to July 31 1998)
- 2 delegates will be chosen ages 16-17 (Born from July 21 1993 to July 31 1995)

Seoul International Youth Filmmaking Camp – Seoul, Korea <http://www.siyff.com/>

July 7-13, 2011 (travel: July 5-14)

Teens ages 13 - 18, also have the opportunity to attend the International Youth Filmmaking Camp in Seoul, Korea, where they will make a short film and screen it at the Seoul International Youth Film Festival.

- 3 delegates will be chosen ages 13-17

Carrousel International Film Festival of Rimouski – Rimouski, Quebec, Canada <http://www.carrousel.qc.ca/>

Approx. Dates: Sept. 24 – Oct. 2, 2011 (approx. travel dates: Sept 23 – Oct 3)

The Children's Carrousel International Film Festival in Rimouski, Canada is a week-long extravaganza with film screenings and workshops. But make sure you "Parlez vous français" because you will need to have an intermediate to fluent knowledge of French to attend.

- 1-2 delegates will be chosen, ages 13-17
- delegates must be speak French at an intermediate to fluent level

Golden Elephant Film Festival – Hyderabad, India www.cfsindia.org

November, 2011 - dates TBA (travel: TBA)

The Golden Elephant Film Festival is dedicated to films produced internationally for children and youth. The bi-annual event organized by the Children's Film Society of India, and is one of the premiere festivals of movies for young people, in the world. The Festival attracts audiences in the thousands and welcomes over 300 children from all over India to participate in their Jury.

- 4-6 delegates will be chosen ages 13-17

Don't Miss the Audition!

Auditions will take place **soon** for the chance to attend one of these three international children's film festivals. Teens eligible for these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities must be Facets Kids Film Camp graduate, signed up for FKFC this year, or complete a special media education training session through Facets!

- **ALL opportunities are age-specific.** See information above.
- **Participants are responsible for cost of air transportation to and from host country and spending money.** When in host country, participants will be provided accommodations (via homestay or hotel), transportation to and from events, and some meals.
- **Participants will be required to give written and verbal reviews** of films appropriate to their age group. *English is spoken at the Italian, Korean & Indian events but only French will be spoken at the Canadian festival.*
- **Participants will be asked to complete a journal about their experience** & the films they see. They may also be asked for print and television press interviews in the US and abroad.

Interested? Contact Kathleen Beckman at 773-281-9075 ext. 3037 or kidsfest@facets.org to RSVP.

Interviews

Thursday, May 5, 6pm at Facets (1517 W. Fullerton, Chicago). The audition should take about 1 – 1 1/2 hours.

To qualify for an audition:

- a. Your child must be of the appropriate age range for the opportunity (see top section for details).
- b. Your child must be currently enrolled in Facets Kids Film Camp, a graduate of Facets Kids Film Camp, or complete a special media education training session through Facets. *For those currently enrolled in Facets Kids Film Camp, you must participate in Session 1 to be eligible for the Italy and Korea trips.*
- c. Participants families must have funds available for airline ticket cost (cost varies annually & per destination but typically is between \$900-\$1800 for Italy, Korea & India), and spending money (\$200-\$500).
- d. Participants must have a valid passport or be able to obtain a valid passport prior to time of travel.

In the meeting, parents and children will have the opportunity to find out more about these travel opportunities, about what it means to be a youth delegate, about the process of travel internationally (passport, accommodations, transportation, costs), and about what an average day at these events is like. Parents and children will also have the opportunity to speak with parents and their kids who have attended these festivals in the past.

The audition will offer the candidates a brief introduction to media education & will include verbal discussion about a film, a written review, and an individual on-camera review.

- 1. Children who have been selected will be contacted within two weeks.** Participants must have a valid passport to travel.
- 2. Children selected must complete Facets Kids Film Camp or other media education training session through Facets.**
- 3. A final meeting will be held with the selected participants (& their parents) in the weeks prior to travel.** At the meeting, delegates and their families will have a chance to meet, delegates will be informed of their responsibilities, and questions will be answered by Festival staff and a past delegate & chaperone about the event they are attending.
- 4. A request for chaperones goes out to all families of delegates.** Those interested in chaperoning the group should contact Kathleen at kidsfest@facets.org
- 5. All International Delegates ages 13 & 14 are invited to participate in the CICFF's Children's Jury the first 2 weeks of August.**

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