# ARCTIC WINTER GAMES



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### Info on contingents

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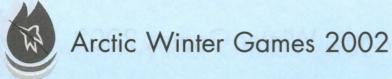
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### Events Monday March, 18th

Inuit Games Tickets required for finals Nuussuaq Hall Two Foot High Kick	09:00-19:30	Arctic Exhibion National Museum of Greenland	13:00-16:00	Church Concert Hans Egede Church Limited space	19:00-21:00
		Art Workshop Nuuk Tourism	10.00-17:00	Youth Club Dances & Entertainmen	18.00-23.00
Dene Games City Orchestra Hall (in Katuaq) Stick Pull	15:00-17:00	Arts & Crafts Fair Snow Arena	15.00-17.00	Inneruulat, Alleq, Illu & Narsarmiutaq Limited space	
Badminton Inussivik	09:00-19:30	Arctic Kitchen	10.00-16:00	Video Conferences wit Katuaq Internet Cafe	h Iqaluit
(Multi Hall)		Snow Sculpting Snow Arena	10.00-15.00	Dancers Janet Dida Jensen	12:30-13:00
Cross Country Skiing Nuussuup Manngua 1,5 km Sprint	09:00-10:00 13:00-17:00	Entertainment at the Snow Arena		Chilly Friday In Iqaluit	14:00-14:30
		for children	16:00-17.00 Net games	Arctic Sports	15:30-16:00
Indoor Soccer Godthaab Hall	08:00-23:00	for adults	13:00-16:00 Seal flensing	Internet Cafe	07.00.00.00
Snowboarding Quassussuaq Giant Slalom	12:00-14:30		&Harpooning contest	Katuaq Technical School Participants only	07:00-22:00 16:00-22:00
			Drum dancing	Excursions Participants only	
Snowshoeing Nuussuup Manngua 5 km	11:00-12:00	Igloo Building Snow Arena	13:00-16:00	Guided City Walk at Nuuk Tourism	Starting every full hour 10:00-15:00
Table Tennis Mini Hall	10:00-16:00	Arctic Film Festival Katuag Small Hall	15.00-18:00	Fjord Cruise at Atlantic pier	09:00,11:30, 14:00, 16:30
Volleyball Inussivik	09:00-21:00	Limited space  Children's Concert		<b>Drop In</b> Participants only	19:00-20:00 USK School
(Multi Hall)		Limited space		Volunteers' Center GU Cantine	7:30 – 22:30
Awards Ceremonies In case of bad weather ceremonies at the Snow Arena	Snow Arena 17:00-18:30 Nuussuaq	Cono Fleischer  Qassi	16:00-17:30	Volunteers only	
will be moved to Katuaq.	Hall 19:00-19:30	A related exhibition	13:00-19:00		
<b>Gala</b> Katuaq Big Hall Tickets required	19:00-21:00	Book Cafe National Library of Greenland	10:00-19.00		
Art Exhibition Katuaq Foyer	10:00-16:00	Storytelling by Mon- tane Bourasse & Indian Dance, Yukon	17:00-18.00		





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# A healthy soul in a healthy body

"This is important to each and everyone", said Premier Jonathan Motzfeldt at the welcoming reception on Sunday at Katuaq.

"It is my hope that all the youth will have an experience of a lifetime. I hope they will make friends, and that they will experience the power that is created when everyone pulls together", Jonathan Motzfeldt said to all the guests joining the reception. "I would like to extend gratitude to the Municipality of Nuuk for their commitment, and thank all sponsors without whom this arrangement would not have been possible. I also want to extend special and heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers."

"I myself used to jog quite a bit in my youth and played soccer. Therefore I know the forces involved when working with your body and the process of keeping it in shape. A healthy soul in a healthy body, this is important to each and everyone. Also being part of a team and do your best at the same time through individual effort, is a skill, not only in sports but throughout life", said Jonathan Motzfeldt.

