



AGE CLASSIFICATION REQUEST

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Dear Licensing,

FORMAL REQUEST FOR AGE CERTIFICATION FOR SCHOOL SCREENING

This is a formal request for Age Classification (utilizing the BBFC Guidelines) for 'Inside Hana's Suitcase' which we intend to screen to schools on Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January 2015.

Best wishes,

Paul Foy
Education Officer
Belmont Filmhouse

INSIDE HANA'S SUITCASE

SYNOPSIS

'Inside Hana's Suitcase' is the poignant story of two young children who grew up in pre-WWII Czechoslovakia and the terrible events that they endured just because they happened to be born Jewish. Based on the internationally acclaimed book "Hana's Suitcase" which has been translated into 40 languages, the film is an effective blend of documentary and dramatic techniques.

In addition to tracing the lives of George and Hana Brady in the 1930's and 40's, "Inside Hana's Suitcase" tells the present-day story of "The Small Wings", a group of Japanese children, and how their passionate and tenacious teacher, Fumiko Ishioka, helped them solve the mystery of Hana Brady, whose name was painted on an old battered suitcase that they received from Auschwitz, the notorious death camp built in Poland by the Nazis.

The film's plot unfolds as told through contemporary young storytellers who act as the omniscient narrators. They seamlessly transport us through 70 years of history and back and forth across three continents, and relate to us a story of unspeakable sadness and also of shining hope. For this is a Holocaust story unlike others. It provides a contemporary global perspective and lessons to be learned for a better future.

Directed by award-winning filmmaker, Larry Weinstein, "Inside Hana's Suitcase" is a powerful journey full of mystery and memories, brought to life through the first-hand perspectives of Fumiko, Hana's brother George, and of Hana herself.

EXEMPTION

EDUCATION – AGE 10+

This rating is requested as this film is an educational film which we believe would be given an EXEMPTION rating under BBFC guidelines –

Under the Video Recordings Act 1984 the BBFC assigns age ratings to all video works supplied in the United Kingdom unless they fall into one of the two exempt areas:

- works which, taken as a whole, are designed to inform, educate or instruct;
- works which, taken as a whole, are concerned with sport, religion or music

‘Inside Hana’s Suitcase’ has been shown widely in cinemas throughout the UK with the recommendation that it is suitable for those aged 10 years and over. The Belmont Filmhouse plans to offer it to pupils from Primary 7 upwards. We feel that certificating the film using standard BBFC ratings would restrict access to those in the age bracket that the film is intended for: A PG certificate would be inappropriate as the film is unsuitable for children as young as seven, while a 12A certificate would discourage schools from bringing groups of primary 7 pupils whose Social Studies, Religious and Moral Education, Literacy, Health and Wellbeing, and Citizenship and World War 2 studies would greatly benefit from seeing this film and the excellent accompanying educational website:

<http://www.cbc.ca/hanassuitcase/>

DISCRIMINATION

None

DRUGS

No References to Illegal drugs or drug use.

HORROR

None

IMITABLE BEHAVIOUR

None

LANGUAGE

No strong language

NUDITY

None

SEX

None

THEME

The importance of remembering the Holocaust.

VIOLENCE

No graphic scenes. Talk of children dying in concentration camps. One brief image of bodies lying on the ground in Auschwitz concentration camp.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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