



Muffins for Granny (2007)

Screening: Saturday Nov. 21, 2009 4:00 pm - River Park Church Auditorium, 3818 -14A Street SW

Length: 88 minutes

Director: Nadia McLaren

Website: <http://www.mongrelmedia.com/dvd/info.cgi?id=1513>

Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6ziYYLL4Dw>

Stills: http://www.mongrelmedia.com/press_info/?id=1513

Summary: The sad history of the Canadian government's residential school program has had a profound effect on First Nations peoples across the country. For filmmaker Nadia McLaren, its personal history as well; her Ojibway grandmother was forced into a residential school and its repercussions have echoed through her family.

Looking to understand her loving but troubled grandmother, McLaren interviews seven First Nations elders about their experiences in residential schools. Mixing stark animated moments with human faces and home movie footage, *Muffins For Granny* is a raw and honest documentary about a difficult chapter in Canadian history; a chapter that, for some, is not over.

Recognition:

- Winner of Best Documentary, Winnipeg Aboriginal Film and Video Festival 2006
- Honourable Mention for Best Documentary, imagineNATIVE Film and Media-Arts Festival 2006



On June 11, 2008 Prime Minister Stephen Harper offered a "Statement of Apology – to former students of Indian Residential Schools". In an act of neighbourly care, festival organizers will present the Tsuu T'ina Nation with a Book of Apology from festival attendees individually endorsing the Canadian government's Statement of Apology. The book will be available for signing throughout the weekend.

Conversation Leader: Chief Wilton Littlechild, is one of the three Commissioners of Canada's "Indian Residential School Truth and Reconciliation Commission". The Commission is seeking out the stories of those connected to the schools and is committed to establishing new relationships embedded in mutual recognition and respect.

Chief Littlechild was elected by the Chiefs of Treaties 6, 7, 8 (Alberta) as the Regional Chief for the three Treaty territories in October of 2006 to serve a three year term. He served as a Member of Parliament from 1988 - 1993 for the riding of Wetaskiwin-Rimby. Chief Littlechild has the distinction of being the first Treaty First Nation person to acquire his law degree from the University of Alberta in 1976. He operates the law firm of J. Wilton Littlechild Barrister and Solicitor situated in the Ermineskin Reserve.

Kevin Littlelight is the Tsuu T'ina Nation Administrator. Tsuu T'ina, which means "a great number of people", is described by Kevin as a hardworking and extremely resourceful nation in transition. Kevin is also a filmmaker whose "Freudian" short, "Samurai Kid" opened the program at The Calgary Society of Independent Filmmaker's imagineNATIVE event this past July.