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Hotdoc Zeros in on Forgotten Canadian Hero John Rae



Take in *Passage*, the new hotdoc based on the book *Fatal Passage* by award winning author and Adventure Canada resource team member, Ken McGoogan. Veteran documentarian John Walker takes us on an epic historical adventure that involves cannibalism, a vengeful woman and an historical cover-up by British authorities that credited the wrong man with the discovery of the Northwest Passage. Based on the lives of Dr. John Rae, explorer for the Hudson's Bay Company, and Sir John Franklin, British Royal Navy officer and leader of an ill-fated 1840s Arctic expedition. Stunningly cinematic, the film follows a trail from London to the Orkney Islands to Nunavut, elegantly slipping between past and present, drama and documentary, observational and self-reflexive cinema, to present the forces that made Franklin a hero and banished Rae to the margins of history. A cast of characters, including respected Inuit stateman Tagak Curley and the great great grandson of Charles Dickens, join the director as he unravels a historic fraud and sets the record straight.

Passage is screening in Toronto at the following locations:

Royal Cinema 608 College St. on April 20th at 21:30

ROM Theater 100 Queens Park April 23 at 16:30

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Ken McGoogan is joining the Adventure Canada team on our High Arctic Adventure: Sept 18-30, 2008 as featured historian.

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