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LITTLE BIG SHOTS

The awesome ACMI is hosting the Melbourne leg of the Little Big Shots kids film festival this weekend. Kids two years and up can catch films that will teach them about world cultures, different languages, cultural diversity, emotional intelligence and human values. And they won't even realise they're being schooled!

Genius. See films like *Big Plans*, a story in which our bespectacled main character (above, edgy) discovers that building an apple-vending machine is perhaps not such a good idea and that a junior inventor should simply — spoiler alert — plant a tree! Also see *Barton the Ghost Catcher*, a story following seven-year-old Barton, who overcomes his fear of ghosts and becomes an expert at catching them. *A Little Symphony in the Forest* follows a musical squirrel that decides to strike up the band, resulting in a magical symphony sound and quite the animal collective. *Adam Avenger* deals with Adam's parents' separation by escaping into the fantasy world of the comic book. All these films and more are on at Artplay on Birrarung Marr, and ACMI in Federation Square, at various times today, tomorrow and Monday too. All screenings \$7. Make big plans.

* www.littlebigshots.com.au