

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets are \$3 (per program) for children & adults (\$2.50 for USA Film Festival members). Tickets for all programs are available at the Angelika Film Center, upstairs lobby sales table, beginning at **noon each day** for that day's shows only. **Cash sales only** (ATM located at theater).

For additional information, please call the **USA Film Festival at 214-821-FILM (3456)**.

During KidFilm, please inquire **in person** at the KidFilm ticket table inside the Angelika Film Center. (Please do **not** telephone the theater. They do not have KidFilm ticket information.)

Thanks to a special grant from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, all KidFilm tickets on **Sunday** will be made available at **NO COST** as part of the Festival's Outreach Programs.

KID FILM AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY - JANUARY 22

AUDITORIUM 1

12:30pm

Eleanor's Secret

2:30pm

A visit to the Black Lagoon!
Tribute to Mike Thaler and Jared Lee

4:30pm

Gnomeo and Juliet

AUDITORIUM 2

12:30pm

Summer Wars

3:00pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid
with actor Zachary Gordon

5:00pm

Grand Prix: The Winning Tale

SUNDAY - JANUARY 23

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Adventures of a Teenage Dragonslayer

2:30pm

White Lion

4:30pm

The Wizard of Oz
(Special sing-along version!)

AUDITORIUM 2

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First Dog

2:30pm

Carlitos and the Chance of a Lifetime
(Presented in Spanish with English subtitles)

5:00pm

Make Believe

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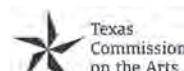


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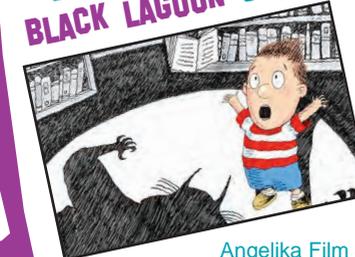
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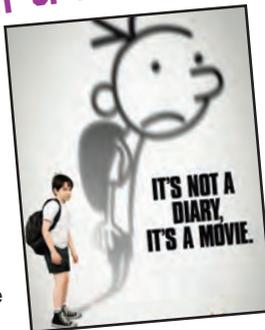
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MEET THE
CREATORS OF THE
BLACK LAGOON SERIES



MEET
ZACHARY GORDON
STAR OF
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID



Angelika Film Center
(In Mockingbird Station)
5321 E. Mockingbird Lane
Dallas, Texas

KIDFILM WELCOME

On January 22 and 23, 2011, the USA Film Festival will present the **27th Annual KidFilm**, the oldest and largest children's film festival in the United States. Film and video are our most accessible art forms and one of our most valuable teaching/learning tools. KidFilm gives audiences of all ages an important opportunity to see and discuss great films together!

MEET OUR SPECIAL GUESTS!



Tribute to Author & Illustrator MIKE THALER & JARED LEE

The festival is honored to host the wonderful children's book author Mike Thaler and illustrator Jared Lee, as we celebrate their 30th anniversary working together! Over the past three decades, Thaler and Lee's now classic Black Lagoon series of books have become some of school children, teachers, and parents' most beloved readers.

Come out and meet the dynamic duo of Thaler and Lee, receive a **FREE BOOK** and have it **autographed!**

Known as America's Riddle King, **Mike Thaler** is the author of the popular Black Lagoon books and the Heaven and Mirth series. He lives in Portland and travels nationally, speaking in schools, libraries, and churches.

Jared Lee has illustrated more than a hundred books for young readers, including the Black Lagoon series. He has received awards from the Society of Illustrators, The Martha Kinney Cooper Ohioana Library Association, The National Cartoonist Society, and more!

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID star ZACHARY GORDON

In 2007, Zachary Gordon made his film debut in *Georgia Rule*, starring Jane Fonda, Felicity Huffman, and Lindsay Lohan, and won the Young Artists Award for best supporting actor for his performance. Since then he has appeared in *National Treasure: Book of Secrets* and *The Brothers Bloom*. In his spare time, Zachary enjoys basketball, roller-skating, ping-pong and sixties music, especially The Beatles. He sings, dances (hip hop) and loves to read.

Like his character in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, Zachary began seventh grade this year. He has finished work on his upcoming film, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules*, set to be released in March 2011.



