

REEL CANADA

FILMS FOR YOUNG VIEWERS

LANGUAGE AVAILABILITY AND GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Thank you for your interest in the REEL CANADA program! Below, you will find a variety of options that are appropriate for audiences aged 4-14. We encourage you to click through this list to see the films we have available, and you can see our full list of films <u>here</u>.

Film Title	Original Language		Dubbing		Subtitling/ Closed Captioning		Recommended Grade Level
	Eng	Fr	Eng	Fr	Eng	Fr	
Angry Inuk	Х		X		Х	Х	Grades 7 - 8
Anne of Green Gables	X			Х	Х		Grades 5 - 8
April and the Extraordinary World (Avril et le monde truqué)	X	х					Grades 6 - 8
Babar: King of the Elephants (Babar: roi des éléphants)	X						JK to Grade 3
<u>Babine</u>		х			Х		Grades 6 -8
Ballerina (Leap!)	Х	х			Х	Х	JK to Grade 5
A Bear Named Winnie	Х			Х			Grades 3 - 8
<u>The Breadwinner (Parvana : Une enfance en Afghanistan)</u>	Х	Х			Х		Grades 5 - 8
<u>Breakaway</u>	Х			Х	Х	Х	Grades 5 - 8
<u>Le coq de St-Victor</u> (The Rooster of St. Victor)		Х			Х	Х	JK to Grade 3
Corner Gas: The Movie	X				Х		Grades 7 - 8



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	Eng	Fr	Eng	Fr	Eng	Fr	
<u>Fido</u>	Х			Х			Grades 7 - 8
Franklin and the Turtle Lake Treasure (Benjamin et le trésor du lac)	Х	Х					JK to Grade 3
The Grand Seduction	Х			Х	х	Х	Grades 7 - 8
Inside Hana's Suitcase	X						Grades 7 - 8
Iron Road	Х						Grades 7 - 8
<u>Le Journal d'Aurélie Laflamme</u> (The Journal of Aurélie <u>Laflamme)</u>		х			Х	Х	Grades 7 - 8
Kayak to Klemtu	Х						Grades 6 - 8
The Little Bear Movie (Petit Ours)	Х	x			х		JK to Grade 3
Louis Cyr : L'homme le plus fort du monde (Louis Cyr: The Strongest Man in the World)		Х			х	х	Grades 5 - 8
The Man Who Invented Christmas	Х				Х		Grades 7 - 8
Mighty Jerome	X					Х	Grades 7 - 8
<u>La mysterieuse Mademoiselle C</u> (The Mysterious Miss C.)		Х					Grades 3 - 8
Pippi Longstocking: The Movie (Fifi Brindacier)	Х						JK to Grade 3
Racetime (La course des tuques)	Х	Х					JK to Grade 7



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	Eng	Fr	Eng	Fr	Eng	Fr	
The Rocket (Maurice Richard)	Bilingual: English and French			x	х		Grades 7 - 8
Score: A Hockey Musical	х			Х	Х	Х	Grades 6 - 8
Sharkwater	х			Х	Х	Х	Grades 7 - 8
Short Film Programme	We offer curated shorts film programmes for all ages.						JK to Grade 8
Snowtime! (La guerre des tuques)	х	Х					JK to Grade 7
Wapos Bay: Long Goodbyes	х			Х	Х		Grades 3 – 8
The Whale	х						Grades 7 – 8
Window Horses	х					Х	Grades 7 – 8



FILM SYNOPSES

ANGRY INUK

Director: Alethea Arnaquq-Baril | Year: 2016 | Documentary | Rating: G | 85 minutes Recommended for grades 7 to 8

We all know about the terrible "brutality" of the arctic seal hunt — or do we? Turns out there are other sides to this story: It's the story of families that need to be fed, the story of a hunting practice that began centuries ago, and the story of a tradition that is central to the economy and food security of Inuit communities in the Canadian Arctic. *Angry Inuk* contains a story that's over 4,000 years old.

