

### The Importance of Media Literacy

### Friday 25th of April, Kristiansand, Norway

The topic dealt with in the seminar is "Media Literacy in Film Festivals & Film Distribution. How can festivals and distributors manage to attract (more) schools to the screenings/films, and therefore offer/use media-educational materials?"

The European Children's Film Association (ECFA) had a media literacy seminar aimed at distributors, festivals and providers of media educational materials. At the seminar there were presentations of different Media Literacy programmes in Europe, and several festivals presented their works with school screenings. There was also a case-study of the Norwegian film "Trigger", which is currently distributed in different countries as Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands.

The seminar also offered a lecture on films and graphic novels by Dr. Mel Gibson, Senior Lecturer, Northumbria University. She looked into the world of graphic novels, comics and manga in relation to film, and talked more specifically about cross-media promotion and used a few key examples where schools in Britain have used these texts in work with pupils.

ECFA hopes that this seminar will have provided organisations, film distributors and festivals new input regarding media literacy and gave the opportunity to find ways for co-operation, on a national as well on an international level.

### Program:

### Media literacy programmes in Europe

A presentation of four different organisations that provide different educational tools on a local and national level.

### Presentations by:

Johan Holmberg, Folkets Bio Gothenburg, Sweden Marie Bourillon, Les Films du Préau, France (document) Jacob Breuning, Med skolen i biografen, Denmark (document) Elise Van Beurden, Lessons in the Dark/Jekino, Belgium

### To catch a school audience. Case study: Trigger

How did the distributors work to present the film Trigger to a school audience?

Presentations by: Rose-Marie Strand, Folkets Bio, Sweden SF Norge, Norway Jekino, Belgium (document) Twin Film, The Netherlands

### Manga, graphic novels and film

A look at the world of graphic novels and their cross-section with films. By Dr. Mel Gibson, Senior Lecturer, Northumbria University, UK

### From the schools' point of view

How should a festival or distributor present their films to the schools? Trond Heum, cand.philol., Sandefjord videregående skole, Norway (document)

### Film festivals and schools screenings

A presentation of four different festivals on their work with a school audience.

Presentations by:

Julie Ova, Films from the South Festival, Norway

Marion Schöffler, Children's Film Festival Schlingel, Germany (document)

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Adam Graham, Leeds Young People's Film Festival, UK Jerzy Moskowitz, Ale Kino!, Poland (document)

### **MEDIA** and Media Literacy

Niels B. Bekkhus, Assistant Programme Manager, DG Information Society and Media – European Commission (document)

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# les films du préau

Educational documents and materials

# Presentation of the company

 Films for small children (mostly from 2 to 7 years old)

 Programmes of short animation films or feature amination film

 Our main audience : family, nursery school and primary school



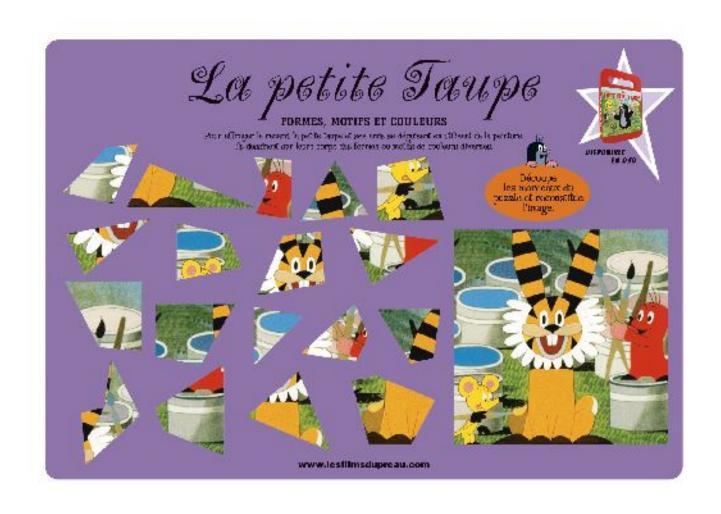
# documents

- Printed documents (on charge of theaters)
- Documents on our website. (free access)
- Exhibition (to buy or to rent)
- « Cadeaux enfants » :
   children gifts (on charge of
   theaters) (to be given to the
   kids after the screening)



