ABOUT THE FILMS

RCtv: Indigenous Realities – Preserving Community Through Culture

ARCTIC SONG

Directed by Germaine Arnattaujuq (Inuk), Louise Flaherty (Inuk), Neil Christopher, 2021, 6 minutes

A traditional song sharing the Inuit creation stories for the land, waters, and sky, set to breathtaking animation.

No mature content.

SHOOT YOUR SHOT

Directed by Madison Thomas (Ojibwe/Saulteaux), Meegwun Fairbrother (Ojibway), 2021, 8 minutes

A sci-fi/action comedy that follows Tover, a teenager on the frontlines battling a future alien invasion. However, it's not the aliens that terrify Tover, it's the idea of asking out his crush, fellow soldier Savoy!

Content note: A few instances of mild profanity ("shit", "hell", "goddamnit", "bastard"). Guns are shot to deter an alien invasion.

SHIN-CHI'S CANOE

Directed by Allan Hopkins (N'quatwua), 2018, 13 minutes

Through his father's gift of a secret and tiny hand-carved cedar canoe, an Indigenous child discovers the strength and resilience to endure his first year at a residential school.

Content note: A nun slaps a table with a ruler to intimidate Shin-Chi; his sister Shi-shi-etko retells the story of her braids being cut off by a schoolteacher.

THE MOUNTAIN OF SGAANA

Directed by Christopher Auchter (Haida), 2017, 10 minutes

A magical tale of a young man who is stolen away to the spirit world, and the young woman who rescues him.

[Note: This film contains no spoken dialogue.]

No mature content.

NOW IS THE TIME

Directed by Christopher Auchter (Haida), 2019, 16 minutes

In 1969, the community of Old Massett raised a totem pole carved by Robert Davidson, the first new pole in Haida Gwaii in almost a century. 50 years later, a Haida filmmaker remixes the incredible archival footage and animation to reflect on the important event.

Content note: One use of the word "shit" as an exclamation.

Teachers will screen the films (total runtime of 53 mins) for their class in advance of the livestream.

This programme addresses Canada's Indian Residential School System, which may distress some viewers, especially those who have experienced intergenerational trauma due to colonial practices. Support is available 24 hours a day through the national Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line at 1-866-925-4419.