SPOTLIGHT: Animation - 11 films

Adventure Planet (Thailand, 2012, 81 min.)
Animated Life of A.R. Wallace (USA, 2013, 8 min.)
FINconceivable (USA, 2014, 4 min.)
Grave of the Fireflies (Japan, 1988, 89 min.)
Loop Scoops
Lucky Ducklings (USA, 2014, 9 min.)
Me... Jane (USA, 2014, 9 min.)
Pom Poko (Japan, 1994, 119 min.)
Song of the Sea (France, 2014, 93 min.)
Sticky (Australia, 2013/2014, 20 min.)
The Vanquishing of the Witch Baba Yaga (USA, 2014, 73 min.)

3/20
2:00 p.m. - National Gallery of Art, West Building
SONG OF THE SEA (France, 2014, 93 min.) The story of the last seal-child's journey home. After their mother's disappearance, Ben and Saoirse are sent to live with Granny in the city. When they resolve to return to their home by the sea, their journey becomes a race against time as they are drawn into a world Ben knows only from his mother's folktales. But this is no bedtime story. It soon becomes clear to Ben that Saoirse is the key to their survival. Directed by Tomm Moore. 2015 Oscar Nominee for Animated Feature Film.
FREE. No reservations required.
Saturday, March 21, 11:00 a.m.
Friday, March 27, 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 28, 11:00 a.m.
National Gallery of Art, West Building Lecture Hall, 6th St. and Constitution Ave., NW (Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial, Judiciary Square)

3/21
11:00 a.m. - National Gallery of Art, West Building
SONG OF THE SEA (France, 2014, 93 min.) (See 3/20 for description.)

7:00 p.m. - AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center
GRAVE OF THE FIREFLIES (Japan, 1988, 89 min.) A tragic film following a young boy and his little sister's struggle to survive in Japan during World War II. With their mother killed and father missing, the siblings fight for survival in an abandoned shelter and find respite and entertainment from fireflies lighting the sky overhead. The two must depend on each other to keep a roof over their heads and food in their stomachs as the uncertainty and scarcity of war rips apart the only world they know. Directed by Isao Takahata. Produced by Toru Hara.
Tickets: $12, General Admission; $10, Seniors (65+); Students and Military (with valid ID); $8.50, AFI Members (Two Star level and higher); $7, Children (12 and under); $9, Matinees (Mon-Fri shows before 6:00, holidays excluded). Tickets may be purchased at the box office (opens 30 min. before the film) or online at AFI.com/Silver.
AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center, 8633 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, Md. (Metro: Silver Spring)
3/22
1:00 p.m. - AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center
POM PKO (Japan, 1994, 119 min.) A community of magical, shape-shifting raccoon dogs desperately struggle to prevent their forest home from being destroyed by urban development. The clan creatively plots to end the destruction and reclaim their home of tanuki. Directed by Isao Takahata. Written by Isao Takahata and Hayao Miyazaki.

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3/26
7:00 p.m. - Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
THE VANQUISHING OF THE WITCH BABA YAGA (USA, 2014, 73 min.) Washington, D.C. Premiere Following fairy-tales and personal memories like a trail of breadcrumbs, this film descends into the haunted woodlands where the fairy tales of childhood persist within the subconscious. This fairy tale is intertwined with an anthropological exploration of modern day, post-conflict Eastern Europe. It is about the accumulation of history, the accumulation of repetitive action, the retelling of stories retold, the retention of belief, and the unconscious osmosis of ideas. Directed and produced by Jessica Oreck.

Introduced by Kelly Gordon, Associate Curator, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden.
FREE. No reservations required.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Independence Ave. & Seventh St., SW

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2:00 p.m. - National Gallery of Art, West Building
SONG OF THE SEA (France, 2014, 93 min.) (See 3/20 for description.)

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11:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. - Montgomery College (Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus)
Montgomery County GreenFest Shorts
Presented with the inaugural Montgomery County GreenFest, a free event for all ages to enjoy while learning about going green.
LOOP SCOOPS Animated Shorts
We live in a world of stuff. These videos challenge elementary-school students to evaluate the things in their lives and the impact their choices have on the environment. Where does it come from? What is it made of? What happens to it when I throw it away? Loop Scoops is produced by WGBH Educational Foundation.

JUICE BOXES (USA, 2010, 3 min.) When Brad learns that one billion juice boxes are thrown out every year, he decides to drink from a reusable water bottle instead.

ELECTRONIC GADGETS (USA, 2010, 2 min.) After Oliver discovers that the parts in his computer game are made of titanium, gold and mercury, came from 18 countries and traveled 228,000 miles, he decides to keep the one he has instead of buying a new one.