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Jonathan Motzfeldt emphasized, that the cultural activities during the Arctic Winter Games are equally important as the sports, "Our youth gets the chance to be inspired and at the same time to show their talents within the field of arts."

It is important for Greenland to establish a close relationship to its partner Nunavut. "For a number of years interaction in the Arctic was on a minimum, but today, strong ties are again connected, it should be an obligation for us to maintain this tradition. It is my hope that this arrangement will contribute towards an extension of the good relationship to our dear neighbours to the west", Jonathan Motzfeldt said.

"We live in a turbulent world. Over the past few years we have seen the tragic consequences of differences between nations and peoples of the world. It is therefore more important to meet personally one another across borders, despite the colour of your skin, religion or language. The Arctic Winter Games is not only a sports arrangement. It is a contribution of the Arctic peoples to understanding and peace among nations", said Jonathan Motzfeldt and concluded: "Let us light the Arctic flame. May the spirit of peace and friendship prevail over these Games."





Some of the music at the Opening Ceremonies in Iqaluit was in country western style. Everything went smoothly at Nuuk's co-hosts across the Davis Strait.

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Pronounced "ee-ka-loo-eet", Iqaluit means "place of many fish" and is located on the mouth of Frobisher Bay overlooking Koojesse Inlet. It has some of the country's longest stretches of exposed area at low tide. The transportation hub of the Eastern Arctic, Iqaluit has the longest runway in the Canadian Arctic, providing an ideal refueling spot for international flights. The capital of Canada's newest territory is a city growing quickly both in population and in modernity; indeed, Iqaluit counts more than five thousands heads today, which accounts for more than twice the number from three years ago.

Iqaluit has changed enormously since sailor Martin Frobisher first entered its bay in 1576, believing it to be the fabled Northwest Passage to China. Iqaluit was actually known as Frobisher Bay until 1987 when its name reverted to Iqaluit – its original Inuktitut name. In 1914 the Hudson's Bay Company opened a trading post at Ward Inlet only 60 kilometers from Iqaluit's current location. In 1942 the development of the region took another promising turn with the selection of Koojesse Inlet as an U.S. Air Force Base. After 1959 the Canadian Federal Government started to bring in doctors, teachers, administrators, clerks and other

support staff to the rapidly developing area. Today, local sites include the remarkable igloo-shaped Anglican cathedral, St. Jude's, decorated with crafts produced by members of the congregation; the sensational northernly-fashioned Nunavut Legislative Assembly (located in the Government of Nunavut Building), with an extraordinary Inuit art display; and Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum, housing a fine collection of Inuit sculpture and prints, together with historic artifacts.

Iqaluit offers wilderness adventures, including everything from wilderness experience to the thrill of navigating wild rapids in a kayak or mushing a dog team across the tundra. Whether it is a journey to view spectacular Arctic wildlife and landscape or a chance to learn about Inuit culture, Iqaluit offers something for everyone. Sylvia Grinnel Territorial Park is an attractive picnic and hiking area. Several outfitters operate snowmobile and dog team trips to Kitannikk Territorial Park Reserve, Qaummaarviiut Territorial Historic Park, the floe edge and on Frobisher Bay. Boat trips on the bay and rafting and hiking trips into Katannilik Park are available in the summer.





#### Luke Coedy, Team NWT, Badminton:

"I expect to do okay in doubles and singles. But I think it's gonna be hard and fun and I'm really gonna enjoy. I've only played badminton for a year, so hard to say anything about results. I've never been in Greenland before. Therefore it's gonna be very exciting for me.



#### Amber Jeannotte, Team NWT, Indoor soccer:

"I expect to get a lot of experience and I hope to meet a lot of new people. I hope my team will try it's hardest and good sportsmansship. I will be satisfied as long as we try our hardest and do the best we can play".



"There's been a lot of expectation among the kids before we went to Greenland. NWT has been quite high in the medalcount before. We expect to be among the best this time. I can see everything went smoothly in the arrival for the athletes".