The seal hunt is not exactly a laughing matter, but humour and technical savvy go a long way to debunk certain claims. Wryly tackling both misinformation and aggressive appeals to emotion, Inuk filmmaker Arnaquq-Baril equips herself and her community with the powers of social media — and yes, #sealfies — to reframe a controversial topic as a cultural issue in this 2016 Audience Awardwinning Hot Docs hit.

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

Director: Kevin Sullivan | Year: 1985 | Rating: G | 199 minutes Recommended for grades 5 to 8

On turn-of-the-20th-century Prince Edward Island, siblings Matthew (Richard Farnsworth) and Marilla Cuthbert (Colleen Dewhurst) decide to take in an orphaned boy to help them on their farm. Instead, they get freckle-faced, red-haired Anne Shirley (Megan Follows). The stubborn and outspoken 11-year-old girl's fiery spirit and imagination are sure to turn life upside down on the peaceful island, and add a lot of love into the Cuthberts' lives.

So begins Anne of Green Gables, one of the most beloved stories in Canadian literature for readers of all ages. This mini-series adaptation of Lucy Maud Montgomery's series of novels — one of the highest-rated broadcasts in Canadian television history — features Megan Follows in the title role, who has since gone on to become one of Canada's most critically acclaimed actors.

Please note the long running time of this selection, which was originally produced as a miniseries and can be screened in episodes instead of all at once.



APRIL AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WORLD (AVRIL ET LE MONDE TRUQUÉ)

Director: Christian Desmares, Franck Ekinci | Year: 2015 | Animation | Rating: PG | 105 minutes Recommended for grades 6 to 8

It's 1941 in an alternative history of Europe, where pollution has ravaged the world and technology has not progressed since the steam engine. A brilliant teenage girl named April (voiced by Oscarwinner Marion Cotillard), who lives on the streets of Paris, has been trying to find her parents, scientists who disappeared while working on a top secret project.

Her search lands her deep in a sinister criminal plot. Luckily, she is joined on her adventure by her grandfather, her talking cat Darwin and a mysterious boy named Julius. Together, this band of unlikely heroes might just save the world.

Crafted in stunning animation, this imaginative adventure story will thrill audiences of all ages.

BABAR: KING OF THE ELEPHANTS (BABAR: ROI DES ÉLÉPHANTS)

Director: Raymond Jafelice | Year: 1999 | Animation | Rating: G | 80 minutes Recommended for JK to grade 3

Based on the classic novels and TV series, this feature film tells how Babar came to be the king of the elephants. After losing his mother, Babar finds himself in the big city where a kind stranger offers to raise him and give him an education. When he meets friends from his past, he returns to the forest where he helps solve a series of animal conflicts, and begins to build his amazing kingdom.

First released in 1931, *The Babar* series is a global phenomenon with millions of fans across multiple generations. *Babar: King of the Elephants* continues the series' tradition of teaching important lessons in a fun and smart way.

BABINE

Director: Luc Picard | Year: 2008 | Live Action | Rating: PG | 112 minutes Recommended for grades 6 to 8

In the small village of Saint-Élie-de-Caxton, whenever something bad happens, the villagers blame Babine, the son of the village witch. Babine was born an outsider, and has spent his life being teased. When the local church burns down, the new priest becomes determined to find the culprit, and puts the blame on Babine, deciding he must be punished once and for all.



Babine is an offbeat comedy and a charming fairy tale filled with eccentric characters and has a strong message of acceptance that will resonate with audiences of all ages.

BALLERINA (LEAP!)

Director: Éric Summer, Éric Warin | Year: 2016 | Animation | Rating: G | 89 minutes Recommended for JK to Grade 5

Eleven-year-old orphan Félicie (Elle Fanning) has one dream: to go to Paris and become a dancer. Her best friend Victor (Nat Wolff), a highly imaginative boy, has a dream of his own: to become a famous inventor. In a leap of faith, Victor and Félicie leave their orphanage in pursuit of their passions. But there's a catch — Félicie must pretend to be the child of a wealthy family in order to get into a prestigious ballet school, where she quickly learns that talent alone is not enough to overcome the ruthless attitudes of her fellow classmates, led by Camille le Haut (Maddie Ziegler) and her wicked mother, Régine (Kate McKinnon).

