We Still Live Here — Âs Nutayuneân
SCREENS THURSDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 5
at the Linguistics Society of America’s Annual Meeting
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921 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204

Critical Praise for
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“Filmmaker Anne Makepeace’s latest work is a beautiful film about a fascinating subject—the death and subsequent rebirth of the Wampanoag language.” — Provincetown Magazine

“An exquisite portrait of an indigenous community creatively engaged in an inspired resurrection of their ancestral tongue. Guided by Jessie Little Doe, founder of the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project and academically mentored by Ken Hale of MIT, children now learn to think and speak Wampanoag after seven generations of silence, thus breathing new life into their long-repressed culture. Beautifully crafted, this superb documentary is most highly recommended.”

— Harald E.L. Prins, University Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, KSU

“An insightful documentary about Wampanoag (Wôpanâak) language reclamation by award winning filmmaker Anne Makepeace… The early Wampanoag orthography and texts are brought to life with vivid animations… The animation is minimalist and sublime, bringing to life not only these early literacy practices, but also Wampanoag creation stories and the colonial histories of disease, displacement, and land loss that would otherwise remain unvisualized. The other narrative strand, the role of MIT linguist Ken Hale in Baird’s life as her academic mentor and chief supporter, brings to light the place of comparative and historical linguistics in local indigenous language efforts … [The documentary] is highly recommended for general courses on Native American/Indigenous Studies [and] should be required viewing for anyone interested in the role of language and identity in contemporary indigenous communities.”

— Leighton C. Peterson, Professor of Linguistics, Miami University

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“Filmmaker Anne Makepeace with animator Ruth Lingford present a finely woven story of resurrection, a story about the human will conquering the dark forces of the past that eradicated the Wampanoag’s language and today threatens its collective identity. It’s a stunning tale that gives hope to the human spirit in a time when diversity is losing the battle to survive.” — Stewart Nusbaumer, Filmmaker Magazine

“For all that the linguistics and history are interesting and tragic, the film shines because of what we see of the Wampanoag people. The film spends the most time with Jesse Little Doe Baird, who makes for an endearingly unlikely heroine — a middle-aged wife and mother whose passion leads her to do something truly extraordinary. The entire community has a down-to-earth enthusiasm for reviving this lost, integral part of their culture that elevates the film from merely being an academic exercise. Not that it wouldn’t be an impressive academic exercise, and that’s part of what makes ‘We Still Live Here’ so enjoyable; Makepeace finds a balance between the academic, historical, and present-day implications of its subject that many other filmmakers might not manage.” — FilmCrictic.com

“In the ultimate irony, Little Doe and other linguists were able to use a body of texts created largely through the efforts of Christian missionaries… as source material in rediscovering words that had not been spoken aloud for at least six generations, with a Wampanoag-language Bible serving as perhaps the most useful resource.” — Stranger than Fiction Blog

Visit the film’s companion website, featuring twelve Native American language revitalization programs across the country, at OurMotherTongues.org

Makepeace Productions is partnering with Cultural Survival in an extensive community engagement campaign. Find out more at www.CulturalSurvival.org

Information about the Wampanoag Language Reclamation Project: www.WLRP.org

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