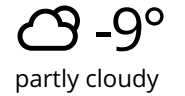


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Iqaluit's Malaya Qaunirq Chapman stars in big new feature film

Arnait Video's Restless River set in the Kuuujuaq of the 1940s, 50s



Iqaluit's Malaya Qaunirq Chapman stars in *Restless River*, a new feature film from Arnait Video Productions that will get a theatrical release this fall.

By Nunatsiaq News

A big new feature film set in Kuujjuaq and starring Iqaluit's Malaya Qaunirq Chapman is set for release in theatres this fall, the film's producers announced this week.

Set in Fort Chimo, as Kuujjuaq was known in the 1940s and 1950s, *Restless River* is inspired by a short novel, titled *La Rivière Sans Repos* in French and [Windflower in English](#), that the renowned francophone writer Gabrielle Roy published in 1970.

The film's central narrative is built around the character of a young Inuk woman named Elsa, who, shortly after the end of World War II, is raped by an American soldier stationed at the Fort Chimo air force base.

Here's the trailer:



Elsa, who's played by Malaya Qaunirq Chapman of Iqaluit, gives birth to a boy named Jimmy, played by young Matthew York of Kuujuaq, and begins the difficult task of raising him.

“Navigating the social norms of the colonizers and the reality of her own family situation, the dreariness of a relationship that is not right for her and the rebellion of her teenage son, Elsa's path follows the winding course of the

indomitable river that accompanies her every turn in life,” Arnait Video says in its promotional material.

Restless River was written and directed by Marie-Hélène Cousineau in collaboration with Madeline Ivalu.

Cousineau also produced the film, while Madeline Ivalu and Lucy Tulugarjuk served as co-producers.

In addition to Chapman and York, the film also stars Etua Snowball, Nick Serino, Madeline Ivalu, Sammy Kudluk, Taqraliq Partridge, Magalie Lépine-Blondeau, Patrick Hivon, Marka A. Krupa and Geneviève Rioux.

It's financed with contributions from Téléfilm Canada, SODEC, the Nunavut Film Development Corp., the Harold Greenberg Fund, along with federal and provincial tax credit programs, and is distributed in Canada by Isuma Distribution International.



Here's Restless River's movie poster. The film's title in French is La Rivière Sans Repos, after the novel by Gabrielle Roy.

First Air and the Crave streaming service also collaborated in the production.

The film's producers have yet to announce which theatres will show the film this fall.

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Posted by Inutuiinnaq on 25 July, 2019

Hi Malaya,
awesome short commercial, very looking forward to watch this movie <3
Attutaunnatuq, it touches me inside seeing this interesting movie, also, seeing inside view of our old Anglican Church, brings me memories during my childhood, when I use to follow my late Parents to Church, awesome choir, in split second memory.

When them days at old Church, Men use to sit separate from their wives, on left side, and women use to sit on right side bench with their babies in their back, with amautik, no guitars, just natural voice singing hymn, I miss those times, we are so mixed now in our religion, we lost our Anglicanism

Posted by DD55 on 26 July, 2019

Nice. Looking forward to watch this film.

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