

## Leeds Young Film Festival 2023 - Officer Comments



Title	Synopsis provided by the Applicant	Applicant's Recommended Rating	Licensing Officer Comments
<b>Journey to Yourland</b>	<p>Riki, a 10 year old boy, runs away from home, following a mysterious emergency signal sent by a shiny stone. The strange artefact seems to have a mind of its own and it takes Riki to the breath-taking parallel world of "Yourland" where wonderful machines roam golden deserts, monkeys and ravens talk and science peacefully coexists with nature.</p>	PG	<p>Officer: SD  Mild threat and some tension. Themes of illness, divorce, difficult circumstances. Animated film, quite unrealistic.  No concerns for a PG rating.</p>
<b>Bangla Surf Girls</b>	<p>Driven to succeed and guided by their devoted coach, the girls find freedom in the waves as surfing becomes their only ticket out of poverty and the way for them to determine their own futures against the backdrop of stifling families and oppressive community judgement. After their coach makes the decision to leave the club, the financial support for their surfing dries up and the odds of achieving their dreams seem insurmountable. A powerful coming-of-age story and tale of resistance by Bangladeshi filmmaker Elizabeth D Costa, Bangla Surf Girls will have you cheering for every wave and hurdle these young women overcome.</p>	12A	<p>Officer: SD  Previously classified as 15 by Lic Comm in Jan 2022.  Subtitled documentary film about three 13/14 year old girls, discussing sensitive themes of child abuse, domestic abuse, forced marriage, forced labour, underage marriage, sexism, treatment of women and poverty in Bangladesh.  Use of swear words – motherfucker and fuck once  Query suitability for 12A due to themes and documentary style.</p>
<b>The Magic Flute</b>	<p>Aspiring singer Tim (16) has been dreaming his whole life about attending Mozart All Boys Boarding School. He is over excited when he is finally admitted but his first days at the prestigious school do not turn out as expected. Facing a hostile headmaster, the stresses of first love and struggling with the authenticity of his singing voice, Tim is thrilled as he discovers a wondrous secret in the old school building– a gateway to a parallel world. He finds himself thrown into a new reality: In the role of Prince Tamino, he immerses into the cosmos of Mozart's opera The Magic Flute where fantasy has no limits.</p>	PG	<p>Officer: RS  No concerns.</p>

<b>Best Birthday Ever</b>	BEST BIRTHDAY EVER tells the story of Little Charlie, a small rabbit who lives with his loving family and pets in a house at the edge of town. Like many five-year olds, Little Charlie goes to a kindergarten and plays with his friends in the neighbourhood. He is used to having his parents' full attention – but all of that changes when his baby sister Clara is born, leading to an unexpected adventure with his best friend Monica.	PG	<p>Officer: SD</p> <p>Animated film about a 5 year old rabbit who runs away to his grandmothers on his birthday while his parents are dealing with his sick baby sister. Suitable for a younger audience.</p> <p>No concerns for PG rating.</p>
<b>My Fairy Troublemaker</b>	Violetta (337), a curious and cheeky fairy, gets lost in the human world. To find her way back to the fairy world, she teams up with the human girl Maxie (12) and discovers her true destiny.	PG	<p>Officer: SD</p> <p>Animated film about tooth fairies. Mild jeopardy, mild threat, but in an unrealistic context.</p> <p>No concerns for PG rating.</p>
<b>The Three Musketeers</b>	An action-packed tale of three loyal swordsmen who are joined by an eager recruit to protect the King of France. Together, the foursome battle enormous odds in their attempt to defeat an evil royal advisor and a seductive envoy plotting to overthrow France's crown.	PG	<p>Officer: SD</p> <p>Action movie, historical drama. No blood, gore, swearing or sex scenes.</p> <p>No concerns for a PG rating.</p>
<b>The Island</b>	Robinson is a doctor and his solitude is voluntary in an island invaded by migrants, NGOs and guards. He saves Friday, a castaway, the only survivor of his illegal refugee boat. During his journey on the island, Robinson encounters extraordinary beings and events. He will confront current affairs through visual poetry and symbolism in a world where everybody looks for its own paradise.	PG	<p>Officer: SD</p> <p>Animated film loosely based on Robinson Crusoe with some dark themes, mild threat, and some subtle sexual references. However the film moves into the abstract quite quickly and unlikely to be of concern.</p> <p>No concerns for a PG rating.</p>
<b>Perlimps</b>	Claé and Bruô, secret agents from enemy Kingdoms, must overcome their differences and combine forces to find the Perlimps and infiltrate into a world controlled by Giants that is in the imminence of a terrible war.	PG	<p>Officer: SD</p> <p>Animated film with animals as the main characters. Unrealistic and fantastical.</p> <p>No concerns for a PG Rating.</p>

