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# YKIFF AT A GLANCE

## MONDAY, SEPT 28

**Museum @ 7pm**

Weetigo

Astray

Wedding on Mussel Island

Freeride

**Museum @ 8pm**

Yellowknife

## TUESDAY, SEPT 29

**Museum @ 7pm**

Permafrost of the Peel Plateau

Aviliaq: Entwined

SOL

## WED, SEPT 30

**NACC @ 7pm**

Wildlike

**NACC @ 9pm**

Fish Out of Water

Berkshire County

## THURSDAY, OCT 1

**NACC @ 6:30pm**

Guibord s'en va-t-en guerre

(My Internship in Canada)

**NACC @ 8:40pm**

Shadow of a Giant

After the Last River

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All the Time in the World

**NACC @ 9pm**

Les Loups (The Wolves)

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The Yawning

Hickey Gone Wrong

Within the Veil

Metis of the North Slave

Bihttoš

The Bear

Jim Robb's Yukon

Ironhead

El Alpinista

Stock - A Short Film

A Winter Jingle

**NACC @ 7pm**

The Pass System

**NACC @ 8:30pm**

Turbo Kid

## SUNDAY, OCT 4

**Museum @ 1pm**

Oscar Nominated Shorts 2015:

Animation

**NACC @ 5pm**

Way Up North: An Arctic Symphony

**NACC @ 7pm**

L'Empreinte (Subtitles)

**NACC @ 9pm**

Daewit

Trapline

# ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

***The Yellowknife International Film Festival (YKIFF) is hosted by Western Arctic Moving Pictures (WAMP), in the capital city of Canada's Northwest Territories. YKIFF showcases film and new media works from all over the Canadian and Circumpolar North with selected international works.***

The 9th annual festival is a celebration of the best of Northwest Territories Film and films relevant to circumpolar audiences while supporting the growing infrastructure in the Northwest Territories. We must take the time to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our local writers, directors and producers who are creating great work against the odds in a harsh environment.

The film festival in partnership with the NWT Professional Media Association (NWTPMA) strives to provide valuable professional development opportunities for local content creators and inspire creative networks with established producers and institutions across Canada. This year, we are offering many different information and consultations sessions with institutions like Bell Media, the Canada Media Fund, the National Screen Institute and Raindance Canada.

As part of the festivals youth component we host the Dominion Diamond Youth Delegate Program, where local youth produce work with professional music video directors and engage in festival events over the weekend. We would also like to thank our film festival partners l'association Franco-culturelle de Yellowknife (AFCY) for assisting us in providing excellent French language programming this year! If you are unable to make it to Yellowknife for the festivities in October, stay tuned for the YKIFF On-The-Road Regional NWT Tour which will bring a selection of this years screenings to communities throughout the NWT after the festival concludes in Yellowknife.

We hope you to see you out enjoying the 2015 YKIFF program and all of our special events.

Many thanks to all of our partners and sponsors for their generous support, and an extra special thanks to our incredible volunteers!

Festival Director,  
Jeremy Emerson

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**MONDAY, SEPT 28 - SHORTS - MUSEUM @ 7PM**

## **WEETIGO**

22 MIN | JEREMY AUGUST LAFOND | 2014



In the remote reaches of Canada's far north lurks a mysterious phenomenon. For centuries trappers and hunters have told stories of a crazed demonic-like being. Is it real or myth? Three people will find out the truth.

## **ASTRAY**

5:11 MIN | MARY CAROLINE COX | 2014



A woman of the north comes to terms with her loneliness and isolation in the Canadian sub-arctic.

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# WEDDING ON MUSSEL ISLAND

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3:40 MIN | LULU KEATING

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When my son fell in love, he was 16 years old. He wanted to get married, but I told him to wait. It was 10 years before their unorthodox wedding.

# FREERIDE

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20 MIN | KEVIN MAGLIULO & SAMUEL CLOUTIER | 2015

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A limo driver finds an unassuming kid he agrees to take home after accommodating his clients, but the kid turns out to be too much to handle.

