

You are invited to a

# Siberian Film Festival

A full day of rare documentary films set in the Russian Far North and spanning the tumultuous decade of change after Perestroika. Each work introduced by experts in the societies and economies of the region.

Admission Free – Everyone Welcome

## Theatre of the Scott Polar Research Institute

Lensfield Road  
Cambridge

**Friday 4 June, 2004**

11am – 5:30pm

- 11:00 **Siberia - After the Shaman** (Channel 4, 1991) 55 minutes  
The first post-Soviet foreign documentary to be made in the Russian Arctic, this film explores the lives of Siberian reindeer herders as they confront the challenges of Perestroika. Introduced by Dr. Piers Vitebsky, whose research inspired this film.
- 12:15 **Way to the Sacred Place** (Smithsonian Institute, 1997) 47 minutes  
Winner of the Grand Prix at the 1999 Russian Anthropological Film Festival, filmmaker Andrei Golovnev depicts nomadic Nenets reindeer herders' lives and rituals. Set in the harsh tundra landscape of the Yamal Peninsula, north-central Siberia.
- 13:00 Break for Lunch
- 14:00 **Arctic Aviators** (National Geographic, 2002) 25 minutes  
Writer Marcel Theroux explores the heroism and philosophy of Siberian bush pilots, who provide the lifeline to remote northern settlements on a landscape without roads.
- 14:30 **Autumn on Ob River** (Tromso, 2003) 46 minutes  
Anthropologist Janno Simm provides an ethnographic portrait of the traditional hunting and fishing activities of the Khanty, a people living along the Ob River in western Siberia.
- 15:30 **Pegtymel** (Smithsonian Institute, 1998) 32 minutes  
Winner of the Grand Prix at the 2000 Russian Anthropological Film Festival, Andrei Golovnev's film depicts Chukchi reindeer herders living in the most northeasterly region of Russia. Daily life and autumn ritual are intersected with fly agaric (magic) mushroom stories told by the elder Nataiko.
- 16:00 Coffee & Refreshments Served
- 16:30 **The Coldest Town on Earth** (TransAtlantic Films, 2000) 50 minutes  
Writer Marcel Theroux journeys to the world's coldest town – Verkhoyansk – in northeast Siberia, and in the process learns to respect the native peoples who happily make this territory their home.

*End by 17:30*

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