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Multiple Directors

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Daniel Aizenstat

Nakaj

1994 **Producer** Daniel Aizenstat
20 min. **Director** Daniel Aizenstat
Narrative **Produced by**
Peru Taruka Films Production

A dramatization explores a traditional Andean myth about a spirit who steals the life from people wandering in the mountains at night.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Center for Media and Independent Learning, University of California

Clint Alberta

Deep Inside Clint Star

1998 **Producer** Silva Basmajian
89 min. **Director** Clint Alberta (Dene)
Documentary **Produced by**
Canada National Film Board of Canada

The filmmaker's interviews with six friends about sex, identity, racism, suicide, and survival provide an intimate look at concerns of young Native men and women.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Stephanie Alton

Raven's Flight

2000 **Producer** Stephanie Alton
4 min. **Director** Stephanie Alton
Experimental **Produced by**
United States Raven's Eye Productions

A traditional song evokes the spiritual ties between the people and their environment in this montage of images showing the world of the Gwich'in of eastern Alaska.
World Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Raven's Eye Productions

Patricia Amlin

Five Suns: A Sacred History of Mexico, The

1996 **Producer** Patricia Amlin
59 min. **Director** Patricia Amlin
Animation **Produced by**
United States Film Arts Foundation

Ancient Aztec iconography is used in this animation of creation myths and sacred stories of the Aztecs and other people of central Mexico.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Center for Media and Independent Learning, University of California

Cathleen Ashworth

House of Peace

1999 **Producer** G. Peter Jemison (Seneca)
29 min. **Director** Cathleen Ashworth
Documentary **Produced by**
United States Friends of Ganondagan

This video tells the story of Ganondagan, a seventeenth-century Seneca village, now a New York State Historic Site, and documents the construction of a traditional bark longhouse there.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Friends of Ganondagan

Marisol Barragán Ibarguen

Paulina y el Condor/Paulina and the Condor

1995 **Producer** Marisol Barragán
10 min. **Director** Marisol Barragán
Animation
Bolivia

An Aymara girl takes a fateful journey from the high plains of Bolivia to La Paz.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Marisol Barragán Ibarguen

Dean Curtis Bear Claw

Warrior Chiefs in a New Age

1992 **Producer** Daniel Hart
30 min. **Director** Dean Curtis Bear Claw (Crow)
Documentary **Produced by**
United States Native Voices Public TV

The filmmaker presents family and tribal history in this story of two visionary Crow chiefs, Plenty Coups and Medicine Crow, of the early reservation era.

1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video Center

Alfreda Beartrack

Holy Elk

1996 **Producer** Alfred Beartrack (Lower Brule Sioux)
5 min. **Director** Alfreda Beartrack (Lower Brule Sioux)
Animation
United States

A short animated work honors a Lower Brule Sioux leader of the past.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Alfreda Beartrack

Iron Nation

1997 **Producer** Alfreda Beartrack (Lower Brule Sioux)
11 min. **Director** Alfreda Beartrack (Lower Brule Sioux)
Animation
United States

This experimental video honors a Lower Brule Sioux leader of the past.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Alfreda Beartrack

Tamara Bell

Hunt, The

1997
10 min.
Narrative
Canada

Producer Tamara Bell (Haida)
Director Tamara Bell (Haida)
Produced by
Cedar Root Productions

A comedy short follows three bumbling hunters lost in the woods.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video Center

George Bloomfield

Canoe for the Making, A

1995
25 min.
Experimental
Canada

Director George Bloomfield

The wise guidance of his father-in-law forces a young man to confront his alcoholism.
U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Not in distribution.

Jesus Bosque Riba

Nasa Tul: The Páez Garden
Nasa Tul: La Huerta Nasa

1996
24 min.
Documentary
Colombia

Director Jesús Bosque
Produced by
Consejo Regional Indigena del Cauca (CRIC),
Programa de Educacion

For the Páez of Colombia, the small garden plots cultivated around their homes are central to their way of life.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Consejo Region Indigena del Cauca
(CRIC)
Jesus Bosque Riba

Arlene Bowman

Women and Men are Good Dancers

1994
6 min.
Non-music
performance
United States

Director Arlene Bowman (Navajo)

Men and women perform the Northern Plains Grass Dance, with video enhancements helping convey the spirit of traditional dancing.

1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Third World Newsreel

Luis Bredow

Kawsayta Astaspa/Bearing Life's Burdens
Kawsayta Astaspa/Acarreando La Vida

1994
55 min.
Documentary
Bolivia

Director Luis Bredow
Produced by
Tarpuy Production Group

This video documents the arduous daily life of Quechua men who migrate to Cochabamba, Bolivia, to work as market carriers.
U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)

Hugh Brody

Washing of Tears, The

1994
55 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Gillian Darling; Cari Green
Director Hugh Brody
Produced by
Nootka Sound & Picture

Produced for
Telefilm Canada; National Film Board of Canada;
British Columbia Film

The Mowachahts of British Columbia reflect on the history and meaning of their ceremonial whalers' shrine, housed at the American Museum of Natural History in New York.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada
Filmoption International, Inc.

Mats Brolin

Let Our Songs Live Lleven Nuestro Canto

1994
58 min.
Documentary
Sweden

Producer Mats Brolin; Anna Cnattinguis
Director Mats Brolin; Anna Cnattinguis
Produced for
The Tyresö Society for Peace and Worldwide
Support

In the Bolivian Amazon, the Siriono people invite the filmmakers to record their struggle for cultural survival.

U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Mats Brolin

Rich Brotman

Appreciating the Three Sisters

1995
7 min.
Documentary
United States

Director [Rich Brotman]
Produced by
[Rich Paw Productions]
Produced for
Indigenous Peoples Communications Project

This look at Native agriculture projects at Cornell University focuses on corn.

1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Indigenous Peoples Communications Project

Norman Patrick Brown

Lijj' Biyiin/Horse Song

2000
56 min.
Narrative
United States

Director Norman Patrick Brown (Navajo)

A drama focuses on how the disease of diabetes afflicts a Navajo man and his family and portrays their struggle to deal with it through traditional and Western healing practices.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Four Directions Health
Communications

George Burdeau

Backbone of the World: The Blackfeet

1997
57 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Pamela Roberts
Director George Burdeau (Blackfeet)
Produced by
Rattlesnake Productions

A filmmaker documents coming home to his tribe, revisits its history, and reflects on his role as a media maker in the community.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video
Center

Emigdio Julián Caballero

Viko Ndute/Water Festival

Viko Ndute/Fiesta del Agua

1995
21 min.
Documentary
Mexico

Director Emigdio Julián Caballero (Mixtec)

This video examines a rain-making ritual and its significance for a Mixtec community in Oaxaca, Mexico.
World Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Centro de Video Indigena-Oaxaca

Silvestre Campe

Etenhiritipá: Wanaridöbe/Godparent's Song

1994
4 min.
Music
Brazil

Director Belisario Franca; Silvestre Campe
Produced by
Núcleo de Cultura Indígena

In this indigenous "music video," young Xavante warriors perform a song traditionally sung by their godparents for their ear-piercing ceremony.
U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Video Nas Aldeias (Video in the Villages)

Gil Cardinal

Borders

1995
25 min.
Narrative
Canada

Director Gil Cardinal (Métis)

A young Blackfoot boy learns the value of defending his sovereignty. World Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Not in distribution.

Vincent Carelli

Good Trip Ibantú
Boa Viagem Ibantú

2000
28 min.
Documentary
Brazil

Producer Alan Arraes [TV Escola]

Director Vincent Carelli

Produced by
Video Nas Aldeias

Produced for
TV Escola with Coordenação Geral de Apoio as Escolas Indígenas/SEF

Brazilian teenagers visit a Krahô Indian village in northern Brazil and participate in a ceremony that welcomes them as ibantú (nephew).

World Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive (LAVA)
Video Nas Aldeias (Video in the Villages)

Vincent Carelli (contd.)

Placa Não Fala/Signs Don't Speak

1996
26 min.
Documentary
Brazil

Director Dominique Gallois; Vincent Carelli
Produced by
Centro de Trabalho Indigenista; GTZ

The Waiapi of the Brazilian Amazon assert their sovereignty through their own land demarcation initiative.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Video Nas Aldeias (Video in the Villages)

Lena Carr

Kinaaldá: Navajo Rite of Passage

2000
56 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Lena Carr (Navajo); Co-pr.: Aaron Carr (Navajo/Laguna)
Director Lena Carr (Navajo)
Produced by
Indian Summer Films

A Navajo filmmaker documents her niece's coming-of-age ceremony and, as the *kinaaldá* unfolds, reflects on the complex experience of her own growing-up years.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Women Make Movies

Olivia L. Carrescia

Mayan Voices, American Lives

1994
56 min.
Documentary
United States

Director Olivia L. Carrescia

Maya Indians who fled Guatemala confront issues of identity and change in their new home in the United States.

1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor First Run/Icarus

Janet Cavallo

Flickering Flame, The: The Life and Legacy of Chief Turkey Tayac

1999
55 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Jason Corwin (Seneca); Janet Cavallo

Director Janet Cavallo; Jason Corwin (Seneca)

Produced by
Red Nations Productions-LISN

Produced for
Piscataway Indian Nation

Family members recall Chief Turkey Tayac of the Piscataway Indian Nation, who fought for protection of an ancestral burial ground, now Maryland's Piscataway National Park.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Red Nations Productions-LISN

Cat Cayuga

Nation Is. . . , A

1994 **Director** Cat Cayuga (Onondaga/Mohawk)
7 min.
Music This experimental video honors the role of Native
Canada American women and their importance to their
 communities.
 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor V Tape

Dante Cerrano Bautista

Ch'anantskua/The Maturity Game

1999 **Director** Dante Cerano Bautista (P'urhepecha)
26 min. **Produced by**
Documentary Centro de Video Indigena-Michoacan; EXE Video
Mexico P'urepecha youth from the community of
 Carapan, Mexico, participate in a joyful coming-
 of-age ceremony in which they acquire family and
 community responsibilities.
 U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and
 Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video
 Center
 Centro de Video Indigena-
 Michoacan

Dante Cerrano Bautista (contd.)

Junkua Axu/Return Here
Junkua Axu/Regresa Aquí

1997
13 min.
Narrative
Mexico

Director Dante Cerano Bautista (P'urhepecha)
Produced by

Centro de Video Indigena-Michoacan; EXE Video

P'urhepecha teens of Mexico must confront non-traditional aspects of life in music, dress, and technology as they seek to define their Native identity.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video
Center
Centro de Video Indigena-Oaxaca

Xanini/Corn Stalks

1999
8 min.
Narrative
Mexico

Director Dante Cerano Bautista (P'urhepecha)
Produced by

Centro de Video Indigena-Michocan; EXE Video

The videomaker turns point of view on its head by inviting the audience into the world of indigenous Michoacán through the eyes of a cornfield.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Centro de Video Indigena-
Michoacan

Shirley Cheechoo

Backroads

2000
83 min.
Narrative
Canada

Producer Shirley Cheechoo (Cree); Phyllis
Ellis; Christine K. Walker
Director Shirley Cheechoo (Cree)
Produced by
Girls from the Backroads

Set on a fictional reserve in Canada in 1976, this dark drama explores racism and abuse that explode into the lives of four sisters and the forces that lead to a fateful conclusion.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video
Center

Silent Tears

1997
28 min.
Narrative
Canada

Producer Shirley Cheechoo (Cree)
Director Shirley Cheechoo (Cree)
Produced by
Spoken Song Productions Inc.; National Film
Board of Canada; Banff Centre for the Arts

Based on the filmmaker's own life, this film presents a family facing a life-and-death situation in the backwoods of northern Canada.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Shirley Cheechoo (contd.)

Tracks in the Snow

2000
28 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Shirley Cheechoo (Cree)
Director Shirley Cheechoo (Cree)
Produced by
Spoken Song Productions
Produced for
Cree School Board of James Bay

In northern Quebec, elders take youngsters into the bush to teach them about their traditional way of life and encourage them to speak Cree.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video Center

Dana Claxton

Buffalo Bone China

1997
12 min.
Experimental
United States

Producer Dana Claxton (Hunkpapa Lakota)
Director Dana Claxton (Hunkpapa Lakota)

An experimental video metaphorically recalls First Nations peoples' loss of the buffalo and the historical use of buffalo bone to make fine china.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Video Out International

Dana Claxton (contd.)

Yuxweluptun: Man of Masks

1999 **Producer** Selwyn Jacob
22 min. **Director** Dana Claxton (Hunkpapa Lakota)
Documentary **Produced by**
Canada National Film Board of Canada

This portrait of Salish artist Yuxweluptun (Lawrence Paul) looks at his work's expression of Northwest Coast Salish culture and its critique of Canadian Indian policy.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Anna Cnattingius

Let Our Songs Live **Lleven Nuestro Canto**

1994 **Producer** Mats Brolin; Anna Cnattingius
58 min. **Director** Mats Brolin; Anna Cnattingius
Documentary **Produced for**
Sweden The Tyresö Society for Peace and Worldwide
Support

In the Bolivian Amazon, the Siriono people invite the filmmakers to record their struggle for cultural survival.
U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Mats Brolin

Alfredo Copa

Desempolvando Nuestra Historia/Dusting off Our History

1999
27 min.
Documentary
Bolivia

Director Alfredo Copa (Quechua)
Produced by
CEFREC-CAIB

In highland Bolivia, Quechua elders of two communities rediscover common ties. As they compare customs and relate important events, much is revealed about their history and way of life.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Centro de Estudio, Formación y Realización Cinematográfica (CEFREC)

Jason Corwin

Flickering Flame, The: The Life and Legacy of Chief Turkey Tayac

1999
55 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Jason Corwin (Seneca); Janet Cavallo

Director Janet Cavallo; Jason Corwin (Seneca)

Produced by
Red Nations Productions-LISN

Produced for
Piscataway Indian Nation

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2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Red Nations Productions-LISN

Gregory Coyes

Stories from the Seventh Fire

1998
24 min.
Animation
Canada

Producer Ava Karvonen; Gerri Cook; Gregory Coyes (Métis)

Director Gregory Coyes (Métis); Tantoo Cardinal (Métis Cree)

Produced by
Storyteller Productions

Animations use traditional artwork and computer imaging to preserve traditional stories for new generations of children.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Filmoption International, Inc.

Barb Cranmer

Laxwesa Wa: Strength of the River

1995
54 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Cari Green; Barb Cranmer ('Namgis)

Director Barb Cranmer ('Namgis)

Produced by
Nimpkish Wind Productions Inc.

Produced for
National Film Board of Canada, Studio One

On the Northwest Coast of Canada, Sto:lo, Heiltsuk and 'Namgis peoples discuss fishing traditions and their current efforts to build a sustainable fishery.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Mary Ellen Davis

Devil's Dream, The

1992
68 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Mary Ellen Davis
Director Mary Ellen Davis

An exploration of the economic and political oppression of Mayan peasants in Guatemala is juxtaposed with a traditional masked drama that plays out relationships of colonialism.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor First Run/Icarus
Cinema Guild

Tierra Madre/Sacred Earth

1996
54 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Mary Ellen Davis
Director Mary Ellen Davis
Produced by
Productions B'alba

In Guatemala Q'eqchi Maya struggle to retain rights to the land despite continued disruption and threats of violence.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Cinema Guild
National Film Board of Canada

James Diamond

Man From Venus, The

1999
4 min.
Experimental
Canada

Director James Diamond

This experimental video evokes the isolation and confusion of a young First Nations man who questions his sexual and racial identity. U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Video Out International

DiGangi, Joe

Drumbeat for Mother Earth

1999
54 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Tom Goldtooth (Diné); Jackie Warledo (Seminole); Joe DiGangi; Amon Grebel

Director Joe DiGangi; Amon Grebel

Produced by
Indigenous Environmental Network; Greenpeace

Native people from throughout the hemisphere describe their struggle against the use of persistent organic pollutants (POPS) that harm the fish and other animals they use for food. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Bullfrog Films

Luis Rodolfo Dionicio

Corpachada, La/Earth Offering

1985
17 min.
Documentary
Argentina

Director Luis Rodolfo Dionicio (Apatama)

This brief look at Apatama life in the Argentine Andes focuses on ritual offerings made to Pachamama, Mother Earth.