★ ★ ★ 15 MIN INTERMISSION ★ ★ ★

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# YELLOWKNIFE

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40 MIN | NIELS HOLSTEIN KAA | 2015

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Director Niels Holstein Kaa is unhappy in Copenhagen. Hoping to regain faith in happiness and love he leaves Copenhagen and embarks on a journey to Yellowknife, a small Northwestern town in Canada.

**TUESDAY, SEPT 29 - MUSEUM @ 7PM**

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# PERMAFROST OF THE PEEL PLATEAU

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17 MIN | CHRISTINE WENMAN | 2015

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The Northwest Territories is experiencing some of the world's most dramatic climate change impacts. This short documentary follows the work of a team of scientists and Fort McPherson community members as they seek to better understand the cause and effects of mega-slumps - huge landscape disturbances that are changing the land that the Tetl'it Gwich'in and their ancestors have known for thousands of years.

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## AVILIAQ: ENTWINED

15 MIN | ALETHEA ARNAQUQ-BARI | 2014

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Entwined is set in a 1950's arctic outpost camp, and tells the story of two Inuit lesbians struggling to stay together in a new world run by outsiders.

## SOL

76 MIN | MARIE-HÉLÈNE-COUSINEAU & SUSAN AVINGAO | 2014

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SOL is a feature documentary that explores the mysterious death of a young Inuk man, Solomon Tapatia Uyarasuk. He is found dead in an RCMP detachment in a remote Inuit community and the locals suspect murder but the police suggest suicide. As the documentary investigates the truth to Solomon's death it sheds light on the underlying social issues of Canada's North that has resulted in this region claiming one of the highest youth suicide rates in the world. The film explores how the pain of suicide has affected the people in these small northern communities and their resilience and determination to create a better future for their people.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 30 - NACC**

**WILDLIKE <sup>A</sup> 7PM**

**104 MIN | FRANK HALL GREEN | 2014**



Mackenzie, a troubled but daring teenage girl, is sent by her struggling mother to live with her uncle in Juneau, Alaska. Although Uncle seems like a supportive caretaker and friend, the relationship turns and Mackenzie is forced to run. Trying to make her way back to Seattle alone to find her absent mother, Mackenzie only winds up deeper in the Alaskan interior. Lost and with no one else to turn to, she shadows a loner backpacker, Bartlett, an unlikely father figure with scars of his own. Together, they cross the wilderness and discover sanctuary in the last frontier.

**FISH OUT OF WATER <sup>A</sup> 9PM**

**9 MIN | KIRSTEN CARTHEW | 2015**



Deep in the heart of an environmental wasteland, a lone woman fishes for food and catches more than she can manage.

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# BERKSHIRE COUNTY

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83 MIN | AUDREY CUMMINGS | 2014

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Kylie Winters, a bullied and self-loathing teen, reluctantly agrees to babysit at an isolated country mansion on Halloween night. When a small boy in a pig mask appears at the door trick-or-treating, Kylie's night transforms into a horrifying and violent cat-and-mouse game. She must go beyond what she ever thought possible if she and the children are to survive the night.

**THURSDAY, OCT 1 - NACC**

## GUIBORD S'EN VA-T-EN GUERRE (MY INTERNSHIP IN CANADA) ⓐ 6:30PM

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108 MIN | PHILIPPE FALARDEAU | 2015

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Steve Guibord, an independent Member of Parliament from northern Quebec who quite unexpectedly finds himself in the position of holding the tie-breaking vote on whether Canada will go to war in the Middle East.[1] Embarking on a tour of his constituency to evaluate public opinion, various lobby groups spin the debate farther and farther out of control and Guibord's confusion ultimately forces the decision onto Souverain (Irdens Exantus), his Haitian immigrant intern.

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# SHADOW OF A GIANT <sup>(A)</sup> 8:40PM

30 MIN | CLARK FERGUSON | 2014

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Shadow of a Giant is an interactive web documentary that tells the story of one Canada's largest environmental disasters, Yellowknife's Giant Mine. Buried in collapsing chambers, within the municipal boundary of Yellowknife, and beside the 9th largest lake in the world, sits 237,000 tons of the highly toxic contaminant, arsenic trioxide, a byproduct of the defunct gold mine.

