

## News release

## Film symposium to provide forum for industry discussion

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 15, 2001)** – Thirty-five Nunavut filmmakers and industry supporters will gather this weekend at Iqaluit's Astro Theatre to discuss the future of the film industry in the territory.

Organized with the help of The Department of Culture, Language Elders & Youth and the Department of Sustainable Development, the symposium is designed to examine the challenges facing the industry. This event will provide a forum for both discussing and developing proposals that will encourage growth and development in film, television, video and new media production in Nunavut.

In addition to working sessions on training, funding, marketing, and distribution in the film industry, there will also be presentations on the development of the industry in the Yukon Territory, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan.

Recent work by Nunavut filmmakers will be featured throughout the weekend and symposium participants will have an opportunity to view the Igloolik Isuma Production, *Atanarjuat*.

Screenings of films by Nunavut filmmakers will also be shown at Joamie Ilinniarvik School on Saturday, March 17 beginning at 8:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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