U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Cine Aborigen

Michon Eben

Spider's Web

1995
30 min.
Experimental
United States

Producer Michon Eben (Paiute/Shoshone)

Director Angela Jones (Washoe); Michon Eben (Paiute/Shoshone)

Produced by
Thorpe, Van Camp & Associates

This production featuring young Washoe people of Nevada explores the value of traditional wisdom for today's world.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Not in distribution.

Emilio

Sacred Land, The

2000
18 min.
Documentary
Mexico;
United States

Director [Feliciano (Tzeltal)]; [Emilio (Tzeltal)]
Produced by
Chiapas Media Project

Zapatista community members in Chiapas talk about their lives as workers on fincas (large plantations) before the 1994 uprising and changes in their lives since then.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Chiapas Media Project

Chris Eyre

Tenacity

1994
10 min.
Narrative
United States

Director Chris Eyre (Cheyenne/Arapaho)
Produced by
Forefront Films

A tragic encounter between two Native boys and travelers on a reservation road.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Third World Newsreel

Gary Farmer

Buffalo Tracks

**2000
55 min.
Interview
Canada**

Director Gary Farmer (Cayuga)
Produced for
Aboriginal Peoples Television Network

This cultural series featuring First Nations performance, music and art was made for broadcast on APTN, Canada's all-Native television network.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video Center

Gift, The

**1998
49 min.
Documentary
Canada**

Producer Jerry Krepakevich
Director Gary Farmer (Cayuga)
Produced by
National Film Board of Canada

From Haudenosaunee lands in New York and Canada to those of the Maya of Chiapas, Mexico, this film explores the spiritual, economic, and political dimensions of Native peoples' relationship with corn.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Gary Farmer (contd.)

Hero, The

1995
25 min.
Narrative
Canada

Producer Duncan Lamb
Director Gary Farmer (Cayuga)
Produced by
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

An alienated young Iroquois man reconnects to his culture with the help of a Clan Mother spirit. U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Not in distribution.

Feliciano

Sacred Land, The

2000
18 min.
Documentary
Mexico;
United States

Director [Feliciano (Tzeltal)]; [Emilio (Tzeltal)]
Produced by
Chiapas Media Project

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Distributor Chiapas Media Project

Pat Ferrero

Great Law of the Iroquois, The

1998
13 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Pat Ferrero
Director Pat Ferrero
Produced by
Hearts and Hands Media Arts
Produced for
Carnegie Museum of Natural History

In this investigation of oral tradition, many Iroquois discuss the function of wampum belts as mnemonic devices for both ceremony and treaty-making.
U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Hearts and Hands Media Arts

Iroquois Women: The Three Sisters

1998
10 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Pat Ferrero
Director Pat Ferrero
Produced by
Hearts and Hands Media Arts
Produced for
Carnegie Museum of Natural History

A portrait of three Iroquois Clan Mothers pays tribute to the strength and equality of women in Iroquois society.
U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Hearts and Hands Media Arts

Pat Ferrero (contd.)

Skywalkers

1998
11 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Pat Ferrero
Director Pat Ferrero
Produced by
Hearts and Hands Media Arts
Produced for
Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Interviews with Iroquois ironworkers and their families explore connections between their work and their role in the family and community.
U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Hearts and Hands Media Arts

Yup'ik: Radio Stories

1998
10 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Pat Ferrero
Director Pat Ferrero
Produced by
Hearts and Hands Media Arts
Produced for
Carnegie Museum of Natural History

This video profiles Yup'ik storyteller and radio personality John Active at KYUK-FM in southwest Alaska.
U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Hearts and Hands Media Arts

James Fortier

Alcatraz Is Not an Island

2000 **Producer** Jon Plutte
70 min. **Director** James M. Fortier (Métis Ojibwe)
Documentary **Produced by**
United States Diamond Island Productions

The 1969-71 occupation of Alcatraz Island was a watershed in American history. The tumultuous days of "Red Power" live again in occupation footage and interviews with participants.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Diamond Island Productions

Belisario Franca

Etenhiritipá: Wanaridöbe/Godparent's Song

1994 **Director** Belisario Franca; Silvestre Campe
4 min. **Produced by**
Music Núcleo de Cultura Indígena
Brazil

In this indigenous "music video," young Xavante warriors perform a song traditionally sung by their godparents for their ear-piercing ceremony.
U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Video Nas Aldeias (Video in the Villages)

Annie Frazier-Henry

Legends/Sxwexxwiw'am': The Story of Siwash Rock

1999 **Producer** George Johnson; Svend Erik Erikson
24 min. **Director** Annie Frazier Henry (Blackfoot/Sioux/
Narrative French)
Canada **Produced by**
Full Regalia Productions

This film adapts a Coast Salish myth, inspired by Vancouver's famous Siwash Rock, to tell a contemporary story of a young man's coming of age as a father and husband.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Full Regalia Productions

To Return: The John Walkus Story

2000 **Producer** Annie Frazier Henry (Blackfoot/Sioux/
46 min. French); Maureen Kelleher; Tom
Documentary Konyves
Canada **Director** Maureen Kelleher; Annie Frazier
Henry (Blackfoot/Sioux/French)
Produced by
Global Totem Pictures Ltd.

A young Kwakwaka'wakw man who was "adopted out" as a child to a non-Native family returns to find his Native identity and his talent as a traditional carver.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor AM Productions Inc.

Annie Frazier-Henry (contd.)

Totem Talk

1997
22 min.
Narrative
Canada

Producer Annie Frazier Henry (Sioux/Blackfoot/
French)
Director Annie Frazier Henry (Sioux/Blackfoot/
French)

Produced by
Full Regalia Productions in cooperation with the
National Film Board of Canada

Clan totems, brought to life through computer
animation, put urban youth back in touch with
their Northwest Coast identity.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada
Video Out International

Visions

1995
9 min.
Experimental
Canada

Director Annie Frazier-Henry (Blackfoot/Sioux/
French)

This experimental video honors the spirit of
aboriginal people through a montage of poetry,
music, dance and image.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Video Out International

Leslie Gaines

Ways of the Glades

1998
4 min.
Music
United States

Producer John McEuen
Director Leslie Gaines

Adapting traditional storytelling to a music video, Chief Jim Billie, chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, sings a story about the animals who live in the Everglades.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video Center

Cesar Galindo

Cholo Soy/I Am Indian

1992
5 min.
Music
Sweden

Director Cesar Galindo (Quechua Mestizo)
Produced by
Runa Film

This music video juxtaposes documentary footage of the Quechua of Peru with images evoking the Spanish conquest.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Third World Newsreel

Cesar Galindo (contd.)