Determined to succeed, Félicie finds her mentor in the tough and mysterious school custodian, Odette (Carly Rae Jepsen), who, along with Victor's encouraging friendship, helps her reach for the stars.

A BEAR NAMED WINNIE

Director: John Kent Harrison | Year: 2004 | Live action | Rating: NR | 90 minutes Recommended for grades 3 to 8

Based on the true story behind author A.A. Milne's beloved character *Winnie the Pooh*, this is a tale of the remarkable friendship between a Canadian soldier and the cub that stood as a symbol of friendship and hope in a world plagued by war. It was during the early days of World War I that veterinarian Lieutenant Harry Colebourn (Michael Fassbender) purchased a small bear cub and named her Winnie after his hometown of Winnipeg.

As the specter of war looms heavy in the conscience of the citizens and children of London, Winnie becomes the star attraction at the zoo. When a man named A.A. Milne brings his young son to visit the zoo, the story of the bear and her friendship with a faraway soldier inspires him to create one of the most beloved characters in the history of children's literature.



THE BREADWINNER (PARVANA: UNE ENFANCE EN AFGHANISTAN)

Director: Nora Twomey | Year: 2017 | Animation | Rating PG | 94 minutes

Recommended for grades 5 and 8

Parvana (Saara Chaudry) is an 11-year-old girl growing up under Taliban rule in Afghanistan in 2001. When her father is wrongfully arrested, Parvana cuts off her hair and dresses like a boy in order to be able to get a job and help to support her family. Working alongside her friend Shauzia, Parvana discovers a new world of freedom and danger. With courage and imagination, Parvana draws strength from the fantastical stories she invents, as she embarks on a quest to find her father and reunite her family.

Based on children's novel by Deborah Ellis, *The Breadwinner* is an inspiring and beautifully animated tale about the power of stories to sustain hope and carry us through dark times.

The Breadwinner has been nominated for 38 international awards, including six Canadian Screen Awards and an Academy Award for Best Animated Feature.

BREAKAWAY

Director: Robert Lieberman | Year: 2011 | Live action | Rating: PG | 101 minutes Recommended for grades 5 to 8

Rajveer Singh (Vinay Virmani) is struggling to balance the wishes of his traditional Sikh family and his own true passion for hockey. Raj and his friends play only for fun, held back by the prejudice and mockery of other teams as their turban-clad crew steps onto the ice. Enter Coach Dan Winters (Rob Lowe) and soon the Speedy Singhs are competing in a real tournament, while Raj is falling in love with the coach's beautiful sister, Melissa (Camilla Belle).

"I got to meet Vinay Virmani, and it made me so happy. I will never forget it. I was just the happiest person ever. I LOVE REEL CANADA!" — Grade 9 student, John Oliver SS, Vancouver

LE COQ DE ST-VICTOR (THE ROOSTER OF ST-VICTOR)

Director: Pierre Greco | Year: 2014 | Animated | Rating: G | 80 minutes

Recommended for JK to Grade 3

In the village of St-Victor, no one needs an alarm clock because the mayor has a very punctual (and very loud!) rooster, who wakes the whole village up at 4 AM every single day. When a few tired and disgruntled villagers hatch a scheme to get rid of the rooster, the wily mayor of a neighbouring village offers to exchange his donkey for their bird.



Initially delighted, the villagers soon come to regret their choice, as St-Victor is thrown into chaos – the baker doesn't bake, the deliveryman doesn't deliver, and absolutely nothing is working like clockwork! Now they must come up with a new plan to rescue their trusty rooster and bring balance and prosperity back to St-Victor.

CORNER GAS: THE MOVIE

Director: David Storey | Year: 2014 | Live action | Rating: PG | 95 minutes. Recommended for grades 7 to 8

Times get tough in Dog River, Sask., when Mayor Fitzy blows the town's budget on a risky investment. With no electricity, no water and local businesses dropping like flies, the town's residents have no choice but to pull together to keep their beloved hometown from going under.

Suddenly, the normally-apathetic Brent (Brent Butt) is spurred into action, buying the shuttered town pub and entering Dog River into the "Quaintest Town in Canada" competition. With a chance to win \$75,000, the townsfolk make one last rally to best their arch-rival town of Wullerton, head off big corporate investors and "quaintify" the town. Will their efforts be enough?

