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**First Peoples' Festival
Presents the Short Film « Just-One-Eye » at the NFB Theatre
produced by Rachel-Alouki Labbé, an Aboriginal film director**

Kahnawake, June 6, 2008 - The First Peoples' Festival presents the short film « Just-One-Eye » produced by the Aboriginal film director, Rachel-Alouki Labbé at the NFB Theatre. The film was made for a large awareness campaign against family violence organized by Quebec Native Women and the Joint Working Group on the Well-Being of our Nations. The short film will be **presented on Wednesday, June 18th, 2008 at 8:30 pm.**

Rachel-Alouki Labbé received the 2008 Télédiversité Prize for her movie called "Les enfants de la nuit", a film that shows the director's will to raise awareness among public on issues such as, the other, differences and respect. Along with \$5,000, this prize is usually given to an individual or an organization who contributed remarkably to development and integration of cultural communities in the medias. **After directing "Les Enfants de la Nuit", a film that focuses on refugees in Uganda, Rachel-Alouki Labbé is happy to return to her favourite subject: Aboriginal peoples.**

With an astute and clear vision, full of compassion and empathy, she joins today Quebec Native Women's awareness campaign *Standing Together against Family Violence* to share the short film "Just-One-Eye". The seven minute movie is available in both the French and English languages, as well as in the Innu and Atikamekw languages. It presents different violent situations that can occur in a domestic relationship. Domestic violence in the context of First Nations peoples is unfortunately, a taboo subject even though it affects men, women and children in our communities. **With her film, Rachel-Alouki is looking forward to sensitizing First Nations peoples in Quebec** to this important social problem as well as inspire members of communities to break this destructive cycle of violence.

The film will be **presented on Wednesday, June 18th, at 8:30 in the NFB theatre.**

Rachel-Alouki Labbé is the founder of Alouki Films Projeks, a specialised production firm dedicated to Aboriginal realities from around the world. Rachel is Abenaki and grew up in Kahnésatake. As a child, she soon found out that First Nations of Quebec were not familiar to non-aboriginal populations. Since then, she naturally got the idea to positively sensitize people to her world and reality. Rachel believes, the bridge-building process between Quebec society and Aboriginal peoples must include mutual comprehension; and cinema is an incontrovertible medium to be employed.

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Our organization:

Founded in 1974, **Quebec Native Women Inc. (QNW)**, a non-profit organization, represents women from the First Nations in Quebec and Aboriginal women living in urban areas. QNW advocates on behalf of the Rights of Aboriginal women and their families.

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