HONORARY CHAIRMAN

Dallas STARS BRAD RICHARDS

Dallas Stars Center Brad Richards is currently in his tenth season with the NHL and his fourth season in Dallas and one of the team's top playmakers. He won the Stanley Cup with Tampa Bay in 2004, captured the Conn Smythe Trophy as the MVP of the playoffs and won the Lady Byng Trophy the same year. The Festival is proud to salute Brad Richards for his athletic achievements and his philanthropic and charitable contributions to organizations in Dallas and his home of Prince Edward Island.



SATURDAY JANUARY 22, 2011



12:30pm ELEANOR'S SECRET

This enthralling animated film brings to life the tale of Nat, who loves stories, but is unable to read them himself! So when his Aunt Eleanor leaves him her attic library, he decides that it is useless to keep -- until he discovers that the library is magical, and the characters come to life! With the help of Alice in Wonderland, the Ogre, Peter Pan and other favorite storybook characters, he must retrieve the books and learn to read an ancient spell, otherwise the characters will disappear along with their stories forever. A rollicking adventure in which a boy's ability to read not only sets his imagination free, but saves the day! The beautifully animated, poignant, and intelligent film by Academy-Award-nominated French animator Dominique Monfery is an instant classic that will inspire the whole family. **In English. 76 min. All ages.**

12:30pm SUMMER WARS

From Mamoru Hosoda comes one of this year's most breathtaking films. Kenji is a typical teenage misfit, who spends most of his time hanging out in the all-powerful, online community known as OZ. His virtual life is the only life he has, until the girl of his dreams hijacks him to pretend to be her fiancée. Things only get stranger from there. A late-night email containing a cryptic mathematical riddle leads to the unleashing of a rogue AI intent on using the virtual world of OZ to destroy the real world, literally. As Armageddon looms, everyone must band together to save the worlds they inhabit. An official entry for Best Animated Feature at the 2011 Academy Awards, the film is a sci-fi fantasy, visually stunning example of Japanese animation. Produced by (Dallas-based) FUNimation Entertainment and featuring voice work from several local actors! **In English. 114 min. Ages 6 and up.**



2:30pm TRIBUTE TO AUTHOR MIKE THALER and ILLUSTRATOR JARED LEE

Meet Mike and Jared and receive a FREE book!

The Black Lagoon Series -- including the Teacher, Librarian and the Gym Teacher from the Black Lagoon -- come to life on the big screen in **three film adaptations** from Weston Woods Studios and Scholastic Media. The Lagoon books comprise some of the most loved books for elementary children, parents and teachers. The story of a nervous boy, Hubie, whose imagination runs away with him as he anticipates his first day of school based on horrible rumors he has heard about the new teachers! The outrageously funny book series were written by beloved author Mike Thaler and given visually loopy life by illustrator Jared Lee.

30 min of films + book signing. All Ages.
In attendance: Mike Thaler and Jared Lee.

3:00pm DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Meet the kid who made 'wimpy' cool in a motion picture based on the best-selling illustrated novel "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" by Jeff Kinney. The film chronicles the adventures of a wisecracking pre-teen Greg Heffley, who must somehow survive the scariest time of anyone's life...middle school. It's a place rigged with hundreds of social landmines, including morons, wedgies, swirlies, bullies -- and a festering piece of cheese with nuclear cooties. To survive the never-ending ordeal and attain the recognition and status he feels he so richly deserves, Greg devises an endless series of can't-miss schemes, all of which, of course, go awry. **94 min. Ages 7 and up. In attendance: Actor Zachary Gordon.**



4:30pm GNOMEO AND JULIET

The greatest love story ever told, starring...garden gnomes? In the upcoming "Gnomeo & Juliet," Shakespeare's revered tale gets a comical, off-the-wall makeover. Directed by Kelly Asbury ("Shrek 2") and showcasing both classic and original songs by Elton John, the film features the voices of James McAvoy and Emily Blunt as Gnomeo and Juliet, who have as many obstacles to overcome as their quasi namesakes when they are caught up in a feud between neighbors. But with plastic pink flamingos and thrilling lawnmower races in the mix, can this young couple find lasting happiness? **(A special taped introduction from director Kelly Asbury will precede the screening.) 83 min. All ages.**

