

## Planet in Focus & the Revue Cinema partner to celebrate Earth Day and National Canadian Film Day with a special screening of Victoria Lean's *After the Last River*.

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TORONTO, April 13, 2017 - Part of the Festival's Mixed Greens year-round programming, the **Planet in Focus Environmental Film Festival** (PIF) is celebrating Earth Day with a special screening of their 2015 Best Canadian Film winner, *After the Last River*, co-presented by National Canadian Film Day and the Revue Cinema.

Victoria Lean's powerful documentary will be shown on April 22, at 4 PM at the Revue Cinema, 400 Roncesvalles Ave. The Metis Fiddler Quartet will kick off the event with an interactive performance of traditional music learned from elders across Canada. Following the screening, there will be a Q&A with Director Lean.

Filmed over five years, *After the Last River* is a point of view documentary that follows Attawapiskat's journey from obscurity and into the international spotlight during the protests of 'Idle No More'. Lean's finely crafted documentary examines the community of Attawapiskat and it's stories of resistance, following the impact that diamond mining and decades of government underfunding has had on the environment and the community.

The film screened at PIF 2015 to great success, earning it the Best Canadian Feature award that year. In fact, the Festival's team were so moved by the issues brought up in the film, that they decided to take their Eco Film Lab student program to Attawapiskat. The **North South Eco Film Lab** will take place in late May of this year and will offer hands-on filmmaking training to local youth from Vezina High School to tell their own community-based stories.

The program will be headed up by Cree filmmaker Jules Koostachin, who is member of Attawapiskat First Nation. Director Lean and PIF's Executive Director Jordana Aarons will also be part of the team travelling to Attawapiskat.

Tickets are now available at planetinfocus.org

## **About Planet in Focus**

Planet in Focus is a charitable organization whose mission is to promote environmental

education by raising awareness of critical environmental issues through a variety of media-based initiatives including; the Planet in Focus International Environmental Film Festival, the Green School & Cross Campus Tours, Eco-Film Lab, the PiF Student Film Festival, and year 'round screenings that showcase the best environmental films from Canada and around the world. PlanetinFocus.org

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