## The Techno Booms Promise New Trends

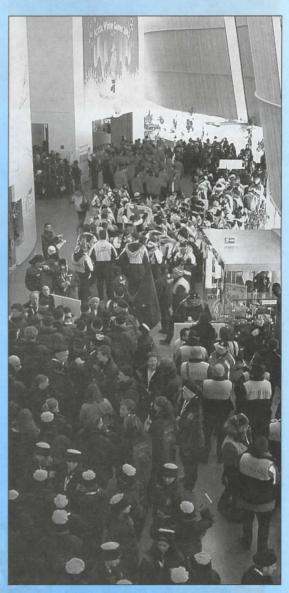
Inussivik was the impressive stage for the biggest show ever to grace Greenland when Arctic Winter Games opened last night. The opening gala was a great mix of old meets new and gave the promise of a new way to look at things in Arctic.

Impressive new hall

A lot of talent has been pooled to make this a stunning eye opener for new trends in the Arctic sphere. The beautiful sets designed by Julie Edel Berthelsen towered above the MC Julie Bertelsen (yes, there are two of them) and Nuka V Petersen at the opening ceremonies in the brand-new multi complex, Inussivik. Lighted by Norwegian Kurt Hermansen, who is best known for his lights for OL in Lillehammer, the performers on stage has every chance to show off their skills. The AWG 2002 Band played along during the entire opening, which had been preceded by pre-show to warm up the audience for the actual show. Says Kim Larsen of Katuag, the man behind the opening show: 'We worked so hard to get the details right. It has been great to see the determination of all these people to go out of their way make things just a little bit better all the time."

#### The Arctic Dancers

Like seals looking up through the ice, the Arctic Dancers opened the show in great style. Group leader Dida Jensen and the 13 other dancers have worked with show choreographer Mikala Bjarnov Lage who created the steps for the two show dance routines that framed yesterday's event. Never before have Greenland experienced this kind of dancing and Greenland is sure to see more of this group. The energy boomed off the stage, driven along by Mads Lomholt's techno tunes.



Participants from all contingents prepare to march from KATUAQ to Inussivik for the opening ceremonies



## The leading city in the Arctic



"This is the biggest sports event ever hosted in Greenland, "Agnethe Davidsen said.

"We have a vision. Nuuk is going to be one of the leading cities in the Arctic in business, art and culture, and in sports. So it has been important for us to host this event", said the Mayor of Nuuk, Agnethe Davidsen, on the welcoming reception on Sunday in Katuaq.

"These past four years of preparing the Games have been very exciting for Nuuk and Iqaluit. It is the first time that the Games are co-hosted by two cities, and it is the first time that Greenland is hosting the Arctic Winter Games. This is the biggest sports event ever hosted in Greenland."

"From day one everybody has agreed that the Arctic Winter Games is a unique

opportunity for the city. Both business community and inhabitants of Nuuk have supported us to the utmost", she went on. "We have worked hard and dertermined for this. At the beginning it was a small organization, but during these last few days more than 1.000 people have been involved in preparing the event. Thanks to all of you", said Agnethe Davidsen. She also thanked the International Committee: "From day one, they have supported Nuuk and our plans, and today we can Light the Arctic Flame."



The wine in the Arctic Winter Games receptions is non-alcoholic.



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Members of team Nunavut show their excitement as they approach the entrance to Inussivik

After the dancer's first appearance, the show's 'real' stars appeared when the participants in Arctic Winter Games Nuuk 2002 entered Inussivik. The parade had started at Katuaq, and now the approximately 1,000 participants entered the massive hall. Arriving in a long human convoy, the athletes and cultural delegates walked in, accompanied by tremendous applause from the audience. When the last person had entered, it was now time to play the wonderful Arctic Winter Games Theme Song.

The Theme Song

The theme song for Arctic Winter Games is not a sing-a-long ditty like most theme songs. Rather, techno has also influenced the Arctic people and, combined with traditional drum sounds, shows that Arctic youth is looking ahead. The theme song was written in Iqaluit during a workshop. Composer Mads Lumholt teamed up with the Greenlandic musician Martin Chemnitz and Nunavut's Lucie Idlout and Madeleine Allakariallak (Tudjaat) and wrote this beat-driven, yet haunting theme song.