GARBAGE (USA, 2010, 2 min.) Oliver learns the importance of recycling.

HAPPINESS STORE (USA, 2010, 2 min.) Brad, Oliver and Clementine learn that less can be more.

Discussion and activity for elementary school-age children follows both screenings.
FREE. Reservations encouraged:
11:30 a.m. screening - earthechoandloopscoops.bpt.me
1:30 p.m. screening - earthechoandloopscoops2.bpt.me

Montgomery College (Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus), Cultural Arts Center, 2nd Floor Dance Room,
7995 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md. (Metro: Silver Spring, then transfer to Ride On Bus Route 17 or 18.)

12:00 noon - The Sitar Arts Center
ADVENTURE PLANET (Thailand, 2012, 81 min.) Washington, D.C. Premiere Siblings from Thailand, Norva and Jorpe, have unique abilities to communicate with nature. In this animated feature adventure they encounter the impetuous Sam, the son of the President, lost in the jungle after his electronic gadgets go haywire. As strange, burning objects plunge from the sky, threatening to destroy the planet, the trio rushes to warn the President and stop the damage. Can the kids turn off the world's power and save the planet in time? Directed by Kompin Kengumird. Produced by Auchara Kijkanjanas.

Introduce by A. Lorraine Robinson, Senior Director of Programs, Sitar Arts Center.

Suggested Ages: 6 to 10
FREE. No reservations required.
The Sitar Arts Center, 1700 Kalorama Rd., NW

3/29
12:00 noon - Carnegie Institution for Science
Living Wild
Wildlife Shorts
THE ANIMATED LIFE OF A.R. WALLACE (USA, 2013, 8 min.) The life of Alfred Russel Wallace, who is co-credited with Charles Darwin for the theory of natural selection, is celebrated in this paper-puppet animation. Directed and produced by Flora Lichtman and Sharon Shattuck.


ME...JANE (USA, 2014, 9 min.) As a girl, Jane Goodall loved a toy chimpanzee named Jubilee. As Jane explores the natural world, she dreams of “a life living with and helping all animals.” One day her dream becomes reality. Directed by Paul and Sandra Fierlinger. Produced by Paul R. Gagne and Melissa R. Ellard.

FREE. No reservations required.
Carnegie Institution for Science, Elihu Root Auditorium, 1530 P St., NW (Metro: Dupont Circle)

Various times & locations (see screening schedule before, during & after Festival)
DC Public Library Program
(Suggested Ages: 2-5)
FINCONCEIVABLE (USA, 2014, 4 min.) Washington, D.C. Premiere What happens if sharks disappear? FINconceivable explores the importance of sharks to our world and what could happen if the fiercest ocean predators ceased to exist. Directed by Lily Williams. Produced at California College of the Arts.

LUCKY DUCKLINGS (USA, 2014, 9 min.) A mama duck and her five ducklings need help from firemen and a pickup truck after they become trapped in a town storm drain. Their rescue will delight children and conveys an inspiring environmental message. Directed by Melissa R. Ellard. Produced by Paul R. Gagne and Melissa R. Ellard.

FREE. No reservations required.

Wednesday, March 4 | 10:30 a.m. | Lamond Riggs Library
5401 South Dakota Ave., NE (Metro: Fort Totten)

Friday, March 6 | 4:00 p.m. | Mount Pleasant Library
3160 16th St., NW (Metro: Columbia Heights)

Sunday, March 8 | 3:00 p.m. | Tenley Library
4450 Wisconsin Ave., NW (Metro: Tenleytown-AU)

Tuesday, March 17 | 10:00 a.m. | Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
Children's Division, 901 G St., NW (Metro: Gallery Place-Chinatown, Metro Center)

Saturday, March 21 | 11:30 a.m. | Juanita E. Thornton/ Shepherd Park Library
7420 Georgia Ave., NW (Metro: Takoma)
Sunday, March 29 | 2:00 p.m. | Dorothy I. Height/ Benning Library
3935 Benning Rd., NE (Metro: Minnesota Ave.)

Saturday, April 4 | 11:00 a.m. | William O. Lockridge/ Bellevue Library
115 Atlantic St., SW

Wednesday, April 8 | 1:30 p.m. | Deanwood Library
1350 49th St., NE (Metro: Deanwood)

Monday, April 13 | 1:30 p.m. | Parklands-Turner Library
1547 Alabama Ave., SE (Metro: Congress Heights)

Friday, April 17 | 10:00 a.m. | Cleveland Park Library
3310 Connecticut Ave., NW (Metro: Cleveland Park)