

Healing and Reconciliation with First Nations



Please join us as we watch the film “*Frontrunners*”
and for the shared discussion that follows.

“*Niigaanibatowaad* (pronounced Nih-gahn-ee-BAHT-oh-wadt):
Frontrunners” is a memory play narrated by the main character,
Thomas, an Aboriginal residential school survivor now in his 50s. He
has been invited by the organizers of the 1999 Pan Am Games to finish
a run with the Games’ torch that abruptly ended 400 metres too early in
1967. The invitation revives memories and finally, after a painful
confrontation, he realizes that finishing the run is the first step on the
path of healing.

This 46-minute DVD, a filmed, shortened version of the play, is
based on true stories told to playwright and filmmaker Laura Robinson
by the 1967 Pan Am Games torchrunners. “*Niigaanibatowaad: Front-
runners*” premiered on APTN in November 2007 and screened at the
2007 Winnipeg Aboriginal Film Festival.

Tuesday, March 2—7:15-8:45 p.m.
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