The song was then followed by short speeches from Greenland's Premier Jonathan Motzfeldt, the President of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee Gerry Thick, and the Mayor and President of the Arctic Winter Games Host Society 2002 Agnethe Davidsen.

Once again the Arctic Dancers appeared on stage. And then the moment had come to Light the Arctic Flame. The oldest and youngest participants entered to light the beautiful torch, designed by Miki Jakobsen and Camilla Nielsen. Their torch, 'Qulleq' is a wonderful piece of art in itself, designed by the young artists and made by youth from the Technical School in Nuuk.

Finally, when the oaths had been spoken and the flags had been hoisted, accompagnied by the national anthems of The United States, Canada, Russia and Greenland, the Games were declared open. Now it's up to all of us to make sure that we have six days of wonderful moments ahead of us.

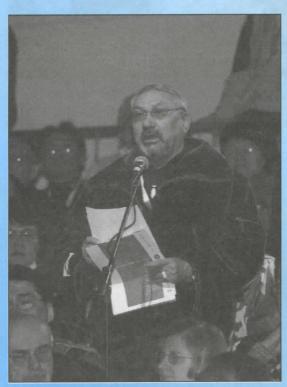
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## "Fair Play is the Arctic Way",

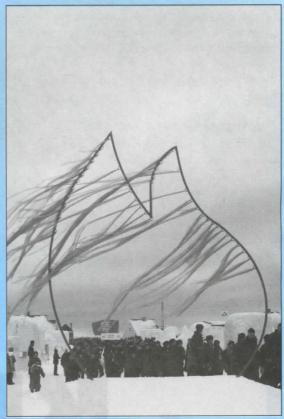
said Premier of Greenland, Jonathan Motzfeldt, at the Opening Ceremonies of the XVII Arctic Winter Games in Inussivik in Nuuk.



It was a proud Premier of Greenland, Jonathan Motzfeldt, that wellcomed the participants.

"Cultural awareness and understanding are important principles of every Arctic Winter Games", said Jonathan Motzfeldt, and warmly welcomed all participants at this year's Games. "To all of you who have gathered here from near and far, to all of the volunteers and to all of you participating through television, it is with joy and pride that I on behalf of the Government and on behalf of Greenland, can warmly welcome you to this event", he said. Also the Mayor of Nuuk, Agnethe Davidsen, was very happy to host the Arctic Winter Games in the capital of Greenland. "For several years we have been looking forward to this

event when you - the young athletes - should come to Nuuk. We know you will make this event memorable to us all. I hope you will enjoy your stay and our many facilities. We are looking forward to watch your performances. And we are looking forward to watch true international sportmanship. I promise you that the inhabitants of Nuuk will do everything in their power to make the Arctic Winter Games 2002 the greatest event ever", the Mayor of Nuuk said at the Opening Ceremonies.



The participants passed The Arctic Flame at the Snow Arena on their way to Inussivik.





### A dream came true

By Noah Mølgaard

One year ago, the municipality of Nuuk made a difficult decision to build Inussivik—Nuuk's multihall facility—in order to satisfy the requirement to hold the opening ceremonies indoors. The majority of Greenlanders did not believe that Inussivik could be built in only one year. But Sunday evening, a dream came true when the participants in the Arctic Winter Games entered the brand-new multihall to the

wild applause of more than 2,000 local spectators.

And what a show it was!

One and a half hours flew past and created a sensational start to Games week.





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Tuttu was everywhere the first day and will be busy during the Arctic Winter Games week. On the picture he's among Team Alberta and Team NWT in the opening ceremony.



