

# Iris Chang: The Rape of Nanking

Fundraiser Movie in Support of the  
*Peace & Reconciliation Study Tour for Canadian Teachers*

**Iris Chang: The Rape of Nanking** is a new feature docudrama in HD produced by Real To Reel Productions based in Toronto. This is a story about a young Chinese-American author's journey into the darkest reaches of humanity while writing the best seller, *The Rape of Nanking - The Forgotten Holocaust of World War II*. Iris Chang's dogged determination uncovered in detail how and why an estimated 300,000 Chinese women, children and disarmed soldiers were, in a matter of weeks, systematically raped, tortured and murdered by the invading Japanese forces 70 years ago.

While Iris Chang has been known as a much respected humanitarian, outstanding journalist and advocate for justice in North America, she is also a heroine in the eyes of many people. Her life is a legend and her work had brought tremendous impact to many lives. The docudrama has portrayed vividly the courage and unfaltering willpower of Iris Chang to speak for those victims who can no longer speak for themselves. The film brings answers to many open questions and clarifies myths about Iris, and at the same time through the valuable archival footages, displays the historical facts of the Nanking Massacre which were largely untold and unknown to the western world.

**Besides general admission at \$15, VIP tickets at \$50 are also available for screenings on Nov 15 & 17. Iris Chang's parents and actress Olivia Cheng will meet with the audience following these 2 screenings.**

Tickets can be purchased at Ridge Theatre or  
online using credit card or Paypal at  
[www.alpha-canada.org/fundraise](http://www.alpha-canada.org/fundraise)

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## ***Listening to Survivors***

To support the Social Studies Curriculum, the BC Ministry of Education published the Social Studies Teachers' Guide "*Human Rights in the Asia Pacific 1931-1945: Social Responsibility and Global Citizenship*" in 2001. This learning resource is an excellent class tool for peace and justice education and for fighting against racism. It is the world's first teachers' guide using humanity issues in the history of the Asia-Pacific War (1931-1945) to teach human rights and global citizenship.

As an invited partner in the development of this teaching resource, B.C. Association for Learning & Preserving the History of WWII in Asia (ALPHA) has offered continual support to teachers in the effective use of this education tool including organizing the *Peace & Reconciliation Study Tour for Canadian Teachers*.

The Study Tour aims at enhancing teachers' knowledge and understanding of the cultural and historical background of China during the Asia-Pacific War era. They will be meeting survivors and historians as well as visiting museums and historical sites. To address legacy of the war and how it impacts regional peace, they will also be meeting scholars and lawyers who are supporting redress for the victims. Moreover, teachers can share their experience in the teaching of social responsibility and global citizenship, including developing ideas in using the teachers' guide.

The Peace and Reconciliation Study Tours for Canadian Teachers in the past four summers (2004-2007) have been very successful. Participants have become voice of the war-crime victims and have further strengthened the education of justice, reconciliation and peace in our Canadian classrooms.

**Your donation to support to the Peace and Reconciliation Study Tour for Canadian Teachers is needed. Please make your cheque payable to "B.C. ALPHA" and send to #1107 - 805 W. Broadway, Vancouver, BC, V5Z 1K1. Tax deductible receipt will be issued for donation of \$100 or more.**