Pichqa Minutukuna Llaqtanchispi Wanuqkunamanta/Five Minutes for the Souls of America

1992 **Producer** Cesar Galindo (Quechua Mestizo)
6 min. **Director** Cesar Galindo (Quechua Mestizo)
Experimental **Produced by**
Peru Runa Film

A poignant, ironic commentary on the Spanish conquest of Latin America.
U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Third World Newsreel

Dominique Gallois

Placa Não Fala/Signs Don't Speak

1996 **Director** Dominique Gallois; Vincent Carelli
26 min. **Produced by**
Documentary Centro de Trabalho Indigenista; GTZ
Brazil

The Waiapi of the Brazilian Amazon assert their sovereignty through their own land demarcation initiative.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Video Nas Aldeias (Video in the Villages)

Juan Jose Garcia

Asi Es Mi Tierra/My Home Is Like This

1996
23 min.
Documentary
Mexico

Producer Juan Jose Garcia (Zapotec)
Director Juan Jose Garcia (Zapotec)
Produced by
Comunalidad A.C. Xeglo; La Voz de la Sierra

Traditional healers from San Cristobal Chichicaxtepec, Oaxaca, explain their approach to healing and demonstrate a variety of remedies for illnesses.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Centro de Video Indigena-Oaxaca

Carol Geddes

Picturing a People: George Johnston, Tlingit Photographer

1997
50 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Sally Bochner [NFBC]; George Hargrave [Nutaq Média]
Director Carol Geddes (Tlingit)
Produced by
National Film Board of Canada; Nutaq Média

This filmed portrait of George Johnson, who made a remarkable photographic record of his people during the first half of the twentieth-century, is done by a filmmaker from the same inland Tlingit village in Canada.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Ole Gjerstad

Journey to Nunavut: Amarak's Song

1999
75 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Lucie Pageau; Malcolm Guy; Janice Epp; Ole Gjerstad; Joe MacDonald
Director Martin Kreelak (Inuit); Ole Gjerstad
Produced by
National Film Board of Canada

As three generations of an Inuit family revisit the place where they lived before they were relocated by the Canadian government, family member and broadcaster Martin Kreelak acts as a guide to their changing world.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Judith Gleason

Chiapas: Prayer for the Weavers

1999
34 min.
Documentary
United States

Director Judith Gleason
Produced for
Tsobal Antezik (Women Together)

Mayan weavers gather at a festival that commemorates the forty-five men, women, and children of their relatives killed by paramilitaries in the village of Acteal, Chiapas.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Filmmakers Library

Maureen Gosling

Blossoms of Fire

2000
73 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Maureen Gosling; Co-prs.: Toni Hanna, María Teresa García de la Noceda

Director Maureen Gosling; Ellen Osborne

Produced by
Intrépidas Productions

A portrait of the Zapotec women of Juchitan, Oaxaca, who are known for their fierce independence and their production of a distinctive style of decorative clothing.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Intrepid Productions
Instituto Mexicano de
Cinematografía (IMCINE)

Grebel, Amon

Drumbeat for Mother Earth

1999
54 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Tom Goldtooth (Diné); Jackie Warledo (Seminole); Joe DiGangi; Amon Grebel

Director Joe DiGangi; Amon Grebel

Produced by
Indigenous Environmental Network; Greenpeace

Native people from throughout the hemisphere describe their struggle against the use of persistent organic pollutants (POPS) that harm the fish and other animals they use for food.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Bullfrog Films

Sandy Greer

Soop On Wheels

1998
52 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Sandy Greer; Joan Hutton
Director Sandy Greer
Produced by
Two Wheels Productions

Evert Soop, a renowned Blackfoot political cartoonist and humorist, is profiled as he faces the late stages of muscular dystrophy.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Filmmakers Library

Anna Gronau

It Starts with a Whisper

1993
28 min.
Experimental
Canada

Producer Shelley Niro (Mohawk); Anna Gronau
Director Shelley Niro (Mohawk); Anna Gronau

A young woman exploring her identity and cultural foundations goes on a mythic journey led by three "spirit aunties."
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Women Make Movies

David Grotell

Nanibáa

1999
18 min.
Narrative
United States

Producer Mark J. Segal
Director David Grotell
Produced by
Rock Point Community School

Edited and acted by Navajo youth, this drama is the story of a sixteen-year-old girl who must decide whether to remain at home or experience the world outside at an Anglo boarding school.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Rock Point Community School

Ava Hamilton

Everything Has a Spirit

1992
26 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Ava Hamilton (Arapaho); Gabriele Dech
Director Ava Hamilton (Arapaho)

Native American leaders address the American Indian Religious Freedom Act's relationship to land and spiritual practice.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Vision Maker Video

Daniel Hill

City of Dreams

1995
28 min.
Narrative
Canada

Producer Jorge Manzano
Director Jorge Manzano; Co-dir.: Daniel Hill
Produced by
Nepantla Films

A drama tells the life story of a creative young man whose life is lost to the streets of urban Canada.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Nepantla Films

Freddy Imaña Ponce

Kuruyuki/Refounding of a People, The

1992
32 min.
Documentary
Bolivia

Director Freddy Imaña Ponce

The cultural revival of the Guarani of eastern Bolivia strengthens their political protest against continuing encroachment.
U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Video Producciones Alternaitivas
(VIPAL)

Magnus Isacsson

Power

1996
77 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Glen Salzman
Director Magnus Isacsson

Produced by
Cineflix
Produced for

National Film Board of Canada, Studio One; TV
Ontario

A behind-the-scenes film provides an account of
the Cree's five-year struggle against the Great
Whale hydroelectric project in northern Quebec.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Cineflix Inc.
National Film Board of Canada

Eugene Jarecki

Quest of the Carib Canoe

2000
50 min.
Documentary
England

Producer Eugene Jarecki
Director Eugene Jarecki

Produced by
Think Tank in association with BBC Bristol

A chronicle of the project of the Carib Indian artist
and activist Jacob Frederick to sail with fellow
Caribs in a handmade traditional canoe from
Dominica to mainland South America.
U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and
Video Festival

Distributor Jane Balfour Films

Lawrence Johnson

Hand Game

1999
60 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Lawrence Johnson
Director Lawrence Johnson

This documentary explores the history of the ancient tradition of gaming--the hand game, stick or grass game--and travels to eight reservations in the Northwest United States.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor VisionMaker Video

Angela Jones

Spider's Web

1995
30 min.
Experimental
United States

Producer Michon Eben (Paiute/Shoshone)
Director Angela Jones (Washoe); Michon Eben (Paiute/Shoshone)

Produced by
Thorpe, Van Camp & Associates

This production featuring young Washoe people of Nevada explores the value of traditional wisdom for today's world.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Not in distribution.

David H. Kalama, Jr.

Kaho'olawe

1997
57 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer David H. Kalama, Jr. (Native Hawaiian)

Director David H. Kalama, Jr. (Native Hawaiian)

Produced by
Kalama Productions

A chronicle of Native Hawaiian activism documents how traditional oratory, dance, and ceremony helped reclaim the island of Kaho'olawe, used as a military bombing range. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Kalama Productions

Siã Runikuin Kashinawa

Kaxinawa: The Real People

1994
12 min.
Documentary
Brazil

Director Siã Runikuin Kashinawa (Kashinawa)

Produced by
Indigenous Filmmakers Union; Interlab--Some Imagem

In Brazil, a videomaker and tribal leader explores his culture with the assistance of a shaman. U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Interlab

Maureen Kelleher

To Return: The John Walkus Story

**2000
46 min.
Documentary
Canada**

Producer Annie Frazier Henry (Blackfoot/Sioux/
French); Maureen Kelleher; Tom
Konyves

Director Maureen Kelleher; Annie Frazier
Henry (Blackfoot/Sioux/French)

Produced by
Global Totem Pictures Ltd.

A young Kwakwaka'wakw man who was
"adopted out" as a child to a non-Native family
returns to find his Native identity and his talent as
a traditional carver.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor AM Productions Inc.

Diane Kitchen

Penfield Road, The

**1998
6 min.
Experimental
United States**

Director [Diane Kitchen]

An experimental filmmaker of Eastern Cherokee
descent takes an imaginary journey through the
American landscape.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video
Center

Diane Kitchen (contd.)