★ ★ ★ 15 MIN INTERMISSION ★ ★ ★

# AFTER THE LAST RIVER

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88 MIN | VICTORIA LEAN | 2015

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Filmed over five years, After the Last River is a point of view (POV) documentary that follows Attawapiskat's journey from obscurity and into the international spotlight during the protests of Idle No More. Filmmaker Victoria Lean connects personal stories from the First Nation to entwined mining industry agendas and government policies, painting a complex portrait of a territory that is a imperiled homeland to some and a profitable new frontier for others.

**FRIDAY, OCT 2 - NACC**

## **ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD** Ⓐ 7PM

87 MIN | SUZANNE CROCKER | 2014



All the Time in the World is a thought provoking and personal documentary that offers a sociological commentary on what today's life has evolved into for most of us and what happens when a courageous family chooses a seemingly simpler life.

## **LES LOUPS (THE WOLVES)** Ⓐ 9PM

107 MIN | SOPHIE DERASPE | 2015



Elie, a young woman from the city, has come to a remote North Atlantic island. It's the spring thaw, and she is here to convalesce and get to know the community. The annual seal hunt is in full swing, and Elie feels both drawn to and repelled by the men engaged in it. In this isolated world, people's lives and deaths are shaped by the brute forces of nature. Elie's presence arouses curiosity and mistrust. Maria, the village matriarch and den mother, seeks to uncover the secret reason behind Elie's visit. Wolves explores the profound need for belonging.

# SATURDAY, OCT 3 - NACC

## SHORTS <sup>A</sup> 4PM

96 MIN INCLUDING INTERMISSION

The Yawning | 7 min

Metis of the  
North | 5 min



Hickey Gone  
Wrong | 10 min

Within the  
Veil | 8 min

Bihttos | 14 min

**15 MIN INTERMISSION**



The Bear | 11 min

Al Alpinista | 3 min

Jim Robb's Yukon |  
10:30 min

Stock - A Short Film  
| 5 min

Ironhead | 9 min

A Winter  
Jingle | 2 min

## THE PASS SYSTEM <sup>A</sup> 7PM

51 MIN | ALEX WILLIAMS | 2015 | ALEX WILLIAMS IN ATTENDANCE



THE PASS SYSTEM illuminates a shocking time in Canada's history when it embraced racial segregation: willfully and illegally denying Indigenous peoples the basic freedom just to leave their reserves, and jailing them when they did so without a pass. Cree, Soto, Dene, Ojibwe and Blackfoot elders of the prairie land where this took place tell their stories of living under and resisting the system, and link their experiences to today. Acclaimed Cree actor and activist Tantoo Cardinal (Dances with Wolves, Legends of the Fall) narrates this investigative look into a little-known Canada. Music by Aboriginal cellist and composer Cris Derksen.

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# TURBO KID <sup>A</sup> 8:30PM

93 MIN | FRANÇOIS SIMARD, ANOUK WHISSELL & YOANN-KARL WHISSELL

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In a post-apocalyptic wasteland, a comic book fan dons the persona of his favourite hero to save his enthusiastic friend and fight a tyrannical overlord.

**SUNDAY, OCT 4 - MUSEUM <sup>A</sup> 1PM**

## OSCAR NOMINATED SHORTS: ANIMATION

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77 MIN | VARIOUS | 2015

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A Single Life  
Feast

Me and My  
Moulton  
The Bigger  
Picture

The Dam Keeper

**SUNDAY, OCT 4 - NACC**

## **WAY UP NORTH: AN ARCTIC SYMPHONY** **A** 5PM

75 MIN | P.J. MARCELLINO & HERMON FARAH | OFFICIAL PREMIERE: SPRING 2016



**Performances by Leanne Goose, Abe Drennan & YK Youth Choir**

Filmed across Canada, but primarily in the NWT and Nunavut, Way Up North is part travelogue, part social issues documentary, part music doc. Following dozens of award-winning musicians as they look back at the origins of their music and the issues that informed and inspired it.

