
The Canadian Delegation (Documentary film)

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Résumé

This is a documentary film proposal. It runs for 73 minutes and was released in 2018. In 1989, as the Soviet bloc crumbles and China fends of a democratic revolt, the head of Canada's Young Communist League leads a delegation to an international student festival in one of the most isolated and enigmatic nations in the world.

In the summer and fall of 1989 the world witnessed a string of revolutionary movements and challenges to state authority, ending in one of the most profound geopolitical realignments of the 20th century. From the end of the military dictatorship in Chile, to the nascent yet ultimately crushed democracy movement in China, to the fall of the Soviet bloc and Berlin Wall, 1989 ushered in a new era for citizens around the world.

In the midst of the tensions, uncertainty and confusion wrought by these geopolitical events, organizers of the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students pressed ahead with their plans for an audacious celebration of global solidarity in Pyongyang, North Korea – one of the very few states that remains defined by the terms of the Cold War. In Canada, long time activist Chris Frazer was handed the task of assembling a Canadian delegation to North Korea. The film follows Frazer and a number of other delegates as they recount their participation in the Festival as world events continued to unfold around them.

Thirty years after the fall of the Berlin wall, *The Canadian Delegation* reminds us of a pre-9-11 world, a point in history where political contradictions thrived and uncertainty was embraced.

This film has been screened at some of the world's most prestigious documentary film festivals, including the DMZ film festival in Korea and the Encounters film festival in Cape Town. More information on the film can be found at:

<https://thecanadiandelegation.com>

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