Roots, Thorns

1993
24 min.
Experimental
United States

Producer Diane Kitchen
Director Diane Kitchen

A multilayered visual exploration by a Native filmmaker of the daily life and myths of the Ashaninka living in the Peruvian Amazon.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Diane Kitchen

Martin Kreelak

Journey to Nunavut: Amarak's Song

1999
75 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Lucie Pageau; Malcolm Guy; Janice Epp; Ole Gjerstad; Joe MacDonald
Director Martin Kreelak (Inuit); Ole Gjerstad
Produced by
National Film Board of Canada

As three generations of an Inuit family revisit the place where they lived before they were relocated by the Canadian government, family member and broadcaster Martin Kreelak acts as a guide to their changing world.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Zacharias Kunuk

Angiraq/Home

1994
29 min.
Narrative
Canada

Director Zacharias Kunuk (Inuit)

The people of Igloodik in the central Canadian Arctic re-enact their lifeways circa 1945. U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor V Tape

Nick Kurzon

Super Chief

1999
75 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Nick Kurzon

Director Nick Kurzon

Produced by
Produced for

This video follows the campaign trail on the White Earth Ojibwe Reservation as several candidates challenge the twenty-year-old incumbent who is suspected of misusing tribal funds. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Documentary Educational Resources

Saul Landau

Sixth Sun, The: Mayan Uprising in Chiapas

1996
56 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Meredith Burch
Director Saul Landau
Produced by
Meridian Productions

A study of the Zapatista uprising in Mexico presents interviews with key figures and examines the conflict in the context of the search for democracy and social change.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Cinema Guild

Joan Lander

Stolen Waters

1996
27 min.
Documentary
United States

Director Puhipau (Native Hawaiian); Joan Lander

Native Hawaiians on Oahu mobilize to restore waters diverted to one side of the island for the pineapple-growing industry at the turn of the century.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Na Maka o ka 'Aina

Wilson Lazaretti

Wirandé/Tomorrow

1992
5 min.
Animation
Brazil

Director Wilson Lazaretti; Mauricio Squarisi
Produced by
Núcleo de Cinema de Animação de Campinas;
Secretaria Municipal de Cultura Esportes e
Turismo de Campinas

Drawings of Native and urban children in the
Brazilian state of Amazonas show their
experiences of daily life.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Núcleo de Cinema de Animacao de
Campinas

Joseph Lazore

Out of the Fog

1995
14 min.
Experimental
Canada

Director Joseph Lazore (Mohawk)

This video documents a Native man's coming to
terms with contemporary and traditional values
while recovering from substance abuse.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor V Tape

Elizabeth Lindsey

Then There Were None

1996
26 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Linda Camara; Martha G. Noyes; Rob
Robinson
Director Elizabeth Lindsey (Native Hawaiian)
Produced by
LLB Productions; Pacific Islanders in
Communication

This documentary examines the history of Native
Hawai'i and the drastic changes caused by the
non-Natives who settled there.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Pacific Islanders in Communication

Leota Lone Dog

Native New Yorkers

1999
14 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Leota Lone Dog (Lakota/Mohawk/
Delaware)
Director Leota Lone Dog (Lakota/Mohawk/
Delaware)

The Native American community in New York
City explores its history through the accounts of
some of the people who have helped create a
cohesive Native world in the city.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video
Center

Daryl Lonetree

Hocak Ecology

1997
21 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Daryl Lonetree (Iowa/Dakota/Hocak);
Kenneth Funmaker Sr. (Hocak)
Director Daryl Lonetree (Iowa/Dakota/Hocak)
Produced by
Hocak Wazijaci Language and Culture Program

A community production uses a creative approach to teaching Hocak (Winnebago) language and values.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Not in distribution.

William Long

Vision Man

1997
51 min.
Documentary
Denmark

Producer Lars Äby
Director William Long
Produced by
TV2-Denmark

An aged Greenlandic Inuit hunter looks back over his eighty-seven years, providing a look at a changing way of life and a unique view of a wise and completed human being.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Filmmakers Library

Jorge Lozano

Three Sevens, The

1993
21 min.
Narrative
Canada

Director Jorge Lozano; Co-dir.: Alejandro Ronceria (Ladino)

An impressionistic story of the experiences of a young Native man from Colombia living in exile in Canada.
U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Alejandro Ronceria

David Ludwig

Pomo Basketweavers: A Tribute to Three Elders

1995
59 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer David Ludwig
Director David Ludwig
Produced by
Creative Light Productions

This detailed view of Pomo basketweaving in northern California features profiles of the remarkable artists--Laura Somersal, Elsie Allen and Mabel McKay.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Berkeley Media LLC

James Luna

Indian Having a Coffee with Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg and Ernest Hemingway

1996
22 min.
Non-music
performance
United States

Producer James Luna (Luiseño)
Director James Luna (Luiseño)

Evoking the Beats as cultural icons, this performance video comments on Native nonconformity and freedom.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video Center

Patricio Luna

Angeles de la Tierra/Angels of the Earth

1997
20 min.
Narrative
Bolivia

Producer Daniel Gutierrez (Aymara)
Director Patricio Luna (Aymara)
Produced by
CEFREC

This tragic story of a young Quechua man who goes to the city of Quillacollo to find work exposes the difficulties of indigenous people who migrate to the city.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Centro de Estudio, Formación y Realización Cinematográfica (CEFREC)

Patricio Luna (contd.)

Qulqi Chaliku/Vest Made of Money
Qulqi Chaliku/Chaleco de Plata

1999
25 min.
Narrative
Bolivia

Director Patricio Luna (Aymara)
Produced by
CEFREC-CAIB

The dramatization of a traditional Aymara tale tells the story of two men and the evil that results from their greed for money.
U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Centro de Estudio, Formación y Realización Cinematográfica (CEFREC)

Anne Makepeace

Coming to Light: Edward S. Curtis and the North American Indian

2000
85 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Anne Makepeace
Director Anne Makepeace
Produced by
Makepeace Productions

This look at the life of Edward S. Curtis, an early twentieth-century photographer of Native Americans, explores his impact on present-day members of the communities where he worked.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Seventh Art

Crisanto Manzano Avella

Guia Toó/Powerful Mountain
Guia Toó/Montaña Poderosa

1998
53 min.
Documentary
Mexico

Producer Crisanto Manzano Avella (Zapotec)
Director Crisanto Manzano Avella (Zapotec)

An indigenous videomaker of Oaxaca looks at the complex cloud forest ecosystem of the mountains where he lives and documents how his people live by working the soil.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video Center
Centro de Video Indigena-Oaxaca

Jorge Manzano

City of Dreams

1995
28 min.
Narrative
Canada

Producer Jorge Manzano
Director Jorge Manzano; Co-dir.: Daniel Hill
Produced by
Nepantla Films
Produced for

A drama tells the life story of a creative young man whose life is lost to the streets of urban Canada.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Nepantla Films

Catherine Anne Martin

Migmaoei Otjiosog/Mi'kmaq Family

1994
33 min.
Documentary
Canada

Director Catherine Anne Martin (Mi'kmaq)

The filmmaker explores her heritage at the community's annual gathering in Nova Scotia. U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Carlos Martinez Martinez

Espiritulidad Mixe/Aywuhk Spirituality

1996
6 min.
Documentary
Mexico

Producer Carlos Martinez Martinez (Zapotec)

Director Carlos Martinez Martinez (Zapotec)

Produced by

Comunalidad A.C. ; Servicios del Pueblo Mixe A.C.

Members of a Mixe community explore their relationship to nature and Catholic ritual as fundamental elements of their spirituality. World Premiere. 1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Comunalidad A.C.