The heroes of the opening ceremony Julie Berthelsen who's won medals in Arctic Winter Games in cross country skiing, Uno Fleischer (the hunter) and Nuka V. Petersen





## "I'm as excited as a child ..."

The mayor of Nuuk Agnethe Davidsen is certain that the city of Nuuk will experience a week we will never forget

By Noah Mølgaard

It was a proud and exited mayor of Nuuk, Agnethe Davidsen, who welcomed participants to the Arctic Winter Games 2002 in Nuuk Sunday afternoon at the opening ceremonies. In 1998, the Arctic Winter Games International Committee gave Nuuk and Iqaluit the honour of co-hosting the XVII Arctic Winter Games.

"I'm as excited as a child to welcome our circumpolar guests to our city, and I wish to welcome everybody from the bottom of my heart," Davidsen said. The 54 year-old Davidsen has been the "first lady" of Nuuk since 1993, and has followed every step leading up to March 17th 2002, when the lighting of the Arctic Winter Games torch symbolized the beginning of the biggest event in the 281-year history of Nuuk.

"It's true that this is the biggest event in our history," said Davidsen. "Everybody in our city hopes to include all guests in the Games, and wants them to share unforgettable experiences. We will do our best to make this event a success for everybody. I also hope that the youth of Nuuk and our guests will develop friendships for life. I'm sure that our youth will use this opportunity to improve their skills in English, too."

Davidsen also recognizes that "We have a big responsibility on our shoulders on behalf of



Agnethe Davidsen has been mayor since 1993.

many parents sending their kids from nine different contingents to the 2002 Arctic Winter Games. Of course, we hope this will give everybody great moments that last a lifetime."

Weeks before the Games began, the host society went through every part of the program with the mayor. The meetings convinced Davidsen, that the work by the host society and its subcommittees has been very thorough.

"I'm very impressed by the work the youth of Nuuk have done so far," she said. "It looks like it's going to be a success. Every volunteer has gone through an education that she or he will be able to use in the future. This has been a great encouragement and will be one of the most important legacies after the Games."



## Finally we reached Nuuk

#### Chad Spence, Team Alberta Indoor soccer:

"I expect it'll be great experience to meet a different culture. I think our team will do good because we have a strong team, that could compete with the best team".



#### Stephen O'toole, Team Alberta, Inuit Games:

"I think everybody expects that everything will be well and we will go back with some medals. Our Team in Inuit Games will try as hard as we can and maybe win gold".



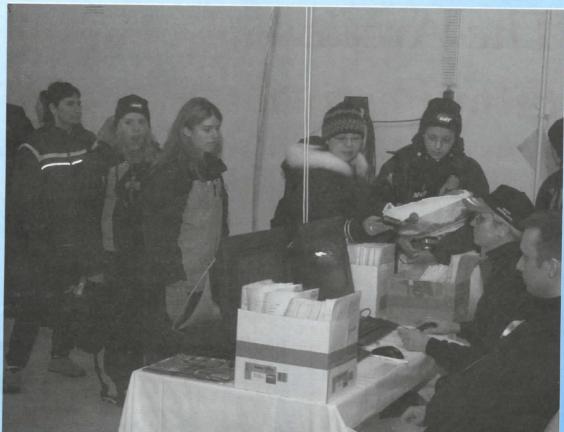
#### Naveen Chugh, Team Alberta, badminton:

"I don't really know what I expect of my stay here in Nuuk. But I'm sure it's gonna be fun. I think my team will do good and will bring some medals and I'll be satisfied with gold".









It was a long trip for the young athletes. Here's the NWT Team. Yukon was delayed.

### Yukon was delayed

It was a tired delegation from Yukon that landed at Nuuk Airport on Sunday. On their way they had to wait several hours in Iqaluit as well as Kangerlussuaq.

"We were late out of Whithorse, and when we landed in Iqaluit Saturday evening 7:30 p.m. we were informed, that Kangerlussuaq was closed and did not receive more planes that night", says ski coach Alain Masson from Yukon. "The people from the fire department had gone home", they told us.

The 150 athlets and officials from Yukon had to stay in the airport in Iqaluit until 01:00 a.m. in the morning before they went on. In Kangerlussuaq they had to wait several hours before they could continue to Nuuk with Greenlandair.