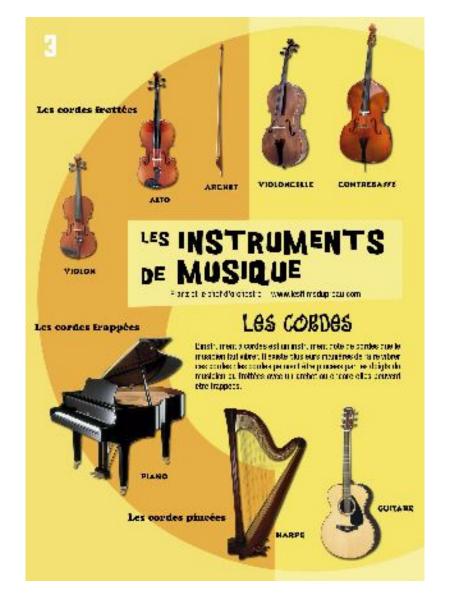
Documents about « The little mole » to be downloaded on our web site

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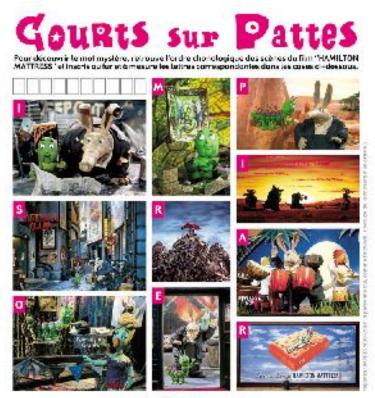
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# Gift for kids





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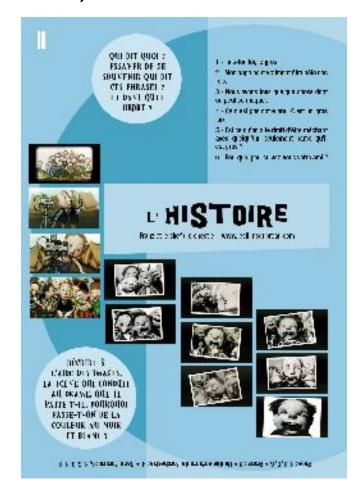


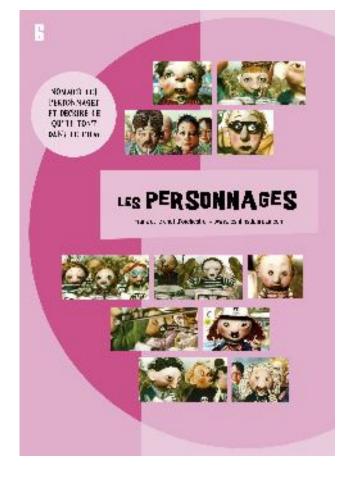
# The « pedagogic » documents

- Easy explanations to be used by everybody (teachers, parents...)
- A lot of images because small kids can't read
- Documents useful to talk about the films after the screening.
- A lot of games (with images or words)
- Main parts of the documents :
  - Remember the films and characters
  - The making of the film
  - Creation and imagination

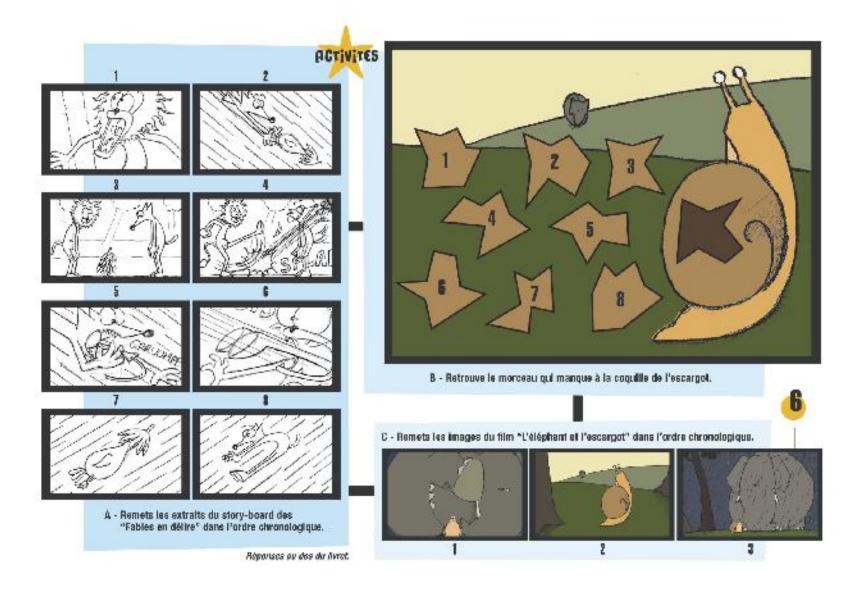
# Remember stories and characters

• A lot of images to remember the different films (programme of short films), the stories, the characters...





