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***Spirit Ship* Offers a Rare Glimpse into the Poetry and Beauty of Childhood**

The Red Hook, Brooklyn-made ***Spirit Ship*** (17 min, HD & Super 8, 2011) the first HD short directed by **Kristin B. Eno** of **Little Creatures Films**, is now available on DVD, and is also being sold with a companion full-color booklet designed to extend children's viewing experience and to equip adults with practical ways to encourage imaginative play. *Spirit Ship*, a **live-action fantasy film narrated by children**, highlights children's play in the natural world, and reveals a thoughtful perspective into the mystery and poetry that lives within children's imaginations.

To make *Spirit Ship*, Kristin and crew followed six children as they discovered a range of haunting artifacts and went on a journey to find the original owners. Kristin and Sean Eno and Damaris Cozza wrote a story, which then evolved as the children played, and was further developed through the children's ad-lib **voiceover narration and singing**. Assistant to Director Damaris Cozza, Director of Photography Roman Jaquez, 1st Assistant Director and 2nd Camera Henri Falconi, Super 8 DP, Score Composer and Title Designer Sean Eno, Sound Recordist and Designer John Moros, Editor Michelle Chang, Co-Editor Erin Martell, Costume Designer Sarah Hoit and Post-Production Assistant Jenna Haley contributed to the film team. *Spirit Ship* is a fiscally sponsored project of the **Brooklyn Arts Council**, and also raised post-production funds in a **Kickstarter** campaign. The latest screening of *Spirit Ship* took place in November 2011 at Columbia Teachers College, and included a discussion with Renee Cherow-O'Leary, Marj Kleinman and Russell Miller. *Spirit Ship* took home the prize for "**Best Fiction Film**" at 2011's **Red Hook Film Festival**. It was also a preliminary selection for the Primary/Audiovisual category of the **Japan Prize for Educational Media**. Director Kristin Eno is currently **seeking partners**—schools, universities, museums, churches and non-profit organizations—for *Spirit Ship* screenings and conversations, and for opportunities to distribute the DVD and booklet to parents, educators and others interested in providing children with opportunities for imaginative play.



DVD/Book

The DVD includes the 17-minute film and the following **Special Features**: *Spirit Ship* with English Subtitles, *Spirit Ship* with Milo's Commentary, *Behind the Scenes* (narrated by Heaven), *Spirit Lens* (narrated and edited by Milo) and *Bird Girl's World* (narrated by Sophia). This package is on sale for \$15 (\$50 for museums and schools). The **38-page book** includes essays by Kristin B. Eno and Elisha Georgiou and ten suggested lesson plans that can extend the *Spirit Ship* viewing experience. Elizabeth Eno's book design includes several **full color stills** from the film, as well as **art by Sophia** (the Bird Girl/Spirit Child). It is available for \$30 (family)/\$75 (institutional). Both DVD and DVD/Book Set can be purchased online at www.spiritshipfilm.com/shop.html.

Little Creatures Films

Little Creatures Films collaborates with children (non-actors) to create imaginative live-action films told in the children's voice. The slow pace and poetry of the films represent a unique alternative to the standard fare in children's media. The films support inquiry-based learning, creative problem solving, reflective thinking and social and emotional self-regulation. The work takes into account the crisis of decreased free play, as documented by the Alliance for Childhood and NYTimes. The films redirect children's gaze away from the screen and back outside to the world around us, where myriad highly original adventures are waiting to be created. Kristin B. Eno (M.Ed. Columbia Teachers College) has produced more than 20 videos with children, including commissions for the Yale Center for British Art and the Childcare Collection at Ball State University.