



Opening Night Outdoor Film Screening & Concert

Wilfred Buck

Lisa Jackson • 2024 • 96 min • Feature Documentary • English, Cree

Moving between earth and stars, past and present, this hybrid feature documentary follows the extraordinary life of Wilfred Buck, a charismatic and irreverent Cree Elder who overcame a harrowing yet familiar history of displacement, racism and addiction by reclaiming ancestral star knowledge and ceremony.

Buck is humble, profound, funny, always real and a master storyteller. Narration taken from his autobiography condenses the loss and pain of his youth into powerful, Beat-like poetry. After his community in Northern Manitoba is forcibly relocated to make way for a

hydroelectric dam, Buck's family loses everything. He descends into the darkness of the city streets, surviving any way he can, until he reconnects with Elders who start him on a path that transforms his world. Driven by insatiable curiosity and instructed by dreams, Buck becomes a science educator and internationally respected star lore expert. His mission is sharing these life-changing teachings—as relevant and urgent today as ever—always guided by ceremony and anchored in the land.

Director Lisa Jackson deftly interweaves verité footage of Buck's present with archival footage and cinematic, dramatized scenes from his past, painting a portrait of a beloved leader who now stands at the forefront of the resurgence of Indigenous ways of knowing.

@ Club SAW Outdoor Courtyard Tuesday August 6, 8:30pm (Doors at 7:00pm)

Doors: 7:00pm

Welcome: 7:30pm

Music: 7:45pm

Film: 8:30pm

Come early at 7:00pm for our Festival opening welcome and FREE concert featuring IA, a Maori Band visiting all the way from Aotearoa, New Zealand. The film will screen outdoors after Sunset.

[TICKETS](#)



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** This short film will screen prior to Wilfred Buck*

All of the performers in this beautiful video are local to Ottawa and the music is an original composition.

Film Trailer

01:00

Director Biography



Lisa Jackson is an Anishinaabe filmmaker whose work has garnered two Canadian Screen Awards, been nominated for a Webby and screened at top festivals including Sundance, Tribeca, SXSW, Berlinale and Hot Docs. Her VR experience ***Biidaaban*** was viewed by more than 25,000 people, while her film *Indictment* won Best Doc at imagineNATIVE and is one of CBC's top watched documentaries. She won the 2022 Chicken & Egg Award and the 2021 DOC Vanguard Award, and has an MFA from York University.

