

Portraits From A Fire

Friday, August 12, 6:00pm
@ Ottawa Art Gallery (Alma Duncan Salon)

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Trevor Mack (Tsilhqot'in) • 1h 32 • 2021 • Canada • English

Portraits From A Fire is a coming-of-age film that follows Tyler, an eccentric and lonely teenager who spends his days filmmaking, vlogging his Indigenous community, and hanging out with his grandparents. His father, Gord, is physically present but remains emotionally absent from Tyler's life for reasons Tyler cannot understand.

That is until he meets Aaron, a mysterious, charismatic, and influential figure who encourages Tyler to showcase his most personal film about his mother's disappearance to the community, leading to a reckoning between past and future, life and death, and father and son.

The film follows Tyler's journey to heal the wounds of the past by opening them once again. And by finding the courage to face the fear of the unknown, he weaves together the strong sacred bonds of family through both living and ancestral realms.

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Trevor Mack is an award-winning Tsilhqot'in nation filmmaker from the interior of British Columbia, Canada. Raised by his single mother and family, his culture and upbringing provided a strong foundation for storytelling expressed through his current film work.

Mack started his film career at 17 years old when he helped create a freelance video editing and motion graphics group called 'Viral Design'. The group secured contracts to produce promotional videos for companies such as Red Bull, Gunnar Optiks, and Steelseries.

In 2013, at 21 years old, he debuted his first short film, *The Blanketing*. It screened across North America and in New Zealand at festivals such as the Vancouver Indigenous Media Arts Festival, Toronto Independent Film Festival, and imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival among others.

Mack's second short film, *Clouds of Autumn*, debuted at the prestigious Toronto International Film Festival in 2015 and went on to screen at other film festivals such as the Vancouver International Film Festival, Ottawa International Film Festival, Whistler Film Festival, American Indian Film Festival, imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival, Tacoma Film Festival, and the Maoriland Film among others. *Clouds of Autumn* received the 'Best Canadian Short Drama' award at the imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival.





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