Based on the Canadian Comedy Award-winning TV series — with all of your favourite characters returning for this big-screen reunion — the latest tale of Dog River is sure to charm, amuse and delight.

FIDO

Director: Andrew Currie | Year: 2006 | Live action | Rating: 14A | 91 minutes. Recommended for grades 7 to 8

Welcome to Willard, an idyllic town lost in a strange and humourous 1950s parallel universe where the sun shines every day, everybody knows their neighbour and zombies carry the mail. Visually captivating, sly and clever, *Fido* follows the Robinson family, who have been hesitant to get a zombie of their own even though everyone on the block has one. All that changes when Mom (Moss) buys Fido and the loveable brute becomes young Timmy's best friend. *Fido* is a zombie comedy like no other — a funny, satirical and refreshing movie with an all-star cast and a standout performance by Billy Connolly as Fido.



FRANKLIN AND THE TURTLE LAKE TREASURE (BENJAMIN ET LE TRÉSOR DU LAC)

Director: Dominique Monfery | Year: 2006 | Animation | Rating: G | 78 minutes. Recommended for JK to grade 3

Franklin, a young and inquisitive turtle, finds his visit to his grandmother's house disrupted by his new cousin Sam who he instantly butts heads with. Their rivalry is put on hold, however, when Granny Turtle becomes ill and the family bands together to care for her. When she tells the kids a story about a time capsule at Turtle Lake that she buried when she was a child, Franklin and Sam devise a plan. The two cousins set out with some friends to find the buried treasure, hoping that when she sees it again, Granny Turtle will fully recover.

Based on the popular kids TV series, *Franklin and the Turtle Lake Treasure* is a fun and exciting adventure story for young audiences.

THE GRAND SEDUCTION

Director: Don McKellar | Year: 2013 | Live action | Rating: PG | 113 minutes. Recommended for grades 7 to 8

A funny and fresh English-language adaptation of the 2003 Quebecois comedy *La grande séduction*, this film tells the tale of a small fishing village on Canada's East Coast that must secure a new doctor in order to keep the community alive.

When city doctor Paul Lewis (Taylor Kitsch) arrives for a court-ordered trial residence, the townsfolk rally to charm and hoodwink him into staying. Under the guidance of an unemployed fisherman (Brendan Gleeson), they go to hilarious lengths to make it seem as though their sleepy town has everything Dr. Lewis could possibly want. Will the good doc fall for their tricks, or will he see through them to the truth about small-town life?

The Grand Seduction was nominated for four Canadian Screen Awards, including Best Picture.

INSIDE HANA'S SUITCASE

Director: Larry Weinstein | Year: 2014 | Rating: PG | 88 minutes. Recommended for grades 7 to 8

Based on the internationally acclaimed book *Hana's Suitcase*, this poignant documentary tells the tale of George and Hana Brady, two young children who grew up in pre-WWII Czechoslovakia, and the terrible hardships they endured because they were Jewish.



When Fumiko Ishioka, a teacher in Japan, requests artifacts from a Holocaust museum to illustrate the history of WWII to her students, one item she receives is a suitcase labelled "Hana Brady." As she and her students unravel Hana's story, the film seamlessly transports audiences through 70 years of history, back and forth across three continents.

IRON ROAD

Director: David Wu | Year: 2009 | Live action | Rating: G | 99 minutes Recommended for grades 7 to 8

A tale of forbidden love set against the building of the Canadian railway in the 1880s, *Iron Road* tells the story of a Chinese woman (Sun Li) who disguises herself as a man and persuades the son of a railroad tycoon (Luke Macfarlane) to hire her onto the explosives crew. Soon, though, she finds herself falling in love with him, and as the physical terrain becomes more dangerous, so does the landscape of the heart.

Beautifully shot and featuring screen legend Peter O'Toole, Iron Road revisits an important and controversial time in Canadian history.

REEL CANADA is pleased to bring you the feature version of this epic tale, which was originally broadcast as a CBC miniseries.

