

DOCUMENTARY 90' (available in 52') - HD/DCP

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A documentary by Aleksei Vakhrushev



At 72, Voukvoukai is still robust and energetic, and he lives in the heart of the Chukotka Region in the Russian Far East. He is a true man of the tundra, and in his daily life he is a reindeer herder. He has been doing this all his life. He is part of a community that manages a herd of more than 14 000 head of reindeer. For these reindeer herders life is a constant struggle for survival in this most inhospitable region.

This film offers the viewer the opportunity of total immersion into the daily lives of these Chukchi reindeer herders.

They live in an area that borders with Siberia, along the Rytchvan, Paliavaam and Pyrakvaam Rivers. Chukotka is known as one of the coldest regions in the world. Here the viewer can discover, and better appreciate, their unique culture and life style. These reindeer herders are attempting to maintain their ancient traditions in this modern world.



11 international awards, among which :

Nika Prize
Best Documentary
2011

Special Prize Jean
Rouch Festival 2012

International Film
Festival People and
Environment 2012

Alekseï Vakhrushev

Director, writer and producer of documentary films, he grew up in Anadyr, the capital of Chukotka. A graduate of VGIK in Moscow in 1991, he is interested in the fate of Northern Peoples. Between 1993 and 2011 he made 11 films, broadcast on Russia Today and Kanal 1. The Book of the Tundra was broadcast by the Russian channel Kultura.

TUNDRA BOOK

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