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Atanarjuat - The Fast Runner

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Thursday October 11

7:30PM Rafael

\$9 / \$6.50 ATAN11R

Saturday October 13

10:30AM Rafael

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Sponsored by Gordon Radley

Director Zacharias Kunuk **Producers** Zacharias Kunuk, Norman Cohn, Paul Apak Angilirq, National Film Board of Canada **Screenwriter** Paul Apak Angilirq
Cinematographer Norman Cohn **Editors** Zacharias Kunuk, Norman Cohn, Marie-Christine Sarda **Cast** Natar Ungalaaq, Sylvia Ivalu, Peter-Henry Arnatsiaq, Lucy Tulugarjuk, Abraham Ulayuruluk, Eugene Ipkanak, Madeline Ivalu, Pauloosie Qulitalik **Print Source** Isuma Distribution International

Atanarjuat - The Fast Runner is stunning cinema, reminiscent of *Himalaya* in its epic story of rivalry, love, tradition and taboo set against the harsh, gorgeous landscape around Iglooik in the Canadian Arctic. Atanarjuat the Fast Runner wins the beautiful Atuat away from the boastful son of the camp leader, Oki, who vows to get even. Oki's revenge ultimately takes the form of an ambush; Atanarjuat, true to his name, miraculously escapes pursuit by running naked over the spring sea ice. This gripping piece of visual storytelling is dynamically rendered by Norman Cohn's innovative digital cinematography, which captures this region's magnificent grace, beauty and exquisite northerly light. This is a breathtaking feature debut by Kunuk, and its length only serves to take one deeper into the sensibility and emotional power of the story. —Z. Elton

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In Person: Norman Cohn