LE JOURNAL D'AURÉLIE LAFLAMME (THE DIARY OF AURELIE LAFLAMME)

Director: Christian Laurence | Year: 2010 | Live action | Rating: G | 108 minutes Recommended for grades 7 to 8

She's shy, she's misunderstood — wait, hold that thought. Who's that cute boy behind the counter at the pet store? Fourteen-year-old Aurélie Laflamme (Marianne Verville) feels a little alien on this strange planet of ours, so when she makes a new friend, things begin to look up...to the stars, perhaps, where Aurélie imagines she's from.

Based on the first novel of Quebecois author India Desjardins, this quirky and endearing coming-ofage story about a girl lost in her own world is sure to delight.



KAYAK TO KLEMTU

Director: Zoe Leigh Hopkins (Heiltsuk/Mohawk) | Year: 2018 | Rating: PG | 90 minutes Recommended for grades 6 to 8

When a prominent Kitasoo/Xai'Xais activist passes away, his 14-year-old niece Ella (Ta'Kaiya Blaney) embarks on a kayak journey to take his ashes home to Klemtu. It's a race against the clock as Ella tries to make it back in time to give a speech protesting a proposed pipeline that would cross Indigenous land.

Ella is joined by her aunt, cousin and grumpy uncle (Lorne Cardinal), as the four paddle with all their might through the Inside Passage and past the shores of the Great Bear Rainforest. Join this family on the adventure of a lifetime that reflects on the importance of protecting our lands for future generations.

Winner of the 2017 imagineNATIVE Audience Choice Award.

THE LITTLE BEAR MOVIE (PETIT OURS)

Director: Raymond Jafelice | Year: 2001 | Animation | Rating: G | 75 minutes Recommended for JK to grade 3

While on a camping trip, Little Bear and his father find a lost cub who has been separated from his parents by a storm. The two become fast friends, and after Cub saves Little Bear from a mountain lion named Trouble, the pair return to Little Bear's house to meet his pals Cat, Owl, Duck and Hen. The group of friends set out on an exciting adventure to find Cub's parents.

Based on the beloved book series by Else Holmelund Minarik and illustrated by Maurice Sendak, *The Little Bear Movie* is a rollicking adventure story, full of the joys and responsibilities of friendship and teamwork.

LOUIS CYR: L'HOMME LE PLUS FORT DU MONDE (LOUIS CYR: THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD)

Director: Daniel Roby | Year: 2013 | Live action | Rating: PG | 123 minutes Recommended for grades 5 to 8

In the late 19th century, after years of delighting crowds with astounding feats of strength, Louis Cyr (Antoine Bertrand) was considered the strongest man in the world. Based on his true story, this charming biopic recounts the many successes, heartbreaks and obstacles — both inside and out of the athletic arena — that Louis faced on his climb from obscurity to international fame.



Louis' best friend recounts the story to the strongman's estranged daughter — from Louis' poverty-stricken childhood through the ups and downs of his circus career — and shares with us the fascinating life of this Quebec hero.

The top-grossing film of the year in Quebec, *Louis Cyr* won two Canadian Screen Awards and nine Jutra Awards, including Best Film.

THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS

Director: Bharat Nalluri | Year: 2017 | Live action | Rating: PG | 104 minutes Recommended for grades 7 to 8

After a string of flops, Charles Dickens (Dan Stevens of Downton Abbey) finds inspiration from his own life to write his most famous work, *A Christmas Carol*. With a tight deadline and doubt over how successful a Christmas book can be, Dickens must work around the clock, and ends up living out the novel's most famous scenes in his own study, in order to find the story that would come to be beloved by millions.

Also featuring screen legend Christopher Plummer as Ebenezer Scrooge, *The Man Who Invented Christmas* is a fascinating look behind the scenes of the creation of a classic and beloved novel, and a charming portrait of one of the most famous authors of all time.

MIGHTY JEROME

Director: Charles Officer | Year: 2010 | Documentary | Rating: NR | 84 minutes Recommended for grades 7 to 8

In 1959, at just 19 years of age, African Canadian Harry Jerome was Canada's most promising track and field star, on his way to the Olympics. By 1962, after a terrible leg injury, everyone feared his career was over. But Jerome was determined not to quit, starting what his coach called "the greatest comeback in track and field history."

