

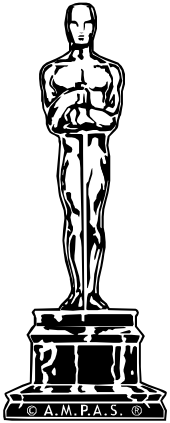
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OSCAR'S NOMINATED SHORTS TO SCREEN IN NYC

NEW YORK, NY — On Saturday, February 14, New York movie lovers will have the opportunity to see all 10 of this year's Oscar®-nominated films in the Animated and Live Action Short Film categories at the Academy Theater at Lighthouse International (111 East 59th Street). There will be two separate screenings of the nominated films, the first at noon and an encore presentation at 4 p.m.

Robert Osborne, columnist for *The Hollywood Reporter*, host of Turner Classic Movies and author of the new book *80 Years of the Oscar: The Official History of the Academy Awards*, will serve as host of the noon screening and will also be available at 11 a.m. to sign copies of his book.

The 2008 Animated Short Film and Live Action Short Film nominees are:

Animated Short Film

“La Maison en Petits Cubes,” Kunio Kato, director

“Lavatory-Lovestory,” Konstantin Bronzit, director

“Oktapodi,” Emud Mokhberi and Thierry Marchand, directors

“Presto,” Doug Sweetland, director

“This Way Up,” Alan Smith and Adam Foulkes, directors

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Live Action Short Film

“Auf der Strecke (On the Line),” Reto Caffi, director

”Manon on the Asphalt,” Elizabeth Marre and Olivier Pont, directors

“New Boy,” Steph Green, director, and Tamara Anghie, producer

“The Pig,” Tivi Magnusson, producer, and Dorte Høgh, director

“Spielzeugland (Toyland),” Jochen Alexander Freydank, producer-director

Tickets for “Shorts!” are \$5 for the general public and \$3 for Academy members and students with a valid ID. Tickets may be purchased online at www.oscars.org beginning Monday, February 2, or at the Academy box office on the day of the event (subject to availability).

The box office will open at 10:30 a.m.; doors open at 11 a.m. for the first screening and 3 p.m. for the encore screening. All seating is unreserved. For additional information call (212) 821-9251 or visit www.oscars.org/events.

Academy Awards for outstanding film achievements of 2008 will be presented on Sunday, February 22, 2009, at the Kodak Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Center®, and televised live by the ABC Television Network. The Oscar® presentation also will be televised live in more than 200 countries worldwide.

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About the Academy

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is the world’s preeminent movie-related organization, with a membership of more than 6,000 of the most accomplished men and women working in cinema. In addition to the annual Academy Awards – in which the members vote to select the nominees and winners – the Academy presents a diverse year-round slate of public programs, exhibitions and events; provides financial support to a wide range of other movie-related organizations and endeavors; acts as a neutral advocate in the advancement of motion picture technology; and, through its Margaret Herrick Library and Academy Film Archive, collects, preserves, restores and provides access to movies and items related to their history. Through these and other activities the Academy serves students, historians, the entertainment industry and people everywhere who love movies.