



The Boy, the mole, the fox and the Horse

Artwork by Charlie Mackesy - www.charliemackesy.com

An Afternoon with Charlie Mackesy

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It was an exceptional winter afternoon for the sold-out crowd at Lethbridge Lodge on December 10, 2024. The special AIL program, An Afternoon with Charlie Mackesy, featured heartwarming movies, hot chocolate, cider, and cupcakes – and it delighted the attendees.

Hosted by AIL Program Manager Nina Tasi, the program spotlighted the career and work of British cartoonist and illustrator Charlie Mackesy, emphasizing his best-selling book and Oscar-winning animated short film, *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*. Nina chose a recent documentary film, *Charlie Mackesy: The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, the Horse and Me*, to help tell the story behind the book and the animated film based on the book. In the well-produced and moving documentary, Mackesy, his friends, and professional colleagues discuss his life and the events that inspired his book and led to the film's production.

During a break following the documentary, attendees sipped warm drinks and snacked on cupcakes as they chatted enthusiastically about Mackesy's life and work.

Nina concluded the program by showing the beautifully animated short film. The attendees responded warmly to the story of the unlikely bond between four friends on a journey to find a home. Many said they planned to buy the book for themselves and their loved ones.

To learn more about Charlie Mackesy, and for information about his book and film, visit [his website](#).

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