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Premier and Culture Minister Congratulate Nunavut's Genie Award Winner Ungalaq

IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 7, 2009) – Culture, Language, Elders and Youth Minister Louis Tapardjuk and Premier Eva Aariak today extended congratulations to Nunavut's Genie Award winner Natar Ungalaq and acknowledged his outstanding contribution to Nunavut's film and television industry

“We are very proud of Ungalaq for this remarkable achievement, he spoke Inuktitut in the film, sharing our language and the culture with Canada and the rest of the world,” said Tapardjuk. “We express thanks for his significant contribution to the arts in Nunavut”.

“I extend my sincerest congratulations Natar Ungalaq for winning the Genie Award,” said Premier Aariak. “Receiving a Genie is the highest Canadian honour for film and television. It is a testament to Mr. Ungalaq's skill and determination and demonstrates the importance of the arts to preserving Nunavut's history and culture.”

Natar Ungalaq from Igloolik won the Genie Award for best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role. He played Tivii in the film *Ce qu'il faut pour vivre / The Necessities of Life*.

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