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THE FIFTH ANNUAL
imagineNATIVE FILM + MEDIA ARTS FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 20 - 24, 2004
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From October 20th - 24th, the **imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival** is going into its fifth successful year of bringing together the best of Aboriginal creativity from around the world. Screening and workshops will be taking place at the **AI Green Theatre in the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre** (750 Spadina Ave.) from October 21-24 commencing at 10:00AM. This year's festival includes world premieres of Canadian and international features, shorts, documentaries, television, radio and new media works from Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Philippines as well as North America. Come celebrate New Frontiers in Cinema and Cyberspace.

Some highlights of the festival include:

October 20 7:00PM Opening Night Screening at Royal Theatre (606 College St.)
After-party at Revival (783 College St.)

Prayer for a Good Day, the debut film from Canadian **Heiltsuk/Mohawk Zoe Leigh Hopkins**.

Pear ta Ma'on Maf/The Land has Eyes by **Vilsoni Hereniko**, which tells the story of Viki a young woman's difficult fight to clear her family's name on the island of Rotuma in the South Pacific. *Pear ta Ma'on Maf/The Land has Eyes* is the first indigenous feature length film from the Fiji Islands.

October 23 9:00PM The Beat at the El Mocambo (464 Spadina Ave.)

New this year is a music night with music video screenings and live performances. **Lucie Idlout** is a singer-songwriter whose raw and commanding style has made her one of the most powerful voices to rise from the new territory of Nunavut. Combining a tradition of Aboriginal with mainstream styles, **George Leach's** soulful rock driven music has won him Best Rock Album and Best Male Artists at the 2000 Canadian Aboriginal Awards. **Daybi** is a rising star in Canada's hip hop scene who has previously recorded as part of the hip hop outfit Slangblossom.

October 24 8:30PM Awards Ceremony + Closing Night Party at the El Mocambo



The **imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival** awards ceremony will see the Milestone Award go to Alanis Obamsawin. There will be screenings of Obonsawin's career changing films earlier in the day at the Al Green Theatre.

For Advance Festival Passes + Special Event Tickets call **416.585.2333** or e-mail info@imagineNATIVE.org. The **imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival's** mandate is to promote and train Aboriginal media artists from across Canada and works to support both established and emerging artists. Industry workshops and panels are offered free of charge to both artists and the public.

Please add this information to your listings. We are presently confirming interviews. Dubs and Images are available upon request.

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