A truly inspiring Canadian hero, Jerome kept running through years of personal, racial and political challenges, with a strength of character as impressive as his athletic ability. A deeply insightful documentary that tells the runner's story from his early days through to his sudden, tragic death.

Mighty Jerome will electrify all those who appreciate stories of courage and passion.



LA MYSTÉRIEUSE MADEMOISELLE C (THE MYSTERIOUS MISS C)

Director: Richard Ciupka | Year: 2015 | Live action | Rating: G | 108 minutes.

Recommended for grades 3 to 8

The newest supply teacher at St-Cécile Elementary School, known only as Miss C, is undeniably unusual. This was apparent from the moment she arrives at the school, soaked from head to toe while speaking to a small rock. With her boundless spirit and unparalleled imagination, Miss C. reinvigorates her class of students, and the school as a whole, by encouraging every child to embrace what makes them unique.

Based on the popular children's book series, *The Mysterious Miss C.* is a fun and heartwarming story that encourages kids to be positive, to use their imagination and to discover the joy of reading.

PIPPI LONGSTOCKING: THE MOVIE (FIFI BRINDACIER)

Director: Michael Schaack, Clive A. Smith | Year: 1997 | Animation | Rating: G | 75 minutes. Recommended for JK to grade 3

Nobody sees the world quite like Pippi Longstocking, an irrepressible and irresistible nine-year-old who also happens to be the strongest girl in the world. After travelling for years with her pirate father, Pippi settles down in a small town with her horse and her monkey, only to be rudely bothered by a meddling socialite and a couple of bumbling thieves out to get her father's treasure. Throughout everything, Pippi's boundless energy and wit make this a perfect story for all ages, complete with catchy musical numbers and memorable shenanigans.

Based on Astrid Lindgren's classic novel series, *Pippi Longstocking* continues to charm audiences and remains a positive role model for her indomitable spirit.

RACETIME (LA COURSE DES TUQUES)

Director:Benoit Godbout | Year: 2018 | Rating: G | 82minutes. Recommended for JK to Grade 7

Racetime is the sequel to the highly successful animated film Snowtime! (also available –see the next page for a synopsis), which was the highest-grossing film in Canada in 2015.

This fun and action-packed sequel is a wild romp through the trials and tribulations, passionate joys and little victories of childhood. Frankie and Sophieare teaming up for a spectacular sled race through the village, and this time they've got some new friends along for the ride, including the mysterious Zac and his athletic cousin Charly.



THE ROCKET (MAURICE RICHARD)

Director: Charles Binamé | Year: 2005 | Rating: PG | 124 minutes

Recommended for grades 7 to 8

The Rocket traces the meteoric rise of hockey legend Maurice Richard (Roy Dupuis), from his humble beginnings as a Montreal machinist during the Depression to star of the Canadiens and the greatest scorer in hockey. But this is much more than a sports movie.

Director Charles Binamé frames the story in a cultural context: It isn't until Richard, a man of few words, begins to speak his mind about the inequalities and prejudice directed toward French Canadians that he finds his voice. Many feel that the riots caused by Richard's suspension in 1955 were the spark that fuelled the Quiet Revolution in Quebec.

Nominated for 13 Genie Awards and winner of nine, this hockey blockbuster is chock-full of heart and history.

SCORE: A HOCKEY MUSICAL

Director: Michael McGowan | Year: 2010 | Live action | Rating: PG | 93 minutes

Recommended for grades 6 to 8

Not your average film about hockey, nor your average musical, *Score* delivers loads of action, laughs and romance. Seventeen-year-old Farley (Noah Reid) has the stick-handling skills of the next Sidney Crosby – not that Farley has any idea who Crosby is.

He's led a sheltered life, home-schooled by parents (Olivia Newton-John and Marc Jordan) whose idea of extra-curricular activities are trips to an art gallery or an ashram.

