

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Fraser Valley University, Abbotsford campus (Rm B101)



Our Land, My People

5 PM -- The Lubicon Cree of northern Alberta tell the story of their long struggle to defend their culture. Three decades of intensive oil and gas development have caused massive environmental destruction, driving this hunting and trapping society into extreme poverty. But the Lubicon have never given up hope. They continue to work to preserve their way of life for future generations. 30 min.

Justicia Now!

5:30 PM -- This film reveals Chevron Texaco's toxic legacy in the Northern Ecuadorian region of the Amazon rainforest and introduces viewers to a courageous group of people called Los Afectados (The Affected Ones) who are seeking justice for sickness and death in the largest environmental class action lawsuit in history. Featuring appearances by Daryl Hannah and Stuart Townsend. 31 min.

Seeking Refuge

6:15 PM -- Five asylum seekers set out on the lengthy journey to be accepted as refugees in Canada. Plunging into the experiences, hopes and struggles of asylum seekers looking for protection, Seeking Refuge follows newly-arrived claimants awaiting their hearings and captures the lives of those who have been denied asylum and are facing deportation. A moving look at the lives of people who navigate Canada's complex refugee determination system after escaping war, persecution, rape, and political unrest. 70 min.

The Stolen Child

7:45 PM -- The Stolen Child is the story of Palestinian child prisoners, their incredible ordeal and the positive life force that still exists despite terrible obstacles they face. The film examines disturbing and shocking treatment of the weakest and most vulnerable section of Palestinian society. The majority of these children are accused of stone-throwing and yet suffer the full psychological and physical effects of arrest, interrogation and imprisonment. 26 min.



Burma VJ

8:30 PM -- Though risking torture and life in jail, courageous young citizens of Burma insist on keeping up the flow of news from their closed country. Armed with small handycams, the Burma VJs stop at nothing to report from the streets of Rangoon. This film offers a unique insight into high-risk journalism and dissidence in a police state, while at the same time providing a thorough documentation of the historical and dramatic days of September 2007, when the Buddhist monks started marching. 85 min.

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