## **L'EMPREINTE (SUBTITLES)** **A** 7PM

86 MIN | CAROLE POLIQUIN & YVAN DUBUC | 2015



L'acteur Roy Dupuis part à la recherche des origines des Canadiens Français en visitant le lieu où Champlain a débarqué en 1603. En rencontrant des historiens, des anthropologues, des professeurs et même une poétesse, il tente de découvrir les fondements de l'identité québécoise. Celle-ci serait intimement liée aux relations que les ancêtres entretenaient avec les communautés des Premières Nations. Ces dernières valorisaient l'apport du groupe sur l'individu et cet héritage semble se retrouver dans les valeurs des populations métissées qui forment aujourd'hui la Belle Province. Devant les ruptures du passé, un nouveau dialogue doit se tenir.

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## DAEWIT <sup>A</sup> 9PM

15 MIN | DAVID JANSEN | 2015

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A wolf child, a cat, an angel. Daewit is rescued from his violent father and grows up far away from his family among wolves. He is released into a world in which he grows from a child to a man weary of life. Embarking on a mysterious journey to find his own identity, he encounters great hardship but ultimately finds peace in forgiveness.

## TRAPLINE

38 MIN | DUSTIN CHOK | 2015

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Bill wanted to be a trapper for as far back as he could remember. He created a romantic notion of life on the land as a young boy. Succeeding that vision to become one of Alberta's true professional trappers is where Trapline begins. Trapline is an exploration of a dream realized. It follows the philosophies wrapped up in the subsistent existence that key narrator and focus of the film, Bill Abercrombie, has forged for himself.

# WORKSHOPS

## FILMMAKER BOOTCAMP WITH ANNIE BRADLEY

*Sept 28-29*

YK Inn Meeting Room

## SOCIAL MEDIA & CROWDFUNDING TOOLKIT INTENSIVE

*Oct 1*

YK Inn Meeting Room @ 1pm

## INFORMATION SESSION WITH BELL MEDIA'S MICHELE MCMAHON

*Sept 30*

YK Inn Meeting Room @ 10am

## PRODUCING WITH ANNE MARIE GELINAS

*Oct 2*

YK Inn Meeting Room @ 10am

## NSI INFORMATION SESSION

*Oct 2*

YK Inn Meeting Room @ 1pm

## CANADA MEDIA FUND INFO SESSION

*Sept 30*

Suite 201, Nunasi Building Revelation  
Room @ 1pm

## STUNTS FOR WRITERS AND DIRECTORS

*Oct 3*

YK Inn Meeting Room @ 2:30pm

## RIGHTS ACQUISITION- CHAIN OF TITLE PRESENTATION WITH ANGELIKA HEIM

*Oct 1*

YK Inn Meeting Room @ 10am

## STUNTS WITH MAJA ARO

*Oct 4*

Mildred Hall Gym @ 11am

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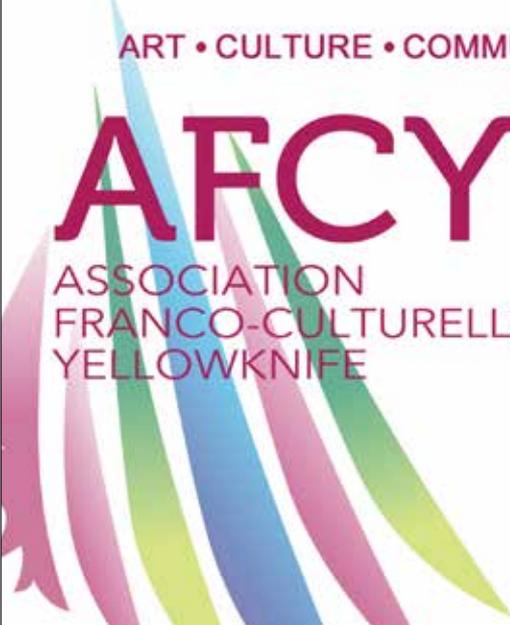
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