

Internationally acclaimed documentary film, *Zach's Ceremony* has world television premiere on NITV for NAIDOC Week



Television premiere Sunday 2 July at 8.30pm on NITV (Ch 34 and Foxtel 144)

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/WJ-PrNTZkT4>

NITV premieres its award winning and internationally acclaimed documentary film *Zach's Ceremony* on Sunday 2 July at 8.30pm to celebrate the start of NAIDOC Week.

The film tells the coming of age story of Indigenous teenager, Zach Doomadgee, as he searches for connection to his ancient culture in the modern world. As Zach transitions from boyhood to manhood, he is faced with the complicated matters of family, culture and belonging.

Produced by Zach's father, Aboriginal activist, Alec Doomadgee, the film was conceptualised over a decade ago when Zach began questioning his identity, his culture and his heritage. It had been a lifelong dream for Alec to create this film which shows Aboriginal culture is alive in the modern day and portrays its beauty on an international stage.

Zach's Ceremony won the Audience Award for Best Documentary at Sydney Film Festival 2016, the Best Documentary (Audience Award) at the Melbourne Film Festival 2016 and the Best Film Award and Best Documentary Award at the Byron Bay Film Festival 2016. The film was also officially selected for the Cinefest Oz 2016, Tasmanian Breath of Fresh Air Film Festival 2016, Margaret Mead Film Festival 2016, Darwin International Film Festival 2016 and Hot Docs Festival 2016.

NITV Channel Manager, Tanya Orman said, "We are excited to air the world television premiere of *Zach's Ceremony* to celebrate the start of NAIDOC Week, and continually aim to



bring the highest quality of content to our audience. This award winning documentary film will resonate on a personal level with young viewers and their parents, due to its honest portrayal of a father and sons relationship complicated by matters of identity, culture and obligation.”

Zach's Ceremony was funded by NITV, Screen Australia, Screen NSW and Wangala films.

Zach's Ceremony will air on NITV on Sunday 2 July at 8.30pm and will be available after broadcast on SBS On Demand

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