5:00pm GRAND PRIX: WINNING TALE

A new marriage causes a single dad to move to the "Big City" with his 14 year-old daughter, Alice (Carlisle Studer). Alice could have been the most popular kid in her small town, but the move has landed her in the "Big City," a vastly more complicated place. Alice runs into trouble with the school bully, Rick (Sinjin Venegas). The only way to put Rick in his place is to beat him at his own game, go-kart racing. Equipped with a broken go-kart, Alice and her friends turn to Dom (Mack White), an older kid who used to be the "Go Kart King." As Dom teaches Alice that go-kart racing is not only about speed, but also maturity, Alice realizes that facing down the bullies will be the biggest challenge of her life. **(Written and directed by Robert Paschall, Jr.; the film was shot in the Dallas area.) 88 min. Ages 6 and up.**



SUNDAY JANUARY 23, 2011



12:30pm ADVENTURES OF A TEENAGE DRAGONSLAYER

Branded as a 'nerd' and harassed by the school bully, 12-year-old Arthur is rescued by a magical troll who knows that the boy unwittingly holds the secret to defeat an evil dragon. Arthur's loving mom, struggling to keep her devious ex-husband from gaining custody of Arthur, dismisses her son's 'fantasies' until she realizes the all-too-real immediate danger. She joins forces with Arthur, the troll, and a dashing but washed-up video-game master. Together, they hope to conquer the dragon and the wicked vice-principal who threaten civilization. **93 min. Ages 7 and up.**

12:30pm FIRST DOG

America's "First Dog," Teddy, is accidentally left behind after the President appears at a dedication ceremony. Thousands of miles from home, the dog is found by a young boy, Danny Milbright, who discovers that Teddy belongs to the President of the United States -- but no one believes him. So begins an exciting road adventure filled with hardships, friendships, and suspense, as Danny runs away from his foster home to return the First Dog to the White House -- because, "It's the right thing to do!" **94 min. Ages 7 and up.**



2:30pm WHITE LION

A young African boy named Gisani finds himself destined to protect a rare and magnificent white lion cub, Letsatsi, who is cast from his pride and is forced to survive on his own. Close to starvation, young Letsatsi befriends Nkulu, an older lion who teaches him how to survive in the harsh African wilderness. With Nkulu's help, Letsatsi grows from a young and naive lion cub into a magnificent adult. But before he can take over a pride of his own, Letsatsi must face his greatest challenge, a trophy hunter, for whom legends are worthless and rare skins priceless. **94 min. Ages 6 and up.**

2:30pm CARLITOS AND THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME (In Spanish with English subtitles.)

Carlitos is a 12-year old orphan boy with two dreams in life: to find a welcoming family and become a football player. When Hipolito, the headmaster of the orphanage, forbids Carlitos from attending the Spanish national soccer team tryouts, he is heartbroken. With the help of his friends and Diego (an orphanage employee who happens to be the team soccer coach), Carlitos may yet get his chance. Featuring all manner of zany antics and an edge-of-your-seat conclusion, Carlitos will touch the dreamer in everyone. **107 min. Ages 6 and up.**



5:00pm MAKE BELIEVE

This super entertaining documentary follows six of the world's best young magicians, as they embark from their various homes around the world -- California, Illinois, South Africa, Colorado and Japan -- to pursue the title of Teen World Champion at the World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas. Offstage, however, the teenagers face the diverse obstacles of adolescence: loneliness, high parental expectations, the pressures of impending stardom, abject poverty, and a deep desire to fit in. With humor, honesty, and heart, *Make Believe* reveals an enduring world that audiences know little about, while exploring a time of life no one ever forgets. **91 min. Ages 7 and up.**

4:30pm THE WIZARD OF OZ

Special Sing-along version!

Back by popular demand -- one of the greatest films of all time! If you've only ever seen Dorothy and Toto skip down the Yellow Brick Road on a TV screen, then you haven't REALLY seen *The Wizard of Oz*. Bring the whole family to sing-a-long (we're putting the lyrics on the screen for those who don't know them by heart) and journey to the Emerald City with the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion. And make sure to watch out for flying monkeys! **Kids are encouraged to come in costume as their favorite character! 87 min. All ages.**