# Remember stories and characters



How to make an animation film?

- The different steps to make a film
- The different types of animation
- We try to have a lot of documents and materials from the authors (story-board, cut-out characters, making of the characters...)



# How to make an animation film?

1) LES ETAPES DE FABRICATION D'UN FILM





# How to make an animation film?

### LA TECHNIQUE D'ANIMATION : ÉLÉMENTS DÉCOUPÉS - MULTIPLANE



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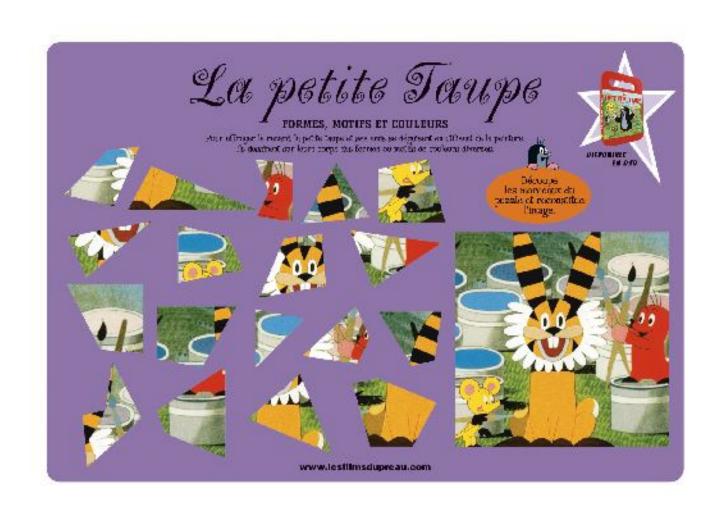
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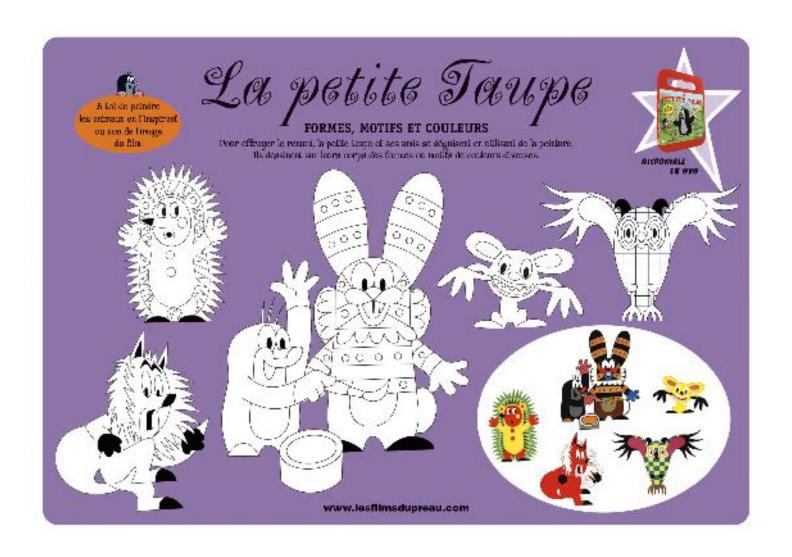
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# Creation and imagination



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# Med Skolen i Biografen

"With the School in the Cinema"

Jacob S. Breuning / Consultant / School Cinema

# **Danish Film Institute**

We Shall Overcome (Denmark, 2006)



# All children - All ages - All parts of the country

"... Media literacy is therefore essential. It is one of the basic cultural tools of the modern age, a place of education as well as entertainment. The cinema has become a classroom"

Dr. Christina Weiss, 2002, state minister for culture and the media, Germany

The Substitute (Denmark, 2007)



- Teaching materials, study guides and teacher training
- Courses, seminars and conferences for teachers
- Subsidies for organisations and activities in the field of media literacy
- General consulting services for teachers on media literacy
- FILM-X a computer-based, interactive film studio where children can experiment with various aspects of film production

Whale Rider (New Zealand, 2002)

### "With the School in the Cinema"

"Kids today see everything ... And I wish we could tell them a little bit how to read between the images - like we learnt from books how to read between the Lines."

