Haida Modern

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The art and activism of Robert Davidson

Short Synopsis

Haida Modern: the Art & Activism of Robert Davidson is the inspiring story of famed North American Native Haida artist Robert Davidson. Born to a "vanishing race", Robert becomes a key figure in the fight for survival of an Indigenous people, a fight that winds up deeply impacting Western culture in the fight for environmental sustainability.

Long Synopsis

Native North American Haida artist Robert Davidson is one of the foremost cultural icons of the age. Haida Modern: The Art and Activism of Robert Davidson features the artist himself along with art historians, politicians, rock stars and family members detailing how Robert carved the first totem pole raised in 100 years, an act credited with sparking the revival of North Pacific Indigenous culture. In Haida Modern we see how Indigenous and non-Indigenous citizens alike - inspired by the art work - are coming together to forge political movements led by Indigenous activists fighting the critical environmental battles of our time. That is the great and enduring power of Robert Davidson's 14,000 year old Indigenous culture, the power of an art so beautiful it must be seen over and again. And as Robert Davidson himself concludes, this is a power that just might save the rest of us from ourselves.