The chief of the airport in Kangerlussuaq Svend Christiansen says, "that the airport was not closed Saturday night until the last plan had left".

"But we were told that one plane from Iqaluit was late and would not arrive until Sunday morning. We had expected five planes from Alaska and Canada on Saturday, but only four arrived. So we got two planes instead of one on Sunday moning. The first arrived as early as 4.30 a.m. but the passengers could not continue to Nuuk until 8:00 a.m. We had to provide them with breakfast."

He states that several of the delegations had to wait several hours in Iqaluit, and that they were not told why they were hold back.

### The Arctic Film Festival

The Arctic Film Festival has been arranged by an ambitious group called Assilissat, consisting of Greenlandic producers, writers, photographers or cameramen. They all come from the Greenlandic movie milieu and know how to program an exciting festival. Director of the festival, Jan de Vroede says: "This festival is mainly meant to provide a platform for northern filmmakers. It is a celebration of arctic film productions." So what is happening in the sector of movies, documentaries, short films, animations or even music clips in the circumpolar region? Most of the films being highlighted at the festival were shot at authentic locations in Greenland, Canada and other northern regions, with casts and producers often using their native languages in the movies. Festival audiences will enjoy four days of Arctic film highlights, starting with Greenland - A different World (2000) produced for the Greenlandic presentation at the EXPO 2000 in Germany. Other features include the documentary People of the Seal: Eskimo Winter (1971) and the highly recognized movie Lysets Hjerte - Heart of the Light (1997), in which Rasmus Lyberth plays a disillusioned man on an odyssey through vast icy landscapes to rediscover his

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roots and regain his self-respect. This is a dramatic tale about an all-defining and universal journey, set in spectacular surroundings and played with incredible intensity. On the lighter side, Sinilluarit – Good Night! (1999) is a modern comedy that plays with sex and jealousy as "hot" topics. A music video clip Sialuit (2001) by Chilly Friday, one of Greenland's hottest rock bands, is another important festival offering. It deals with the very serious and often taboo issue of suicide.

In addition to promoting an "Arctic voice" in the film industry and encouraging the work of northern filmmakers, the Arctic Film Festival is providing a high-profile public forum. As a result, many people will hopefully discover a new interest in movies and topics from the circumpolar region. The shows are free of charge and take place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 15:00-18:00 at Katuaq's small hall. For further program see tomorrows Ulu News.

Monday, 18th

15:00 Greenland - A different World

15:10 Qasapi's Last Song

15:30 Sinilluarit - Good Night!

15:50 The Mother of the Sea

16:20 Sialuit

16:30 Lysets Hjerte - Heart of the Light

movie

Tuesday, 19th

15:00 The Power of a Story

t.b.a. Shipyards Lament -

Yukon's last frontier

t.b.a. Carried by the Dog Team





### **Tickets**

Participants not competing in the sport and regular spectators will have to buy tickets for some of the sporting events. The Gala shows will require tickets, too.

Please check the following table to see which events will be charged: Prices:

Galla Shows

Adults DKK 100

(Children< 14 years) DKK 100

All indoor sports finals

**DKK 50 DKK 25** 

(except Dene Games and Table Tennis)

Semi-finals in Indoor Soccer

**DKK 50 DKK 25** 

Tickets in advance sale can be purchased at Katuaq Foyer and at the day of the event at the venue itself. For all ticket events you can make reservations at Katuaq Foyer. With all non-ticket events the entrance is handled on a "first come – first serve" basis if space is limited.

Information Boards & Desks

There will be official information boards at all venues. You can check the latest results as well as updates in the program there. General information desks can be found at the airport, Hotel Hans Egede, Inussivik, Godthåb Hall, Nuussuaq Hall, the alpine skiing venue and at Katuaq. The official homepage: www.awg.gl

During Games' week the official homepage www.awg.gl will continuously be updated. You can have a look at all results as well as all timetables. The website is considered to be "first choice" information source about the 2002 Arctic Winter Games in general.

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