<b>Icarus and the Minotaur</b>	<p>Once upon a time, on the island of Crete during the age of King Minos, lived a dreamy young boy, named Icarus. One day, he discovered a mysterious creature that had the body of a man and the head of a bull. Its name? Asterion, also known as the Minotaur. When the King asked Icarus' father, the famous inventor Daedalus, to work on a secret project, Icarus realised that his new friend might be in danger...</p>	PG	<p>Officer: SLP  Animated film about Icarus's friendship with the minotaur.  The plot within the film is about vengeance. The kings vengeance against the Athenians and vengeance against his wife for giving birth to the minotaur.  One instance of the father slapping Icarus across the face.  Use of a sword to kill. You do not see the actual killing it is inferred then the character is covered in blood.  A snake kills a character. You do not see it actually kill them but it is inferred with the snake hovering over the throat then the character is dead.  No concerns for a PG Rating.</p>
<b>Little Bear's Big Trip (Big Trip 2)</b>	<p>Two friends, bear Patrick and rabbit Oscar, accidentally get to take care of a grizzly bear cub. Together they go on an adventure in order to deliver the baby bear to its meant to be mama and papa.</p>	PG	<p>Voice track too quiet to review.</p>
<b>The Websters</b>	<p>Stories from the cobweb. It is not just a web, it is a network. Meet the Webster family; six year old Lili, her teenage brother Hugo, mum, who is into a healthy lifestyle, dad, who manufactures canned flies, inventor grandad and delightfully forgetful grannie. This loving spider family lives in a lift engine room on the fringes of the dangerous human world. Their stories closely mirror human life and six beautifully animated tales following Lili's adventures on a family picnic, helping on a fly farm, working on a school project and hunting for moths weave together into one big adventure.</p>	PG	<p>Officer: SLP  Animated film about Lili and how she is learning mainly through her mistakes and little adventures.  No concerns for a PG rating.</p>

<b>My Robot Brother</b>	After feeling isolated at school, things seem to change for Alberte when she is given the latest android companion; but is it right to feel such a deep connection with a robot?	PG	Link has expired.
<b>Oink</b>	When 9-year-old Babs receives a pig named Oink as a present from her grandfather, she convinces her parents to keep it under the condition that Oink follows puppy training. But her parents are not the biggest threat to Oink because actually her grandfather is secretly taking part in the sausage competition organised by The Society for Meat Products from Fresh Pigs...	PG	<p>Officer: SD</p> <p>Dutch stop frame animation. Very mild threat and a chase scene. Unrealistic.</p> <p>No concerns for a PG rating.</p>
<b>Cricket &amp; Antoinette</b>	Antoinette, heiress of the anthill, and Ket, a talented guitar playing cricket meet by accident and develop a friendship. But Antoinette finds out that crickets can't survive the winter and unsuccessfully tries to warn them. Once Antoinette begins to sing, crickets show interest in her. But singing is forbidden among ants, so Antheodor, a villain, imprisons Antoinette on the top of the anthill, forcing her to marry him, so he could rule the ants. Crickets, led by Ket and her granny, queen Antlisabeth, save Antoinette, and convince the other ants that music doesn't tear walls apart. Crickets end up in the anthill during the winter, while ants begin to appreciate music, joy and fun.	PG	<p>Officer: SD</p> <p>Croatian animation with English subtitles. Romantic film regarding two species, and learning to live together.</p> <p>No concerns for a PG rating</p>
<b>How I learned to fly</b>	A family story as seen through a girl's eyes. It explores that particularly interesting moment of life when childhood is at its end and new, exciting times begin.	PG	<p>Officer: SD</p> <p>Family film regarding a young girl and her grandmother, on a trip to Croatia.</p> <p>No concerns with PG Rating.</p>
<b>Detektiv Bruno</b>	The story of eight-year-old Oscar, a big fan of the series "Detective Bruno". The boy lives in the family orphanage and on his birthday he finds an envelope with a clue leading to the last gift hidden by his parents.	PG	<p>Officer: SLP</p> <p>Polish language film with English subtitles. Family mystery film. No swearing.</p>

