

# Raymond Yakeleya

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Raymond Yakeleya. Raymond is an award-winning Dene television producer, director, and writer. Originally from Tulita in the Northwest Territories, he now calls Edmonton, Alberta home. Raymond is author of the Dene children's books *The Tree by the Woodpile* and *The Rainbow, the Midwife and the Birds*, and is co-editor of both *We Remember the Coming of the White Man* and *Indigenous Justice*. He also wrote an extensive foreword in *Nahganne: Tales of the Northern Sasquatch*. Says Raymond, "Indigenous Peoples need to have a voice in mainstream media in order to tell our stories, our way. With the passing of many of our Elders, the telling of these stories has become more important."

## RECENT CREDITS:

### Author/Editor

|   |  |
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| The Rainbow, the Midwife & the Birds                          | Durville Publications, Author                        |
| Nahganne  | Durville Publications, Foreword Author               |
| We Remember the Coming of the White Man                       | Durville Publications, Editor and Author (Anthology) |
| 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dene Nation – Historical Article | Up Here Magazine – Yellowknife, NWT                  |
| The Tree By The Woodpile – Childrens Book                     | Durville Publications, Author                        |
| Dogs 'n Snakes and Innocent Women                             | Earth Magic Media Group.                             |
| Ghostwater  | Earth Magic Media Group                              |
| Z28 Blues   | Earth Magic Media Group                              |

### Producer

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|--|--|
| Grolier Hall – Documentary                   | RYY Media Group                          |
| Parks Canada NWT – Documentary               | Earth Magic Media Group                  |
| CTV Enoch Reserve – Info Ad                  | Earth Magic Media Group/CTV              |
| Tsuu T'ina Nation – Education Shoot          | Earth Magic Media Group                  |
| UFOs, Aliens and the First Nations           | Earth Magic Media Group/AFA              |
| Boys of Grolier Hall                         | Earth Magic Media Group/TRC              |
| Fort Norman Oil                              | Earth Magic Media Group/NWT Arts Council |
| Deline Uranium Project (1 x 60 minutes)      | Earth Magic Media Group.                 |
| Earth Voices - season 2 (13 x half hour)     | Earth Magic Media Group/APTN             |
| Earth Voices - season 1 (13 x half hour)     | Earth Magic Media Group/APTN             |
| From the Spirit – Season I (13 x half hour)  | Earth Magic Media Group/APTN             |
| From the Spirit – Season II (6 x half hour)  | Earth Magic Media Group/BRAVO!TV/APTN    |
| From the Spirit – Season III (7 x half hour) | Earth Magic Media Group/BRAVO!TV/APTN    |
| Last Mooseskin Boat – Documentary            | National Film Board of Canada            |
| We Remember – Documentary                    | CBC North, Yellowknife                   |

### In Development

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|---|-----------------------------|
| Ghosts of Grolier Hall – Documentary Series   | RYY Media Group             |
| N.W.T TEST Ski Program – Documentary          | RYY Media Group             |
| First People – (13 x half hour)               | RYY Media Group             |
| People of the North Star – Documentary Series | RYY Media Group             |
| Time of Joy – Christmas Special               | Earth Magic Media Group/CBC |
| From the Spirit – Season IV (13 x half hour)  | Earth Magic Media Group/PBS |
| The Hunt Family - Documentary                 | Earth Magic Media Group     |
| Fort Norman Oil - Documentary                 | Earth Magic Media Group     |
| Yamoria In the Sahtu Region - Children        | Earth Magic Media Group     |
| Raven's Light - 13 x half hour – Children     | Earth Magic Media Group     |
| 13th Hour - 13 X half hour - Documentary      | Earth Magic Media Group     |
| Dick Patrick - Saik'uz Warrior - Documentary  | Earth Magic Media Group.    |
| Shuhta'otine - The Mountain Dene - Doc        | Earth Magic Media Group     |

People of the Land and of the Water - Doc  
Dogs 'n Snakes and Innocent Women-Comedy  
Ghostwater - Drama

Earth Magic Media Group  
Earth Magic Media Group  
Earth Magic Media Group

**Director**

Flight Through the Rainbow  
We Remember Directors Cut  
Ghosts of Grollier Hall – Documentary Series  
N.W.T TEST Ski Program – Documentary  
First People – (13 x half hour)  
People of the North Star – Documentary Series  
From the Spirit – Season III (7x half hour)  
Deline Uranium Project (1 x 60 minutes)  
Earth Voices - season 2 (13 x half hour)  
Earth Voices - season 1 (13 x half hour)  
From the Spirit- Season I (13 x half hour)  
From the Spirit – Season II (6 x half hour)  
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Last Mooseskin Boat  
We Remember

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Earth Magic Media Group/BRAVO!TV/APTN  
INAC and Government of Northwest Territories  
National Film Board of Canada  
CBC North, Yellowknife

**Work Exhibited:**

British Museum of Mankind, London, UK.  
Museum of the American Indian, New York, USA.  
Margaret Mead Film Festival, New York, USA.  
Robert Flaherty Film Festival, San Diego, USA.  
John Grierson Film Festival, Ontario, Canada.  
From the Spirit, Series I, II and III broadcast PBS, 28 States in the USA

**Professional Committees:**

Yellowknife Artists Cooperative - Board of Director, February 2021  
Founding Member and Chairman, X111th Hour Paranormal Society of Alberta  
Board Member Theatre Prospero, Edmonton, Alberta  
Edmonton Arts Council, Edmonton, Alberta  
Founding Member, DREAMSPEAKERS Aboriginal Film Festival.  
Founding Member, Native American Filmmakers Alliance.  
Founding Member, Association of Aboriginal Filmmakers of Alberta.

WORK HISTORY:

1998 to 2022

**Principal**

RYY Media Group, Edmonton, Alberta and Earth Magic Media Group

1977 to 1999

**Independent Film and Video Producer, Director, Writer** Yellowknife,  
NWT and Edmonton, Alberta.

1994 to 1995

**Director of Television**

Yinka Dene Language Institute, Vanderhoof BC.

1990

**Photography Instructor**

Grant MacEwan Community College, Edmonton, Alberta.

1990

**Studio Cameraman**

CBC Television, Calgary, Alberta.

1988 to 1989

**Studio Cameraman**

CBC Television, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

1981 to 1982

**Film Producer/Director**

North American Indian Films, Ottawa, Ontario.

1980 to 1981

**Executive Director**

Native Communications Society of the Western NWT, Yellowknife, NWT.

1977

**Film Director**

National Film Board, Montreal, Quebec

EDUCATION:

**Professional Training Courses**

Banff School of Fine Arts, Banff, Alberta, 1976-77, Photography Program

University of Southern California, L.A. 1977, Summer Cinema Filmmaking Course, Universal Studios.

Minorities and Public Broadcasting, Columbia University, New York, 1979

Red River College, Winnipeg, 1988, TV Multi Camera Course

Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta, 1988, Electronic Media Television Course

FAVA, Edmonton, Alberta, 2015, Screenwriting Course

**Formal**

Samuel Hearne Secondary School, Inuvik, NWT. Graduated in 1972

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS:

1988 **Run With Me** *Manitoba Film and Television Awards.*

1982 **The Last Mooseskin Boat** *Alberta Film and Television Awards.* 1980

**We Remember** *American Indian Film Festival, San Francisco.*