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A stirring account of cultures colliding.

AGHfilm series screens

The Journals of Knud Rasmussen

The Art Gallery of Hamilton's Fall 2006 AGHfilm series continues with the screening of ***The Journals of Knud Rasmussen*** on **Wednesday, October 11** at 7:10 pm at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, 2 King Street West in downtown Hamilton. Tickets are \$6.00 for AGH Members, \$8.00 for students and seniors and \$10.00 for adults. Complete film information and on-line ticket purchasing is available by visiting www.artgalleryofhamilton.com

The long awaited follow-up to Zacharias Kunuk's Cannes Film Festival sensation, *Atanarjuat (The Fast Runner)*, ***The Journals of Knud Rasmussen*** tells the story of Aua, one of the last great shaman, and his trials to lead himself and his rebellious daughter through the changing terrain of 1922 Igloolik. Encroaching Christianity, growing reliance on foreign trade, a Danish ethnographic team, and even a police investigation all pose a threat to their traditional way of life. This poetic account of the first contact between European explorers and the Inuit is considered the first feature film depiction of this encounter from the Inuit perspective. ***The Journals of Knud Rasmussen*** is not only a startling work of art but also a cultural and historical event.

The Journals of Knud Rasmussen (2006, Canada, directed by Zacharias Kunuk, Norman Cohn, 115 min) was chosen to be the opening film of the 2006 Toronto International Film Festival.

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