

**You are invited to join the
Dallas/Fort-Worth Finnish-American Society as they welcome
Ben Strout
Director of *Fire and Ice* &
Finlandia Foundation's 2006 Lecturer of the Year**

Sunday, March 18, 2007, at 3:00 P.M.

King of Glory Lutheran Church - Lower Level Banquet Room

(North frontage road of LBJ Freeway between Hillcrest and Preston Road)

At its Minneapolis meeting in March, the Finlandia Foundation Board chose filmmaker **Ben Strout**, the Director of *Fire and Ice*, as the first First Lecturer of the Year. Strout has no Finnish heritage but developed a massive curiosity about the Winter War between Russia and Finland in 1939-1940, a curiosity that he satisfied by researching and producing this documentary film. The film premiered in August, 2005 at FinnGrandFest in Marquette, where it was shown to large, enthusiastic crowds. And its popularity has not slowed. By mid-March 2006 it had been shown on over 25 PBS stations and was being featured at several prestigious film festivals, from Newport Beach, California to Minneapolis, Minnesota. At the Minneapolis Film Festival in May it garnered an award as the best documentary film.



Prepare for an emotional evening. The trauma of the Winter War caused an intense sympathy and unity among Finnish Americans in 1939-1940, and the response to reliving that event today seems no less dramatic. An almost forgotten chapter of World War II is once again front and center.

**If you would like more information about this event please contact
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