

New animation movie from Greenland

- KAASSASSUK – THE ORPHAN

- *An animation movie based on one of the most beloved myths of Greenland.*

Kaassassuk - The orphan is a new Greenlandic animation movie. The children from the Children's Home in Uummannaq made the movie together with the Danish animation studio Perlefilm. The movie is a 20 min. stop-motion film based on the beloved Greenlandic folktale and myth by the same name. The movie is directed by award winning animation director Rikke Hallund and produced by Perlefilm ©.

The animation movie is produced and facilitated at the Children's Home in Uummannaq, Greenland in a unique collaboration with the children. The children from the orphanage have participated in all aspects of the creative and artistic processes such as music, singing, animation, characters and background designs. The soundtrack also includes Original Inuit throat singing and drumming from northern Greenland.

The animation movie is made entirely with authentic Greenlandic materials from the orphanage and principal Ann Andreassen's unique private collection of traditional Greenlandic arts and crafts e.g. pearls, claws from polar bears, furs from ox and seals, tupilak, rocks, paintings, designs and even ice all mixed with the children's own drawings and illustrations.

It is the famous Greenlandic actress Karina Moller who voices (narrator) the movie, like Karina Moller also contributes to the unique throat singing, which is part of Kaassassuk and the unique and authentic drum dance. Further the traditional drums are instructed by Navarana K'avigak from the town of Qaanaaq and performed by the children from Uummannaq. Further the American blues star Guy Davis contributes with two tracks for the film.

In *Kaassassuk – The Orphan* we follow Kaassassuk from his birth and later outcast till he grows up as a fearless hunter. As a child Kaassassuk is unwanted by the hunters in the village. His foster family – an old wise woman and an elderly man tell Kaassassuk that he must go and meet the Great Spirit, hence only the Great Spirit can give him strength to become a great hunter. Kaassassuk returns after a long journey to the village with new great powers. But it is up to Kaassassuk to determine how to use the strength and power – will he seek revenge?

The story is based on the Greenlandic myth and folktale and adapted for animation by Claus Johnsen. Kaassassuk – Claus Johnsen from Perlefilm and Ann Andreassen from the Children's Home in Uummannaq produced Kaassassuk -The Orphan.