Wim Wenders, film director, Germany

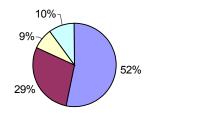




# "Without image thought is impossible"

Aristoteles (384-322 BC)

### School Cinema - Nationality, tickets sold

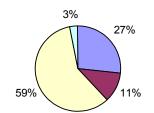




USA

□ Other

Commercial marked - Nationality, tickets sold





USA

Other

2000/2001; School Cinema began

2007/2008: 211,000 tickets sold

2003/2009:

75 % of cinemas and municipals

Island of Lost Souls (Denmark, 2007)

# **Cultural Diversity**

"I would call cinema a mirror of the world. What do we see in this mirror? We see ourselves. "

**Jeanne Moreau, actress, France** 

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8 Mile A Place Nearby A Time for Drunken Horses Adam's Apples Ae Fond Kiss...

AFR Albert

Alexander Ali Zoua: Prince of the Streets

Alpha Dog Amelie from Montmartre

American Beauty An Inconvenient Truth

Anastasia

Angels in Fast Motion

Anton

Art of Crying, The Before the Fall Bend it like Beckham

Best Man's Wedding, The

Bicycle Thief, The Billy Elliot

Black Pimpernel, The

Blade Runner Bonnie og Clyde

Borat ...

**Bowling for Columbine** Boy who wanted to be a Bear ...

Brother Bear Buster's World Casablanca Catch That Girl

Celebration, The Charlie and the Chocolate ...

Chicken Run Child, The

Chronicles of Namia ...

Citizen Kane Class Trip Count to 100 Counterfeiter, The

Crazy Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

Dear Wendy Downfall: Hitler and the ....

E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial Early Years Erik Nietzsche, The

East Is East

Element of Crime, The Elina: As If I Wasn't There

Evil

Eye of the Eagle

Farlig ungdom (Danish Title)

Fateless Fighter Finding Nemo Flickering Lights

Forbudt for børn (Danish Title)

Four Hundred Blows, The

Gasolin' General, The

Ghosts of Cité Soleil

Girlfiaht

Glass-blower's Children, The

Golden Ball, The Golden Horns, The Good Bye Lenin!

Good, the Bad and the Ugly .

Goodbye, Children Graduate, The

Hate

Heart of Light

Howl's Moving Castle

I'm Not Scared Innocent Voices Iron Giant, The

Island of lost Souls Island on Bird Street, The

Johnny Larsen Karla's World

Katja's Adventure

Kes

Ketchup Effect, The King of Masks, The

King's Game

Kirikou and the Sorceress Kirikou and the Wild Beasts

Kite Runner, The Legend of Rita

Life Hits

Life Is Beautiful

Little Big Girl

Little Miss Sunshine Lives of Others, The

Lola Runs

Lost Treasure of the Knights ...

Luther Machuca Madagascar Manslaughter

March of the Penguins Maria Full of Grace

Matrix, The Mean Creek Mean Girls

Messenger: (...) Joan of Arc

Midsummer Mighty, The 1iracle

Modern Times Monsters, Inc.

Munich

My Darling Clementine

My Neighbor Totoro

October Sky On Our Own One to One

Oskar & Josefine

Outside Love Paradise Now

Pellet

Percy, Buffalo Bill and I

Persepolis

Pettson and Findus

Psvcho

Pure Hearts

Rabbit-Proof Fence Raining Cats and Frogs

Return, The Rich Kids

Road to Guantanamo, The

Robots

Rubber Tarzan

Scars

Kirikou and the Wild Beast's (France 2005)

Seven Samurai, The Show Me Love Shrek

Sicko

Singin' in the Rain

Skymaster

Someone like Hodder

Somersault

Sophie Scholl: The Final Days

Sophie's World Spirited Away Substitute, The

Super Size Me Sweet Sixteen

Taxi Driver

Terkel in Trouble The Decalogue, The

There's only one Jimmy

Grimble Thirteen

Thirteen Days Tough Enough

Trainspotting

Tree of Knowledge

Triple Dare Truly Human Truth or Dare

Tsatsiki Tsotsi

Turtles Can Fly Twelve and holding

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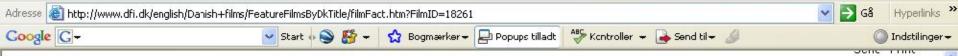
Wings of Glass

Winky's Horse

Woman in the Window, The

Wooden Camera, The Young Andersen

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### FIGHTER/ FIGHTER

Natasha Arthy, 2007

Aïcha, a high-school student, is a passionate kung fu fighter. Her Turkish parents expect her to get good grades so she can get into medical school, like her brother Ali. But school doesn't inspire her. Defying her family, Aïcha starts secretly training at a professional, cc-ed kung fu club. A boy, Emil, helps Aïcha train for the club championship and they fall in love. But the rules of life are not as simple as the rules of kung fu, and Aïcha is forced to decide who she is and what she wants.

