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Giant dogs, Mexican wrestlers and talking farm animals - just another FAMILY FUN DAY at Cine Sparks!

As we hit the half-way point of the 14th Brisbane International Film Festival presented by Vision, Cine Sparks - The Australian Film Festival for Young People is hitting its stride! Young people and their families will have a blast at the festival's interactive and fun family activities at the Cine Sparks Family Fun Day at South Bank on Sunday 7 August.

There are loads of free, fun activities for all ages. With screenings of international hits like *Chicken Run*, the Cine Sparks Workshops programme presented by Network Ten, including VJ workshops, video post-production tips, special effects demonstrations, Mexican Wrestler craft challenges and a Bollywood Dance Extravaganza, there's definitely something for everyone!

All Cine Sparks events this weekend are completely free and are held at the Suncorp Piazza, South Bank, and Cine Sparks Workshop Centre, corner of Tribune and Little Stanley Streets, South Bank.

Challenge voice-over artist Todd Levi to impersonate your favourite characters, exercise your funny bone with theatre sports at the Cine Sparks Workshop Centre, then settle back and relax to watch a free film in South Bank's Suncorp Piazza.

One of the highlights for budding movie makers are the two workshops conducted by SpeakOut. The VJ Workshop will include techniques for mixing and projecting visuals and music. If you ever wanted to see your work on MTV, than this workshop is for you! In the afternoon, students that are already familiar with basic filming will be able to develop their post-production techniques in an intensive three hour workshop. Bring along your home video footage and stills and find out what the pros would do!

Wondered how normal human beings were transformed into all manner of creatures in *Lord of the Rings*? Head along to the Special Effects Makeup Demonstration with Star FX. They'll prove that beneath the Orc exterior lies a normal person like you and me.

Any fans of fantasy/adventure films won't want to miss a screening of one of the greatest examples of the genre - *The Neverending Story*! The tale of Bastian and his loveable flying dog is a must see for those who were too young to enjoy the film the first time it was released. *Chicken Run*, from the makers of *Wallace and Gromit*, will also be screened in the morning.

Bringing the day to a close is the Bollywood Dreams Dance Extravaganza! Dress up in your finest and brightest garb and head along to watch some Bollywood dance clips and receive professional dance instruction. After this, the floor is yours to show us what you've picked up!

This is just the beginning of what you can expect at Family Fun Day. You can chat about youth issues with the team behind the Alice Project or take up the Mexican Wrestler Craft Challenge!

For timetable information, workshop bookings or additional information, please visit www.cinesparks.com.au call (07) 3007 3003.

For information on parking, meal deals and film classification, please refer to www.biff.com.au or the Festival booking guide.

Film lovers are encouraged to subscribe to the Festival newsletter via the website www.biff.com.au for up-to-the-minute information on guests and programming.

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