	He decides to hire the best detective he knows to help him solve the mystery. However, the series Bruno is actually Bruno Ksieski - a burnout, cynical actor who dislikes children, experiencing a great image crisis.		No concerns with PG rating.
<b>Bigman</b>	Best friends Dylan and Youssef dream of becoming professional football players. One day, an unexpected event changes everything for Dylan, and he has to come to terms with his new life. He does not want to let go of his dream and is still determined to win the Touzani Cup together with Youssef! Thanks to the help of skater girl Maya - whom he has a crush on - he learns to play football in a completely new way. Bigman is a film about true friendship, not giving up, and striving to win.	PG	<p>Officer: SLP</p> <p>Dutch language film with English subtitles. Mild swearing and mild violence.</p> <p>The film depicts a young boys struggle with life changing injuries. Use of the word retard in a descriptive context. Use of the word 'Bullshit' twice. Use of the word 'Shit' once and the term 'fuck-off' twice. The use of 'you are playing like a girl' in a derogatory way.</p>
<b>Sonata</b>	As a child, Grzegorz Płonka (Michał Sikorski) struggles to communicate, leading to a diagnosis of autism. It later turns out that he is experiencing hearing loss. With the help of a hearing aid, Grzegorz discovers the world of sound and dreams of becoming a pianist, just like Beethoven. Yet no one believes that he will achieve this – except for his mother (Małgorzata Foremniak) and father (Łukasz Simlat).	PG	<p>Officer: SD</p> <p>Polish language film with English subtitles. Mild swearing.</p> <p>Some depictions of distress at 21 mins – someone who is deaf hearing for the first time – but finding it difficult. One use of the word 'fuck' in context, not as a swear word.</p> <p>43 minutes description of genitalia. Further swearing in anger.</p> <p>Query PG rating. Unlikely to be attractive to younger children. Poss a 12A rating might be appropriate. Borderline.</p>
<b>Gabi Between Ages of 8 and 13</b>	At 8 years old, Gabi is a lively kid who feels that she is different from other girls. She loves to speak her mind when it comes to what she thinks is wrong with the world, and in particular, how there should be no differences between boys and girls. Gabi's full name is Gabriella Jude Fletcher but she would rather be named something cool like Brad, Mike-or Paulo, like her biological father. She thinks about him a lot but her mother refuses to talk about him.	12	<p>Officer: SD</p> <p>English/Swedish with English subtitles.</p> <p>Fly on the wall documentary following a Swedish child from 8 to 13, finding their identity, through puberty.</p>

			<p>Use of a derogatory term “Fucking faggot” and subtitled “c.u.n.t.” but in context. Discussion of sanitary products and how they are used.</p> <p>Suitable for 12A rating.</p>
<b>Lucy Wanted</b>	10-year-old Lucy is basically too good for this world. She is well-behaved, kind and perfect in every situation. Her best friend Rima and she herself want to make the world a little better with every little action. But then disaster threatens: Lucy's parents run an ice cream parlor, and when the expensive ice cream machine breaks down, the parlor is threatened with closure. Lucy wants to prevent this at all costs.	PG	<p>Officer: SD</p> <p>German language film subtitled. Mild swearing throughout the film by the disruptive characters. Use of the German words for ‘shit’, ‘shitting’, ‘damned’ in German in a swearing context (subtitled into English). Use of the word ‘Fuck’ spoken in English several times and translated into ‘damn’ in the subtitles.</p> <p>Some shoplifting with no immediate consequences. Overall theme of film is good v bad behaviour, where bad behaviour has consequences and is suitably resolved.</p> <p>Query suitability of the PG classification due to use of swearing – borderline due to the context in which it’s used.</p>