Photo: Sebastian Wintero

Press and promotion material

### **✓** Study guide

#### DANISH FEATURE FILM

DANISH TITLE Fighter
ENGLISH TITLE Fighter
DANISH RELEASE 14.12.2007
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN Denmark
RUNNING TIME 97 min
TECHNICAL DATA 35mm / 2.35:1
(dnemascope) / 2730 m / 5 rees /
Dolby SR

LANCHACE Danish dialogue, Enclish

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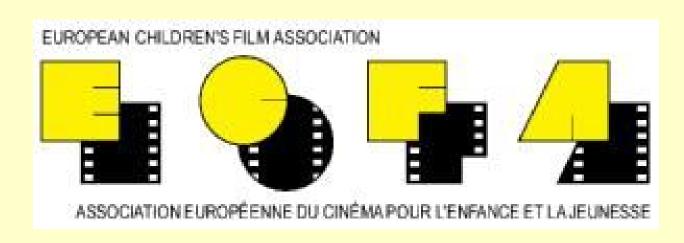








# Barnefilm Festivalen Kristiansand Media Literacy Seminar 25 april 2008





# **Media Literacy Program:**

### Major elements:

- Lessons in the dark
- Study guides
- Workshops





## **Lessons in the dark:**

"Film during school hours in the cinema"

- Over 20 films on offer every year
- 80% Jekino Distribution
- 49 cinemas, cultural- and art centers
- 100.000 teachers and pupils
- Ages 4 to 18
- Study guide with each film





# **Study Guides:**

- Very comprehensive
- Background information
- Media literacy activities
- Curriculum links





# **Workshops:**

- Related to screenings: analyses, key elements, First steps (nursery school)...
- Separate from screenings: documentary, short film, special effects, animation box, ...
- Teacher training









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### Why using film in school?

- to get the pupils emotionally engaged in different thematic questions
- to inspire them to search for more information about what they have seen in the film
- to supplement school books at a time where a lot of young people have difficulties reading
- to use film as a method of teaching them how to analyze a text; most of them are more familiar with films rather than books or other texts
- to use film as a method of training the pupils in being critical of different kinds of sources within subjects such as history and social sciences

### How to introduce films into schools and to teachers?

- you must catch the teacher's personal interest in film
  - encourage them to visit film festivals by providing special screenings for teachers, workshops on how to understand film, meetings with film directors etc
  - give teachers discounts on tickets to local cinemas
- you must bring school closer to cinemas
  - invite school classes to screenings; if the teachers like the film, they will also buy it so they can make use of it at another time
- send information to schools about films
  - explain why the film may be of use within different subjects (show connections between thematic questions in the film and the curriculum of the subject)
  - prepare questions about the film which can be used in the class room
  - prepare an introduction to the film for teachers, with comments about the plot, the characters, visual effects etc (many teachers don't make use of film because they feel they don't know enough about film as a medium)

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# The Importance of Media Literacy (Film Festivals and Film Distribution)

### 13<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival for Children and young Audience

### Facts about "Schlingel"

- most important independent international film festival for children and young audience in Germany
- 5 competitions: childrens's film competition
  - junior film competition
  - youth film competition
  - shorts and animations
  - Focus Germany
- about 25 000 Euro prize money
- in addition: homage to an important director of children and youth films

workshops, panels, film discussions

- more than 100 film events within seven days, about 90 long and short features and animations
- main person is "Schlingel", a nine-year-old boy from Chemnitz, presenting the films of the children's film competition and being available for interviews and curious questions of visitors and journalists





- 2. "Schlingel-Family" Saechischer Kinder- und Jugendfilmdienst e.V.
- present in two federal states of Germany: Saxony and Thuringia
- 16 branches including 70 members of staff and many honorary helpers
- Headquarter in Chemnitz Germany's first children's film house