His only real friend is Eve (Allie MacDonald), the girl who's lived next door nearly his entire life. Much to the dismay of his parents, Farley loves to play shinny with the local rink rats (Dave Bidini and Hawksley Workman, among others). When the coach of a local hockey team (Stephen McHattie) spots him, Farley is drawn into the seductive hockey arena — while trying to stay true to his non-violent principles and juggling an ever-changing relationship with Eve.



SHARKWATER

Director: Rob Stewart | Year: 2006 | Documentary | Rating: PG | 89 minutes

Recommended for grades 7 to 8

Driven by a life-long fascination with sharks, filmmaker Rob Stewart sets out to dispel the myth that they're bloodthirsty, merciless monsters who prowl the seas in search of tasty swimmers. Filmed in gorgeous high-definition video, *Sharkwater* takes you into shark-filled oceans, exposing the true nature of sharks as well as the way human interference has turned this noble predator into prey. Stewart teams up with a rogue environmentalist group on a breathtaking adventure to battle shark poachers around the globe. His incredible journey will make you see sharks in a whole new light.

Winner of many Audience and Critics Choice awards at film festivals around the world.

SHORT FILM PROGRAMME

There is a wealth of short films in Canada – fiction and documentary, live action and animation – that we are excited to share with you. We offer shorts in English and French for every age group, as well as some with no dialogue that are appropriate for any age group. Our short film programme is a great way to introduce Canadian films to even the youngest viewers.

If you are interested in showing short films to your students, we want to help you select a perfect combination. Please get in touch and our programming team will work with you to put together a programme that's appropriate for your grade levels and works for the specific needs of your classroom, school or community.

SNOWTIME! (LA GUERRE DES TUQUES)

Director: André Melançon | Year: 2015 | Animation | Rating: G | 92 minutes Recommended for JK to Grade 7

This remake of the 1984 French Canadian classic *La guerre des tuques* (The Dog Who Stopped the War) catapults the story of the most epic snowball fight ever into the realm of 3D animation.

The result is a family-friendly contemporary hit full of chilly thrills, snow-fort hills, and a rollicking energy that is unstoppably fun. Fortunately, there's also a brilliant anti-war message packed in the ice that's sure to melt hearts.

Snowtime! (La Guerre des tuques) 3D was a bilingual box-office smash, winning the Golden Screen Award for being the highest-grossing Canadian film in 2015.



WAPOS BAY: LONG GOODBYES

Director: Dennis Jackson (Cree) | Year: 2011 | Animation | Rating: G | 72 minutes Recommended for grades 3 to 8

Life is changing in the Cree community of Wapos Bay, SK as Chief Big Sky gets elected National Chief, forcing the Marasti family to move to the big city. Unwilling to leave without a fight, Raven (Brass) secretly enters her dad into the race to be the new chief, much to the surprise of presumed frontrunner Jacob (Cardinal). Her lie quickly gets out of hand, and she must figure out how to stop it before it's too late!

Maintaining the hilarious and heart-warming tone as well as the unique style of the award-winning Wapos Bay tv series, *Long Goodbyes* went on to win the Kidscreen award for best TV Movie.

THE WHALE

Directors: Michael Parfit, Suzanne Chisholm | Year: 2010 | Documentary | Rating: G | 85 minutes | Recommended for grades 7 to 8

This touching documentary tells the story of a young killer whale, Luna, who gets separated from his family on the rugged west coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. As rambunctious and surprising as a visitor from another planet, Luna endears himself to the community with his determination to make contact, leading to many unexpected consequences.

The Whale charts the community's struggle to deal with Luna, since whales who are separated from their pods rarely survive in the wild.

WINDOW HORSES

Director: Ann Marie Fleming | Year: 2014 | Rating: G | 88 minutes. Recommended for grades 7 to 8

This extraordinary animated feature tells the tale of Rosie, a young Canadian poet of Chinese and Persian descent. Rosie lives in Vancouver with her Chinese grandparents and dreams of travelling and seeing the world.

When she receives an invitation to a poetry festival in Shiraz, Iran, Rosie embarks on a journey that unravels a personal mystery and brings her closer to her Persian roots.

Voiced by an all-star cast including Sandra Oh, Ellen Page and Don McKellar, *Window Horses* is a beautiful and poignant story about family, imagination, culture and finding your own voice.