



DAS NORDAMERIKA FILMFESTIVAL

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INDIANER INUIT: Das Nordamerika Filmfestival 2012

Under the motto BETWEEN TRADITION AND MULTIMEDIA LIFE and under the patronage of UNICEF in Stuttgart, the [American Indian Film Institute](#) and Festival in San Francisco as well as the International Aboriginal Film Festival DreamSpeakers in Edmonton, Canada, INDIANER INUIT: Das Nordamerika Filmfestival (4) will take place from January 19-22, 2012 at Treffpunkt Rotebühlplatz ([VHS Stuttgart](#)).

It is the first and only of its kind in Europe. After a great start in 2004 it is held every 2 years. INDIANER INUIT: Das Nordamerika Filmfestival is based on the cooperation of the [Volkshochschule](#) (Community College), the [Linden-Museum](#) (National Museum of Ethnology), the James Byrnes Institute – all located in Stuttgart – and the University of Konstanz. The overall artistic direction is provided by Gunter Lange – [Media Arts Cultural Events](#).

The team is thrilled to welcome [Radmilla Cody](#) to the 2012 festival. The Arizona resident and former Miss Navajo is an outstanding individual who works as a singer, model, human rights activist and UNICEF representative. Already before the official start of the film festival Radmilla Cody will give a concert at the Wannensaal of the Linden-Museum in Stuttgart on Wednesday, January 18, at 7:30 pm.

Another highlight of the INDIANER INUIT film festival 2012 is the participation of **Dennis Banks** (Anishinabe), co-founder of the [American Indian Movement](#) (AIM). In 1973, Dennis Banks was the leader of the protest movement on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota against the corrupt Tribal President Dick Wilson that led to the 71-days siege of Wounded Knee the same year.

Also in 1973 AIM protested under Banks' leadership in Custer, South Dakota a court sentence which acquitted a white man of killing a Native American. As a result, Dennis Banks was arrested and tried in 1975, along with 300 Native American activists. He was convicted of inciting riots in Custer, and to escape the prison and the prosecution by the FBI, he went into hiding. He and his family first found refuge in California, and later in the Onondaga Reservation, New York.

In 1987, Dennis Banks was called to Uniontown, Kentucky where grave robbers were caught, looting Native American graves for treasures. He organized reburial ceremonies. Due to his activities the states of Kentucky and Indiana passed strict laws against the desecration of graves.

In 2006, Dennis Banks organized the Sacred Run from Alcatraz to Washington. Some of the participants even came from Japan, Australia, Ireland and Canada. The filmmakers Lynn Salt and David Mueller made a stunning film portrait of Dennis Banks titled "[A Good Day To Die](#)". It will have its Europe-Premiere at the INDIANER INUIT film festival 2012.

The official opening of the film festival with international guests will take place on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Treffpunkt Rotebühplatz (VHS Stuttgart). INDIANER INUIT: Das Nordamerika Filmfestival will open with the award winning film documentary [Hearing Radmilla](#), by U.S. director Angela Webb, who has confirmed her participation in the festival.

The festival is seen as a form of international understanding and cultural dialogue. In addition to cinema it offers viewers the opportunity to personally meet the indigenous filmmakers and to discuss their work with them.

Film screenings for school classes, cultural programs and educational training are important components of the festival.

Media centers will receive recommendations for rental films of high educational value, which are ideal for use in the classroom.

It already emerges that the festival with increasing popularity will attract even more people from all over Europe. This unique film and cultural event underlines the character of Stuttgart as a cosmopolitan, internationally interwoven and inter-cultural trendsetting city.

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