# 3. Festival and association – media pedagogical activities with children and teenagers

- among "Schlingel", the association organizes film events in schools and kindergartens all through the year
- we are in possession of more than 2 000 films, suitable for young people between 4 and 18 years
- we favour to start media work with children, visiting kindergarten
- repeatedly in the year travelling events are organized, for example
   "European Film Weeks" or "Schlingel-Matinee", their programs include both
   exclusive film productions of the last "Schlingel"-years and film adaptations
   of literature or film classiscs, about 14 000 young observers with over
   1 000 teachers visit the events in more than 40 German towns

Schlingel

- all together the association registers more than 150 000 visitors per annum for our events
- almost the half of all screenings are finished off by our media pedagogues
- some schemes of such a refurbishment are: theatre projects, film seminars, workshops and film discussions in schools
- film discussions are prepared in form of media pedagogical material, used by teachers to finish off film contents with children and young people
- with the "Cinema Car Cinema on Tour" our colleagues are visiting the country region where cinemas no longer do exists, here we present highbrow films for the whole family, for children and adults



- 4. "Fia" an example for acquisitions of a licence, dubbing and adoption within the scope of the associations activity
- with the support of the Saxon Ministry of Science and Art our association is able to acquire licences of films which have had their German premiere at the "Schlingel" film festival, for example "Fia" by Elsa Kvamme from Norway
- In 2004 "Fias" young actress Klara Doving received for her outstanding acting performance the "Diamond" a bicycle made in a factory close to Chemnitz, this award is given by the European childrens jury where 18 children from 10 European countries voting for their favourites



- within the framework of a European supporting programme we've got the possibility to subtitle films (for children up to 12 years) and to dub films for younger children
- with the beginning of 2008 "Fias" dubbing was completed and so we could integrate it into our this years "European Film Weeks", within the films are three months on a tour across Middle Germany
- with the growing populartiy of our films during this tour and, additional, the good contacts between "Schlingel" and distributors and TV stations some of the films will be present in the next time in TV and cinemas



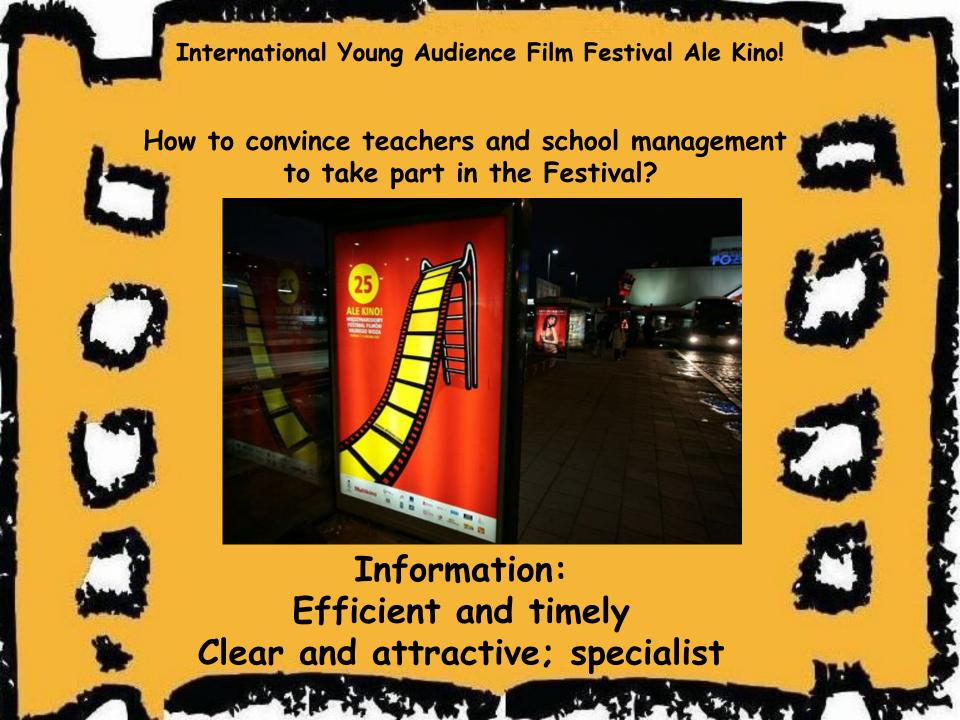
- from the beginning of the festival the main emphasis of our film selection is the geopolitical Eastern Europe
- every year we are able to present to our audience special films from Russia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia...
- we also use our excellent contacts to festivals, producers and government facilities in these countries to promote German films in Eastern Europe
- a selection of "Schlingel"- competition Focus Germany are summarized in a special morning performance (Matinee) and since April on tour across several Russian cities
- the films are presented with Russian subtitles in schools, cultural institutions and children's homes
- German Films, the national information and advisory center for the promotion of German films worldwide supports the work of our association and is to be involved with financial and organizational assistance



