

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

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!

The Facets Film Ambassadors program is an extraordinary immersion into the culture and language of the host country/region. Furthermore, Film Ambassadors have the unique multi-cultural experience of screening dozens of international films as well as the opportunity to discuss and critique the films with other youth delegates attending from around the globe. Join us in helping your child experience the 'world of cinema'.

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

2013 Dates – July 19-28, 2013 (travel dates: July 17-29, 2013; arrive in Italy July 18 into Naples)

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, 1997 to July 31, 2000)
- 1 delegates will be chosen ages 16-17 (Born from July 19, 1995 to July 31 1997)

Seoul International Youth Film Festival – Seoul, Korea <http://www.siyff.com/>

2013 Dates – August 22 – 29, 2013 (approximate travel: August 20-30, 2013)

Teens ages 13 - 18, have the opportunity to be a part of the youth jury of the Seoul International Youth Film Festival.

- 2 delegates may be chosen ages 13-18

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

2013 Dates – September 22-29, 2013 (approximate travel: Sept 20 – Sept 30, 2013)

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

International Children's Film Festival India – Hyderabad, India www.cfsindia.org

2013 Dates - TBA (2013 dates: November, 14 – 20, 2013 (approx. travel dates: November 12 – 21, 2013)

The International Children's Film Festival India (a.k.a. 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.

- 6-10 delegates may be chosen ages 13-17

Don't Miss the Interview!

Interviews 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 demonstrate their longstanding appreciation of cinema in the interview.

- **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 kids@facets.org or fill out & submit the 'International Delegate Application'.

(Group) Interviews

Interview date TBA (spring) - Interviews take place 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 (please ask about at the interview).
- c. Participants families must have funds available for airline ticket cost (cost varies annually & per destination but typically is between \$900-\$1800), 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 interview 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 kids@facets.org
- 5. All International Delegates ages 13-14 are invited to participate in the CICFF's Children's Jury in August.**

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