Eugenia Martinez Reyes

Been Rguil Guialnzak/Looking for Well-Being

1997
21 min.
Documentary
Mexico

Director Maria Santiago Ruiz (Zapotec);
Eugenia Martinez Reyes (Zapotec)

Produced by
Grupo Solidario de Quiatoni

Zapotec villages of Oaxaca confront economic problems by organizing together for agricultural projects, animal husbandry, and the production of natural medicines.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video
Center
Centro de Video Indigena-Oaxaca

Carlos Martinez-Suarez

Autonomía Bajo Amenaza/Autonomy under Attack

1998
27 min.
Documentary
Mexico

Producer Carlos Martinez Suarez

Director Carlos Martinez Suarez

Produced by
Video Tropico Sur

When members of a Tzeltal Maya community in Chiapas are arrested and held, the village organizes to protest the incarcerations.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Video Tropico Sur

Victor Masayesva

Imagining Indians

1992
56 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Victor Masayesva, Jr. (Hopi)

Director Victor Masayesva, Jr. (Hopi)

Interviews with Native Americans in film and community people provide an insider's perspective on Hollywood movies and their appropriation of Native culture.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Electronic Arts Intermix
Documentary Educational
Resources

Malinda Maynor

Real Indian

1996
8 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Malinda M. Maynor (Lumbee)

Director Malinda M. Maynor (Lumbee)

A Native filmmaker reflects on her heritage, playing with stereotyped images and affirming the role of family.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Women Make Movies

Maga Meneses

Wichán/The Trial
Wichán/El Juicio

1995 **Producer** Luis Mora
27 min. **Director** Maga Meneses
Narrative **Produced by**
Chile Kien Producciones Audiovisuales

A short drama set in the past tells a story of how the Mapuche of Chile dealt with wrongdoing in the community.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Kien Producciones

Aurelio Michiles

Davi Contra Golias, Brasil Caim/David Against Goliath, Brazil Cain

1992 **Producer** Elaine Caesar
10 min. **Director** Aurélio Michiles
Documentary **Produced by**
Brazil The Program of Indigenous People of Brazil
 CEDI, Sao Paulo

Testimony by the Yanomami leader Davi Kopenawa provides the narration for a visual investigation of a massacre in his community by Brazilian goldminers.

1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Instituto Sociocambiental

Muriel Miguel

Throw Away Kids

2000
46 min.
Non-music
performance
Canada

Producer Marrie Mumford (Chippewa-Cree)
Director Muriel Miguel (Kuna/Rappahannock);
Wilhelm Schmidt

Produced by
Aboriginal Arts Program, Banff Centre for the Arts

A dance theater performance about Native youth intertwines traditional and contemporary Native narratives and styles of dance.

World Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor V Tape

José Miranda

Chayaw Anata/Longing for Home

1994
6 min.
Narrative
Bolivia

Director José Miranda (Aymara Mestizo)

An Aymara man who migrates to La Paz experiences cultural alienation and remembers his home community.

1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Centro de Estudio, Formación y
Realización Cinematográfica
(CEFREC)

José Miranda (contd.)

Qamasan Warmi/Woman of Courage

1993
42 min.
Docudrama
Bolivia

Director José Miranda (Aymara Mestizo)

This dramatic homage profiles the life of Gregoria Apaza, leader of the 1871 Aymara uprising against the Spanish in Bolivia.
U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Centro de Promocion de la Mujer

Kent Monkman

Nation Is Coming, A

1996
24 min.
Non-music
performance
Canada

Producer Kent Monkman (Métis Cree)

Director Kent Monkman (Métis Cree)

Produced by
Banff Centre

This performance video co-created by director Kent Monkman and dancer-choreographer Michael Greyeyes explores parallels between current and nineteenth-century issues facing Native people.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Not in distribution.

Guillermo Monteforte

Mujeres del Mismo Valor/Women of Equal Worth

1999
23 min.
Documentary
Mexico

Director Guillermo Monteforte
Produced by
La Coordinacion de Cafecultores de Oaxaca

Indigenous women of Oaxaca who work as coffee growers organize themselves to increase their productivity and improve their ability to help support their families.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video Center
Ojo de Agua Comunicación Indígena S.C.

Sean Morris

Kusah Hakwaan

1998
75 min.
Narrative
United States

Director Sean Morris
Produced by
Alaskan Nomad Productions

Two brothers are the focus of an ancient Tlingit tale that moves between the contemporary and spirit worlds in this story of evil, heroism, brotherly rivalry, and the Trickster Raven. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Alaskan Nomad Productions

Julia Mosúa

Nuestra Palabra/Our Word: The Story of San Francisco de Moxos
Nuestra Palabra: La Historia de San Francisco de Moxos

1999
22 min.
Docudrama
Bolivia

Director Julia Mosúa
Produced by
CEFREC-CAIB

Members of a highland Aymara community give an account of their history since the 1930s, focusing on their attempt to maintain control of their land.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Centro de Estudio, Formación y Realización Cinematográfica (CEFREC)

Alberto Muenala

Mashikuna/Comrades
Mashikuna/Compañeros

1995
40 min.
Narrative
Ecuador

Producer Alberto Muenala (Quichua)
Director Alberto Muenala (Quichua)

A story set in the Quichua community of Ecuador tells of two childhood friends who become political activists.

1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Fabian Muenala

Nora Naranjo-Morse

I've Been Bingo-ed By My Baby

1996 **Producer** Nora Naranjo-Morse (Tewa Pueblo)
3 min. **Director** Nora Naranjo-Morse (Tewa Pueblo)
Music **Produced by**
United States Pearlene Productions

A music video of Navajo balladeer Vincent Craig singing "Rita" pairs the image of the seductive woman with Indian gaming.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Not in distribution.

What Was Taken. . .What Remains

1994 **Director** Nora Naranjo-Morse (Tewa/Pueblo)
11 min.
Experimental A video montage explores tourism, stereotypes,
United States and the exploitation of Native America's cultural
legacy.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor V Tape

Shelley Niro

It Starts with a Whisper

1993 **Producer** Shelley Niro (Mohawk); Anna Gronau
28 min. **Director** Shelley Niro (Mohawk); Anna Gronau
Experimental
Canada

A young woman exploring her identity and cultural foundations goes on a mythic journey led by three "spirit aunties."
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Women Make Movies

Shelley Niro (contd.)

Overweight with Crooked Teeth

1997
5 min.
Experimental
Canada

Producer Shelley Niro (Mohawk); Dan Bigbee, Jr. (Comanche)
Director Shelley Niro (Mohawk)

This experimental video frames issues of Native identity by reversing Native stereotypes.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Shelley Niro
BIG Productions

Judith Norris

Holy Dog

1999
9 min.
Experimental
Canada

Director Judith Norris

Poetry, traditional song, and the Cree language pay tribute to the Horse Nation, as a woman and her horse journey literally and metaphorically around a medicine wheel.
U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Video Out International

Tito Nuñez

Moojk/Corn

1996
21 min.
Documentary
Mexico

Director Tito A. Nuñez (Mixe)
Produced by
Video Tamix

For the Mixe of the Oaxaca, corn is central to their connection to Mother Earth as well as a basic source of sustenance.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Centro de Video Indigena-Oaxaca

Alanis Obomsawin

My Name is Kahentiosta

1995
30 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Alanis Obomsawin (Abenaki); Don Haig
Director Alanis Obomsawin (Abenaki)
Produced by
National Film Board of Canada

The depth of one woman's Mohawk values and identity are revealed as she recounts her experience during the recent crisis at Oka, Quebec.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Spudwrench: Kahnawake Man

1997
58 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Alanis Obomsawin (Abenaki)
Director Alanis Obomsawin (Abenaki)
Produced by
National Film Board of Canada

A portrait of steelworker Randy Horne, who defended his people behind the barricades at Oka, and his home community of Kahnawake--a stronghold of tradition.

World Premiere. 1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Francisco Ormachea

Ajayu/Spirit

1996 **Producer** Francisco Ormachea
26 min. **Director** Francisco Ormachea
Narrative **Produced by**
Bolivia Praxis S.R.L.; Black Maria; Antara

This dramatization of the death of a man's young daughter evokes the Aymara view that death is an experience shared by the community of the living and the souls of the dead.

