Zacharias Kunuk screens his latest film Angirattut in original Inuktitut version

Igloolik, October 7th, 2015 – Angirattut, by Inuit director Zacharias Kunuk, is selected to screen at the imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival.

Kunuk's latest film documents Inuit knowledge, tradition and history through a restorative and healing journey. A group of Inuit elders and their families return to home sites on the land after being relocated to settlements more than fifty years ago. Through this homecoming journey, they remember their past and the pain of relocation.

Angirattut was produced in Inuktitut with no English subtitles, to immerse viewers in the world of Inuit without translation. This stresses the primary importance of Inuit filmmaking for Inuit audiences, and shows how indigenous filmmaking can strengthen and maintain indigenous languages worldwide.

A significant occasion for the indigenous film community, Kunuk invites all Inuit and non-Inuktitut speakers to take this opportunity to view the film and enjoy a unique experience with a stunning visual and audio landscape. Audiences can connect with indigenous peoples by watching and listening rather than reading subtitles and translating the experience through their own culture.

Viewers are also invited to continue their journey with *Angirattut*, by exploring the film's companion website, *Amitturmiut*. Here multiple Inuit family histories are re-traced and mapped throughout traditional camp-sites in the Ammituq region where dislocation was widespread during the 1960s. The website features priceless genealogical records gathered by Dr. Christopher Trott, presented in an impressive family tree with the Kinship Scrolls. Visitors can explore additional audio and visual materials documenting families from the region, and contribute their own historical data to help develop a space where people can discover, network and reconnect with their family.

The *Amitturmiut* project will launch October 15th on the IsumaTV collaborative multimedia platform at <u>www.isuma.tv/Amitturmiut</u>

Angirattut screens October 16th at the TIFF Bell Lightbox at 10:30 am. For more information or to purchase tickets visit: <u>www.imaginenative.org</u>

International sales inquiries for *Angirattut*, and other films by Zacharias Kunuk can be directed to: Isuma Distribution International, info@isuma.tv, 1-514-476-0707, or Vtape, distribution@vtape.org, 1-416-351-1317.

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