

LOGLINE

In a moment of crisis for the subarctic town of Churchill, Manitoba, Kal Barteski brings together artists from around the world to paint massive murals on the town's neglected buildings, to bring hope and awareness.

SYNOPSIS

Know I'm Here is an hour doc that follows artist Kal Barteski as she organizes a massive art project in the subarctic town of Churchill, Manitoba. Motivated by the closing of the town's port, the loss of jobs, and effects of climate change, Kal invites 18 artists from around the world to paint murals as a way of helping the community.

But, those goals become tested.

Just days before the art festival, an unexpected crisis strikes. Spring floods wash out the rail line, and cut off Churchill's lifeline to the south. Getting food and supplies becomes a daily challenge. The American company that owns the rail is in a stand-off with the Canadian government. The remote community becomes trapped and more isolated than ever.

As townspeople deal with stresses and look for solutions, Kal and the artists work to create and do what all great art does: offer recognition and reflect a particular moment in time. These massive works of art transform the landscape and bring hope and recognition to a community feeling forgotten.

FILM

Know I'm Here

Documentary, 60 mins
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Documentary Film Trailer
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