



**INDIAN HORSE,
BASED ON RICHARD WAGAMESE'S AWARD-WINNING NOVEL,
TO OPEN IN THEATRES ACROSS CANADA ON APRIL 13th.**

**From Director Stephen Campanelli and Executive Producer Clint Eastwood,
theatrical release follows an award-winning festival run.**

Toronto – November 21, 2017 – Elevation Pictures, today announced that **INDIAN HORSE**, based on the award-winning novel by Richard Wagamese and directed by Stephen Campanelli, will open in theatres across Canada on April 13, 2018.

After a world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, **INDIAN HORSE** debuted at festivals across Canada, where it received standing ovations and garnered multiple audience awards including:

- **Vancouver International Film Festival** – Super Channel People's Choice Award
- **Calgary International Film Festival** – Audience Favourite, Narrative Feature
- **Edmonton International Film Festival** – Audience Award for Best Dramatic Feature
- **Cinéfest Sudbury** – Runner up, Audience Choice Award – Best Feature Film

"We have been overwhelmed by the audience's powerful reaction to the film at festivals to date. We are deeply humbled and honoured and know that Richard Wagamese would have been so proud," commented producers Christine Haebler, Trish Dolman and Paula Devonshire.

Recounting the story of Saul Indian Horse and his remarkable journey from a northern Ojibway child torn from his family and placed in one of Canada's notorious Catholic residential schools, to a man who ultimately finds his place in the world, Richard Wagamese's best-selling novel rose to critical acclaim when first published in 2012.

Douglas & McIntyre will release a special movie tie-in edition of **INDIAN HORSE** to coincide with the release of the film; the book will be available in stores across Canada in April, 2018.

"It means so much to us as filmmakers, and makes all the hard work so much more gratifying, that audiences are connecting to the movie; recognizing what an important powerful story it is," said Director Stephen Campanelli. "Making **INDIAN HORSE** changed my life, and hopefully will change many others."

Shot on location in Sudbury and Peterborough, Ontario, **INDIAN HORSE** stars Canadian newcomers Sladen Peltier and Ajuawak Kapashesit who, along with Forrest Goodluck (**THE REVENANT**), portray title character, Saul Indian Horse, at the three stages of his life. The film also stars Michiel Huisman (**GAME OF THRONES**, **THE AGE OF ADALINE**) and Michael Murphy (**FALL**, **AWAY FROM HER**, **X-MEN**) and features

a compelling performance by newcomer Edna Manitouwabe. A residential school survivor herself, Manitouwabe brings a soulful presence as Saul's indomitable grandmother.

In late 1950s Ontario, seven year-old Saul Indian Horse is torn from his Ojibway family and committed to one of Canada's notorious Catholic residential schools. In this oppressive environment, Saul is denied the freedom to speak his language or embrace his indigenous heritage and he witnesses all kinds of abuse at the hands of the very people who were entrusted with his care. Despite this, Saul finds salvation in the unlikeliest of places and favourite Canadian pastimes — hockey. Fascinated by the game, he secretly teaches himself how to not only play but develops a unique and rare skill. It's as if he has eyes in the back of his head and can see the game in a way no other player can. His talent leads him away from the misery of the school to a Northern Ontario native league and eventually the pros. But the ghosts of Saul's past will always haunt him. Forced to confront painful memories and revelations, Saul draws on the spirit of his ancestors and the understanding of his friends to gain the compassion he so sorely needs in order to begin healing. Indian Horse is a survivor's tale that foregrounds the indomitable spirit of North America's Indigenous peoples in the face of aggressive assimilation policies and racism.

INDIAN HORSE is directed by Stephen S. Campanelli (MOMENTUM) from a script by Dennis Foon (ON THE FARM, LIFE, ABOVE ALL). Based on the eponymous, award-winning novel by Richard Wagamese (Winner of the Canada Reads People's Choice award, the First Nations Communities Reads program, short-listed for the International IMPAC DUBLIN Literary Award and a Globe and Mail top 100 book of 2012). **INDIAN HORSE** is produced by Christine Haebler (HECTOR AND THE SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS, HARD CORE LOGO), Trish Dolman (HECTOR AND THE SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS, FLOWER & GARNET) and Paula Devonshire (WET BUM, SURVIVAL OF THE DEAD). Roger Frappier (THE GRAND SEDUCTION, JESUS OF MONTREAL) and Clint Eastwood serve as executive producers.



Sladen Peltier stars as a young Saul Indian Horse.

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Founded in 2013, with finance partner Teddy Schwarzman of Black Bear Pictures, Elevation Pictures has established itself as one of Canada's leading film and television companies. Elevation's team of seasoned production and distribution executives are committed to bringing an elevated and robust film and television slate to audiences.

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