

# THE TUNDRA BOOK

## A tale of Vukvukai, the Little Rock

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His people take care of a huge herd - over 14,000 deer. Their life is a non-stop struggle for survival and well-being in the most harsh weather conditions of Chaun-Chukotka.

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BEST DOCUMENTARY

«NIKA AWARD»  
BY THE RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF  
MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND SCIENCES  
2011

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RUSSIAN NATIONAL  
DOC AND TV AWARD  
«GOLDEN LAUREL»  
2011

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«RUSSIA»  
2011

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RUSSIAN NATIONAL  
FILM CRITICS AWARD  
«WHITE ELEPHANT»  
2011

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NOMINATION  
«GOLDEN EAGLE»  
ACADEMY AWARD  
2011

BEST INTERNATIONAL

FEATURE  
DocsDF  
2011

"MONDE EN REGARDS"

JEAN ROUCH  
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL  
2012

GRAND PRIX

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL  
"PEOPLE AND ENVIRONMENT"  
2012

OFFICIAL SELECTION

ASIA PACIFIC SCREEN  
AWARDS  
2012

SILVER APRICOT

"GOLDEN APRICOT"  
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL  
2011

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HOT DOCS  
CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL  
DOCUMENTARY FESTIVAL  
2012

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RIDM  
MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL  
DOCUMENTARY FESTIVAL  
2012

DOCUMENTARY | RUSSIA | 2011 | HD | 16:9 | SOUND - STEREO | DURATION: THEATRICAL - 105 MIN. TV - 60 MIN & 105 MIN | LANGUAGE - CHUKCHI & RUSSIAN WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES (FRENCH)

## The Tundra Book. A Tale of Vukvukai, the Little Rock

Documentary | Russia | 2011 | HD | 16:9 | Stereo | Russian & Chukchi (native) | English subtitles

## Le Livre de la Toundra. Un conte de Voukvoukai, le petit caillou

Documentaire | Russie | 2011 | HD | 16:9 | Stereo | Russe et langue autochtone chukchi | sous-titrage en français

Produced by High Latitudes Ltd

**OFFICIAL TRAILER**

(December 2011)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EpQjoFWsoKY>

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**Available in two Versions: 105 and 60 minutes long**

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## SINOPSIS

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Vieil homme plein d'énergie et de sagesse, Vukvukai vit depuis 72 ans au cœur de la Tchoukotka (Russie). Véritable « homme de la toundra », son existence est inséparable de l'élevage du renne. Sa communauté, qui prend soin d'un troupeau de plus de 14 000 têtes, mène un combat permanent pour la survie et le bien-être dans les conditions climatiques les plus rudes. Tous croient profondément en la force de la tradition, qu'ils préservent et respectent et qui les aide dans cette lutte. Telle est la Vérité de Vukvukai.

## CREDITS

|                           |                                     |
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| Produced by               | Aleksei Vakhrushev & Olga Savelyeva |

## THE TUNDRA BOOK AT HOTDOCS 2012

THE TUNDRA BOOK was sold out for both Hot Docs` s screenings, the 2nd one turned away 250 people who couldn't get in.

### Hot Docs 2012:

[http://www.hotdocs.ca/film/title/tundra\\_book\\_a\\_tale\\_of\\_vukvukai\\_the\\_little\\_rock](http://www.hotdocs.ca/film/title/tundra_book_a_tale_of_vukvukai_the_little_rock)

### 10 Hot Docs documentaries to watch by Toronto Star:

[http://www.thestar.com/news/world/2012/04/21/10\\_hot\\_docs\\_documentaries\\_to\\_watch.html](http://www.thestar.com/news/world/2012/04/21/10_hot_docs_documentaries_to_watch.html)

### Hot Docs review:

<http://www.panicmanual.com/2012/04/25/hot-doc-review-tundra-book-tale-vukvukai-rock-aleksei-vakhrushev-105-minutes-russia-2012/>

## **SCREENINGS & PRIZES**

### **BEST DOCUMENTARY**

"NIKE" Award by the National Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences of Russia 2011

### **BEST FEATURE-LENGTH FILM**

#### **CRITIQUE PRIZE**

#### **THE PRIZE OF ALL RUSSIAN STATE FILM ARCHIVE**

All Russian Documentary Film Festival "Russia" 2011

### **AUDIENCE PRIZE**

#### **MAIN PRIZE IN FACES OF RUSSIA NOMINATION**

All Russian Documentary Film Festival "Meeting with Russia" 2011

### **BEST DOCUMENTARY**

National Documentary and TV Award "Golden Laurel" 2011

### **BEST DOCUMENTARY**

National Film Critics Award "White Elephant" 2011

### **BEST DOCUMENTARY**

Nomination "Golden Eagle" Academy Award 2011

### **SILVER APRICOT**

"Golden Apricot" Yerevan International Film Festival 2012 (Armenia)

### **GRAND PRIX**

International Film Festival "People and Environment" 2012 (Irkutsk, Russia)

### **BEST INTERNATIONAL FEATURE**

International Documentary Film Festival of Mexico City, DocsDF 2012 (Mexico)

### **"MONDE EN REGARDS" Prize**

Jean Rouch International Film Festival 2012 (Paris)

### **GRAND PRIX**

Bansko Mountain Film Festival 2012 (Bulgaria)

### **OFFICIAL SELECTION:**

Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival 2012 (Canada)

Vision du Reel International Film Festival 2012 (Switzerland)

Trento International Film Festival 2012 (Italy)

Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital 2012 (USA)

DOCUMENTA MADRID International Madrid Documentary Festival 2012 (Spain)

Brisbane International Film Festival 2012 (Australia)

EBS International DocFest (EIDF) (South Korea)

1001 Documentary Film Festival 2012 (Turkey)

All Roads Film Festival 2012 (NG Society, USA)

Flahertiana International Film Festival 2012 (Perm, Russia)

imagineNATIVE Film+Media art Festival 2012 (Canada)

Sixth Annual 2012 Asia Pacific Screen Awards (Australia)

Jihlava International Documentary Film Festival 2012 (Czech Republic)

Astra Film Festival 2012 (Romania)  
Annual Red Nation Film Festival&Awards Gala 2012 (USA)  
Bergen International Film Festival 2012 (Norway)  
Margaret Mead Film Festival 2012 (USA)  
International Film Festival of the Art of Cinematography PLUS CAMERIMAGE 2012 (Poland)  
Montreal International Documentary Film Festival - RIDM 2012 (Canada)  
Anthropological Film Festival 2012 (Israel)  
ChopShots Documentary Film Festival Southeast Asia 2012 (Indonesia)  
Available Light Film Festival 2013 (Canada)  
Indigenous World Film Festival 2013 (Alaska, USA)  
Rencontres Cinema de Manosque / Oeil Zele 2013 (France)  
Zagreb International Documentary Film Festival 2013 (Croatia)

etc.

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