World Premiere. 1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Francisco Ormachea

Sandara Sunrising Osawa

On & Off the Res' w/ Charlie Hill

2000 **Producer** Sandra Sunrising Osawa (Makah)
59 min. **Director** Sandra Sunrising Osawa (Makah)
Documentary **Produced by**
United States Upstream Productions

The renowned Oneida comic Charlie Hill tells his story. Performance clips and interviews with family and colleagues give a well-rounded view of a groundbreaking contemporary artist.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Upstream Productions

Sandra Sunrising Osawa (contd.)

Pepper's Pow Wow

1995
57 min.
Documentary
United States

Director Sandra Sunrising Osawa (Makah)

A portrait of the late jazz saxophonist and composer Jim Pepper (Kaw-Creek) underscores his Native culture and the universality of his music.

World Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Upstream Productions

Usual and Accustomed Places

2000
48 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Sandra Sunrising Osawa (Makah)

Director Sandra Sunrising Osawa (Makah)

Produced by
Upstream Productions

This account of the Pacific Northwest tribes' century-long struggle to uphold their fishing rights focuses on the history of the Makah Nation of Washington State.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Upstream Productions

Ellen Osborne

Blossoms of Fire

2000
73 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Maureen Gosling; Co-prs.: Toni Hanna, María Teresa García de la Noceda

Director Maureen Gosling; Ellen Osborne

Produced by
Intrepidas Productions

A portrait of the Zapotec women of Juchitan, Oaxaca, who are known for their fierce independence and their production of a distinctive style of decorative clothing.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Intrepidas Productions
Instituto Mexicano de
Cinematografía (IMCINE)

Nelson Freddy Osorio A.

Yu' Up'Hku/The Waters Have Given Birth

1994
22 min.
Documentary
Colombia

Director Nelson Freddy Osorio A.

Produced by
Sol y Tierra Foundation

The experience of a severe earthquake brings a spiritual message to the Páez people of Colombia to renew their traditions.

U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video
Center

Jeanette Paillan

Punalka: The Upper Biobio

Punalka: El Alto Biobio

1995
26 min.
Documentary
Chile

Producer Jeannette Paillan (Mapuche)
Director Jeannette Paillan (Mapuche)
Produced by
Instituto de Investigacion y Comunicacion
Mapuche

A view of the Mapuche people living in Chile's Biobio River Valley is underscored by the threat a massive hydroelectric project poses for their way of life.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Lulul Mawidha Cultural Center

Teofila Palafox

Ollas de San Marcos, Las

1992
11 min.
Documentary
Mexico

Director Teófila Palafox (Ikoods)

The women of a Zapotecan village in Mexico are documented making large *ollas*, or clay pots. U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Centro de Video Indigena-Oaxaca

Xontapti Totore Payroroti

Kry-Rytaiti/Lip-Piercing Ceremony

1990 **Producer** Xontapti Totore Payroroti (Gavião)
7 min. **Director** Xontapti Totore Payroroti (Gavião)
Documentary **Produced by**
Brazil Centro de Trabalho Indigenista

Young Gavião warriors strengthen their tribal identity by reintroducing the practice of lip piercing.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Video Nas Aldeias (Video in the Villages)

Humbarto Paz

Diablo Nunca Duerme, El/The Devil Never Sleeps

1999 **Director** Humbarto Paz (Guaraní)
25 min. **Produced by**
Narrative CEFREC-CAIB
Bolivia

A traditional Guarani tale from lowland Bolivia tells of a wandering con man who preys on the people until, one day, the community rises up against him.
U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Centro de Estudio, Formación y Realización Cinematográfica (CEFREC)

Faustino Pena

Espiritu de la Selva, El/The Spirit of the Forest

1999
25 min.
Narrative
Bolivia

Director Faustino Pena (Moxeño)
Produced by
CEFREC-CAIB

A traditional tale from lowland Bolivia tells of the "Spirit of the Forest" that takes the form of a beautiful woman to harm those who foolishly wander in the forest alone.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Centro de Estudio, Formación y Realización Cinematográfica (CEFREC)

Sarah Penman

Nokomis: Voices of Anishinabe Grandmothers

1994
56 min.
Documentary
United States

Director Sarah Penman

Three remarkable Ojibwe women from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota tell stories from their activist careers.

U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Cinnamon Productions, Inc.

Jesus Pérez

En Camino/On the Move

1996
14 min.
Animation
Switzerland

Producer Elisabeth Huttermann
Director Jesus Pérez

This animation tells the story of a rural Aymara family's travels across Bolivia in search of a good place to live.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Elizabeth Hutterman and Jesus Pérez

Jose Manuel Pintado

Prado Pacayal

1995
27 min.
Documentary
Mexico

Producer Carlos Martinez S.
Director Carlos Martinez S.; Jose Manuel Pintado

A chronicle of a Mayan farming village in Chiapas, Mexico which is destroyed by the military.
World Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive (LAVA)

Marcelino Pinto

Oro Maldito/Cursed Gold

1999
35 min.
Narrative
Bolivia

Director Marcelino Pinto (Quechua)
Produced by
CEFREC-CAIB

A traditional tale is enacted which tells of a young man whose greedy quest for gold leads him deep into the jungle where he has a series of fateful encounters.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Centro de Estudio, Formación y Realización Cinematográfica (CEFREC)

Tarciana Portella

Queremos Viver/We Want to Survive

1992
20 min.
Documentary
Brazil

Producer Saba Manchineri (Manchineri)
Director Tarciana Portella
Produced by

Uniao das Naciones Indigenas da Acre e Sul do Amazonas (UNI-AC); Zarabatana Productions

Indigenous people use video to explore traditional and Western medicine among several tribes of the Brazilian Amazon.

U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive (LAVA)

Guillermo Prieto

Leyenda de Victorianito, La/Legend of Victorianito, The

1991 **Director** Guillermo Prieto
27 min.
Narrative The Chami Indians of Colombia enact a tale of a
Colombia Mestizo man's efforts to recover his Indian
 heritage.
 U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and
 Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
 (LAVA)
 CEPALC

Melanie Printup Hope

I Turn My Head

1993 **Director** [Melanie Printup Hope (Tuscarora)]
3 min.
Experimental The videomaker explores her identity and mixed
United States ancestry in this performance of a poem.
 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Melanie Printup Hope

My Spirit Speaks

1994 **Director** [Melanie Printup Hope (Tuscarora)]
10 min.
Experimental One of two short experimental productions
United States exploring identity and ancestry.
 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Melanie Printup Hope

Melanie Printup Hope (contd.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving, The

1997
Experimental
United States

Producer Melanie Printup Hope (Tuscarora)
Director Melanie Printup Hope (Tuscarora)

In this multimedia installation piece, the artist combines her own beadwork, Tuscarora language, and new technology to interpret the Iroquois Prayer of Thanksgiving.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Not in distribution.

Daniel Prouty

First Nation Blue

1996
48 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Kent Martin
Director Daniel Prouty (Ojibwe)
Produced by
National Film Board of Canada

Native police officers share their experiences working in First Nations communities in Ontario.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Puhipau

Stolen Waters

1996
27 min.
Documentary
United States

Director Puhipau (Native Hawaiian); Joan Lander

Native Hawaiians on Oahu mobilize to restore waters diverted to one side of the island for the pineapple-growing industry at the turn of the century.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Na Maka o ka 'Aina

Inocencio Ramos

Supaya: The Good Devil
Supaya: El Diablo Bueno

1996
11 min.
Narrative
Bolivia

Producer Patricio Luna (Aymara)
Director Inocencio Ramos (Páez)
Produced by
CEFREC; Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores de
Países Bajos; Videas Producciones

An Aymara legend from the Andes about a
"trickster" who fools one person to help the whole
village.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Centro de Estudio, Formación y
Realización Cinematográfica
(CEFREC)

Randy Redroad

High Horse

1994
40 min.
Narrative
United States

Director Randy Redroad (Cherokee)

History shapes a day in the life of a Native bike
messenger and other players in this urban
drama.

