

INNU NIKAMU: RESIST AND SING

DIRECTOR

Kevin Bacon Hervieux

DURATION

1:32

YEAR

2017

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE

French

Innu

CATEGORY

Documentary

**DESCRIPTION**

The origins and evolution of the Innu Nikamu Music and Aboriginal Arts Festival are intimately linked to the territorial roots of the Innu people and to the life of the Maliotenam Reserve community. For centuries past the Innu had followed a seasonal migration cycle, wintering in the northern territories for the caribou hunt and returning every summer to the north shore of the St-Lawrence. Festivities, meetings, traditional games and weddings marked the latter period, and the Festival has become the modern day reincarnation of the ancient summer celebration.

In more recent times Maliotenam was host to a government imposed residential school program that left an indelible scar on the community. At the school's closing the buildings were demolished and buried in a field which was to become, a decade later in 1985, the site of Innu Nikamu. Through the music which has accompanied the Innu throughout their history, director Kevin Bacon traces the fabulous story of the founders, musicians, artisans and collaborators who ignited the hope of a community in distress, and dared to believe that the re-appropriation of their culture and their language was not an impossible challenge.

IMAGE FORMAT

16:9

SOUND

Stereo

SHOOTING FORMAT

HD

FURTHER INFORMATION

A television version is also available: *Innu Nikamu : La grande tradition* (46 minutes).

Press:

Innu Nikamu : le récit d'une longue guérison, ICI Côte-Nord, 14 février 2017.

Documentaire Innu Nikamu : La grande tradition de Kevin Bacon Hervieux, Radio-Canada, 15 février 2017.

"Innu Nikamu – La grande tradition: Le portrait lumineux d'une communauté encore ébranlée", *Le Nord-Côtier*, 19 février 2017.

Dans les coulisses d'Innu Nikamu : La Grande Tradition, La Fabrique Culturelle (Bureau TQc).

Entrevue avec Kevin Bacon-Hervieux - film Innu Nikamu: la grande tradition, CKIA - Voix Autochtones.

Innu Nikamu: de la scène au grand écran, ICI Grand-Montréal, 5 octobre 2017.

WEBSITE

<https://www.facebook.com/innunikamufilm>

KEYWORDS

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THEMES

Art and culture

Identity

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