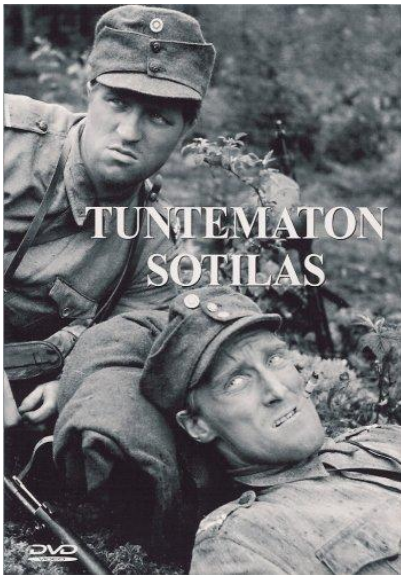




CANADIAN FRIENDS OF FINLAND

Sunday Afternoon Films

The Unknown Soldier (1955) **(Tuntematon Sotilas)**



2015 was the 60th anniversary of Edvin Laine's film, *The Unknown Soldier*. It is the fictional story of a machine gun company in the Continuation War (June 1941-September 1944) from when its members were raw recruits, through the Finnish occupation of Soviet East Karelia until the final cease-fire. It is presented from the perspective of the ordinary soldiers and portrays both their bravery and their reaction to what they see as unnecessary and inappropriate discipline.

Based on the novel by Väinö Linna (who also wrote the *Under the North Star* trilogy), this film is considered by many critics to be the better of the two versions filmed so far. It is still the most popular work in the history of Finnish cinema and is watched on Finnish television by about one million viewers every year on Independence Day.

Please note the early start. This film is 2 hours 49 minutes long.

Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 1 pm

The Scandinavian Centre
6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby

English subtitles. Admission by donation. Refreshments