

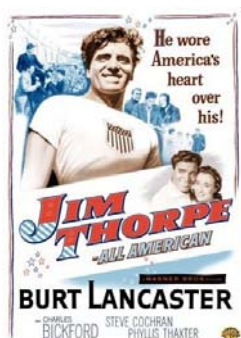
NOT TO BE MISSED...

The Canadian Studies Centre presenting a **Film Series** on

TOLERANCE & HUMAN RIGHTS

JIM THORPE (1951)

When: **Wednesday, October 29, 7 pm/19.00**
Where: **Zentrum für Kanadastudien, Claudiana, Herzog-Friedrich-St. 3, Innsbruck (Altstadt)**



This film by Michael Curtiz presents the true story of Native American Jim Thorpe, who rose from an Oklahoma reservation to become a collegiate, Olympic, and professional star - "the greatest athlete of the 20th century." It portrays the triumph and tragedy of Thorpe, who was stripped of his Olympic medals on a technicality – presumably due to his ethnicity, as public outcry at the time largely reflected.

Under the direction of Michael Curtiz (*Casablanca*), Burt Lancaster brings dignity, determination, and his trademark physicality to this exciting film loaded with thrilling sports action. And he brings dramatic power to his portrayal of Thorpe as an important personality for Native American culture, who won his gold medals before all Native Americans were even recognized as citizens.

Thematically linked to the symposium:

Rencontres (1608-2008). Identité et diversité amérindiennes au Québec
(November 7 – 8, 2008, Claudiasaal, Herzog-Friedrich-Str. 3)

Program for the whole series: www.uibk.ac.at/canada/aktuell