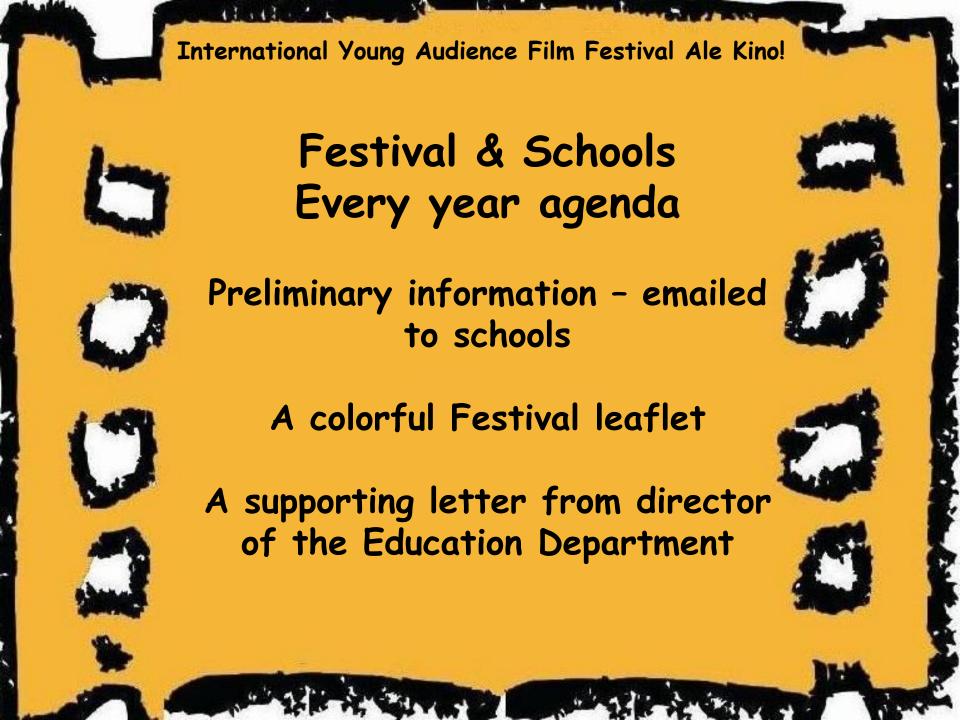








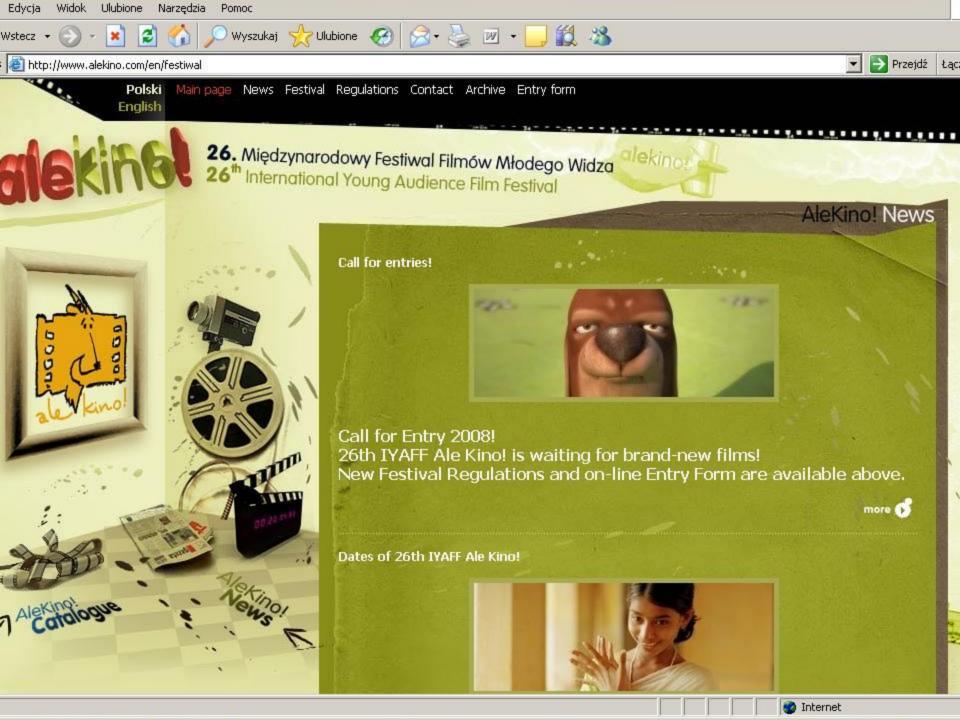




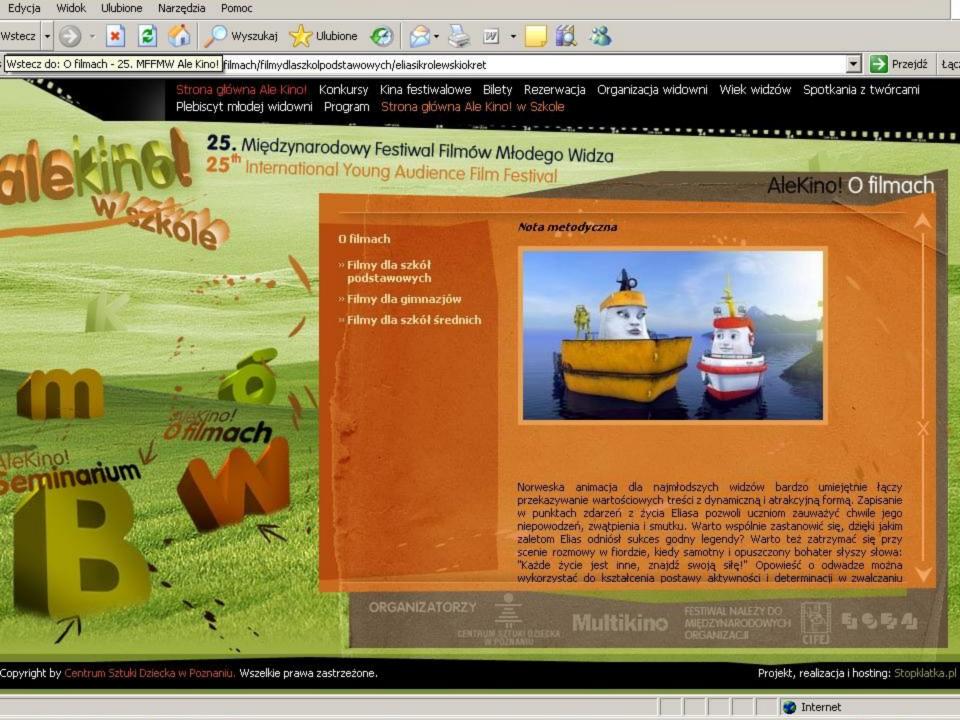
















# A European approach to MEDIA LITERACY

#### A Commission's Communication

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# Context and background

- Adopted on 20/12/07
- Work started in 2006
- Respect of the subsidiarity principle
- Completing EU AV policy under i2010



### Why Media Literacy?

- Without image, thinking is impossible
  - Aristotle
- A democratic civilisation will save itself only if it makes the language of image into a stimulus for critical reflection, not an invitation to hypnosis
  - Umberto Eco



# Why Media Literacy?

- The media change
- The media consumption and use change
- The challenges change
- ...but the media remain key enablers for European citizens to better understand the world and participate in democratic and cultural life



# Media Literacy may be defined as...

The ability to:

- Access
- Understand and critically evaluate
- Create and communicate



### Media Literacy relates to...

- All media
- Citizenship, freedom, rights and democracy
- Audiovisual heritage and cultural identity
- Empowerment of citizens



# The Communication focuses on three areas

- Commercial Communication
- Audiovisual works
- Online environment



### Media Literacy for audiovisual works

- Better awareness and knowledge about our film heritage and increasing interest in European films
- Promoting the acquisition of audiovisual media production and creativity skills
- Understanding the importance of copyright





# Highlighting good practices Film literacy

- Europa Cinemas (MEDIA Programme)
- FIS (Film in School, IADT, Dublin)
- Danish Film Institute / FILM-X



### **Policy objectives**

- Awareness and promotion of good practices
- AV authorities to promote media literacy levels
- Promote research into assessment criteria



## **The Communication on Media Literacy**

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