

CUPE PEI SUPPORTS

CLIFF Films!

CLIFF Film Festival

The Canadian Labour International Film Festival (CLIFF) returns to PEI for its third year. This year the films will be shown at the AVC Lecture Theatre A at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 30th and is hosted by CUPE Local 1870, PEI Federation of Labour, CUPE PEI and other PEI Labour unions . Admission is free.

The 2011 Films include Canadian Film **Breathtaking**:

“Breathtaking” takes on the asbestos industry through a moving and personal investigation into the deaths of Kathleen’s father from mesothelioma, and the confounding present-day use of asbestos in Canada and other countries that continues to exact a human toll. Valued since prehistory and commercially mined since the Industrial Revolution, asbestos was nicknamed the ‘magic mineral’ for its fabric-like properties and its capacity to protect against fire. It’s been used in everything from brake pads to oven mitts. After it was discovered to be carcinogenic, asbestos use was banned in many countries and limited in others.

USA Films Locked out and Triangle: Remembering the Fire.

Locked Out is a David and Goliath story reveals how 560 unionized miners in California refused to accept wage and benefit cuts by their employer, Rio Tinto, a giant multinational mining company. They were locked out of their jobs and replaced by scabs. They organized a mass movement of support and after 107 days, Rio Tinto backed down, signed a decent contract and the miners went back to work.

Triangle: Remembering the Fireescription:

“Triangle: Remembering the Fire” marks the 100th anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, an event that changed the course of history. It is the story of a great uprising of young women, whose protest ended tragically in flames. A cinematic tone poem of remembrance, the films also stands as a cautionary tale about the dangers of returning to the attitudes of the Gilded Age.

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