1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Third World Newsreel

Lance Richmond

Traditional Kind of Woman: Too Much, Not 'Nuff, A

1997
45 min.
Non-music
performance
United States

Producer Lance Richmond (Mohawk)
Director Lance Richmond (Mohawk)
Produced by
American Indian Community House

This piece by performance artists the Colorado sisters explores health concerns--from alcoholism to AIDS--faced by Native women.

World Premiere. 1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor American Indian Community House

Paul Rickard

Ayouwin: A Way of Life

1996
28 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Catherine Bainbridge; Katerina Cizek;
Paul Rickard (Cree)
Director Paul Rickard (Cree)
Produced by
Wild Heart Productions; Achimist Films

In northern Canada, the videomaker documents his seventy-year-old father, a traditional Cree trapper and elder, as he harvests beaver at the end of the trapping season.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Not in distribution.

Paul Rickard (contd.)

Finding My Talk: A Journey into Aboriginal Languages

2000
48 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Paul M. Rickard (Cree); George Hargrave; Janice Benthin
Director Paul Rickard (Cree)
Produced by Achimist Films Inc.; Nutaaq Media Inc.
Produced for Aboriginal Peoples Television Network

A filmmaker looks at his Cree language roots and presents the work Native people across Canada are doing to revive and preserve their languages. U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Shenandoah Film Productions

Okimah

1998
51 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Germaine Ying Gee Wong
Director Paul M. Rickard (Cree)
Produced by National Film Board of Canada

The filmmaker documents his family on a traditional Cree goose hunt in northern Ontario, with his father as one of the leaders of the hunt. U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Mike Rivard

Jim Northrup: With Reservations

1996 **Producer** Mike Hazard
28 min. **Director** Mike Rivard
Documentary **Produced by**
United States The Native Arts Circle; Center for International
Education

An Ojibwe poet and columnist pays tribute to life on the "rez" with affection and ironic humor.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor The CIE

Rogerson, Hank

Homeland

1999 **Producer** Jilann Spitzmiller, Hank Rogerson
60 min. **Director** Jilann Spitzmiller; Hank Rogerson
Documentary **Produced by**
United States Philomath Films in association with ITVS

A profile of four Lakota Sioux struggling for adequate housing on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Family loyalty, spiritual ways, and a sense of humor help ensure their survival.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Center for Media and Independent Learning, University of California

Alejandro Ronceria

Chinook Winds: The First Aboriginal Dance Program

1998
27 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Marrie Mumford (Chippewa/Cree)
Director Alejandro Ronceria (Ladino)
Produced by
Aboriginal Arts Program at the BANFF Centre for
the Arts

A look at the Aboriginal Dance Program at
Canada's Banff Centre focuses on the exchange
of ideas and cultural styles by participants from
many Native nations.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and
Video Festival

Distributor V Tape

Three Sevens, The

1993
21 min.
Narrative
Canada

Director Jorge Lozano; Co-dir.: Alejandro
Ronceria (Ladino)

An impressionistic story of the experiences of a
young Native man from Colombia living in exile in
Canada.

U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and
Video Festival

Distributor Alejandro Ronceria

Jay Rosenstein

In Whose Honor?

1997
58 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Jay Rosenstein
Director Jay Rosenstein

Documenting the story of Charlene Teters (Spokane), whose protests against a university mascot sparked a national movement, this film gives an account of Indian stereotyping in the mainstream United States.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Rosenstein Productions

Maria Santiago Ruiz

Been Rguil Guialnzak/Looking for Well-Being

1997
21 min.
Documentary
Mexico

Director Maria Santiago Ruiz (Zapotec);
Eugenia Martinez Reyes (Zapotec)
Produced by
Grupo Solidario de Quiatoni

Zapotec villages of Oaxaca confront economic problems by organizing together for agricultural projects, animal husbandry, and the production of natural medicines.
U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video
Center
Centro de Video Indigena-Oaxaca

Wilhelm Schmidt

Throw Away Kids

2000
46 min.
Non-music
performance
Canada

Producer Marrie Mumford (Chippewa-Cree)
Director Muriel Miguel (Kuna/Rappahannock);
Wilhelm Schmidt

Produced by
Aboriginal Arts Program, Banff Centre for the Arts

A dance theater performance about Native youth intertwines traditional and contemporary Native narratives and styles of dance. World Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor V Tape

Dorothy Schreiber

Little Trapper, The

1999
24 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Jerry Krepakevich
Director Dorothy Schreiber
Produced by
National Film Board of Canada

Robert Grandejambe Jr. is a thirteen-year-old Cree boy with remarkable hunting skills and a deep sense of responsibility and love for the bush. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Doug Scott

Homeland-El Salvador

1999
30 min.
Narrative
United States

Producer Daniel Flores y Ascencio
(Maya/Nonualco)
Director Doug Scott
Produced by
Huevos Indios Productions

In this fictional story, a young Latino gang member deported to El Salvador begins to understand the painful legacy of his country's twelve-year civil war.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Doug Scott

Beverly R. Singer

He We Un Poh: Recovery in Native America

1993
56 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Beverly R. Singer (Tewa Pueblo/
Navajo)
Director Beverly R. Singer (Tewa Pueblo/
Navajo)

Native people share life experiences and talk about the process of recovery from substance abuse.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Third World Newsreel

Beverly R. Singer (contd.)

Hózhó of Native Women

1997
28 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Beverly R. Singer (Tewa Pueblo/
Navajo); George Leong
Director Beverly R. Singer (Tewa Pueblo/
Navajo)

Produced by
Rosenda Reins Productions; University of
Oklahoma Native Women & Wellness
Conference

Four women in grassroots programs concerned
with healing tell their stories.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Women Make Movies

Video Book, A
Video Libro, Un

1994
10 min.
Documentary
United States

Director Beverly R. Singer (Tewa Pueblo/
Navajo)

A videomaker recalls how she emerged whole
from a struggle with alcohol, finding strength in
her family and culture.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Third World Newsreel

Harriett Skye

Right to Be, The

1994
28 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Stefano M. Saraceni
Director Harriett Skye (Standing Rock Sioux)

A filmmaker looks back on her life and the important role that her Native identity and values have had in sustaining her through many challenging experiences.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Filmmakers Library

Veronika Soul

Law Is in the Seed, The

1992
3 min.
Experimental
United States

Producer Bob Holman
Director Veronika Soul

Produced by
WNYC-TV, New York

Produced for
Poetry Spots

A meditation on the meaning of corn in the philosophy of the Six Nations, interpreted by poet Alex Jacobs, whose Mohawk name is Karaoniaktatie.

1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Contact NMAI Film and Video Center

Jeff Spitz

Return of Navajo Boy, The

2000
52 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Jeff Spitz; Bennie Klain (Navajo)
Director Jeff Spitz

A 1950s film that resurfaces on the Navajo Reservation prompts a family to recall its role as the subject of numerous films and photographs and ironically reunites it with a long-lost family member.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Jeff Spitz Productions

Jilann Spitzmiller

Homeland

1999
60 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Jilann Spitzmiller, Hank Rogerson
Director Jilann Spitzmiller; Hank Rogerson
Produced by

Philomath Films in association with ITVS

A profile of four Lakota Sioux struggling for adequate housing on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Family loyalty, spiritual ways, and a sense of humor help ensure their survival.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Center for Media and Independent Learning, University of California

Maricio Squarisi

Wirandé/Tomorrow

1992
5 min.
Animation
Brazil

Director Wilson Lazaretti; Mauricio Squarisi
Produced by
Núcleo de Cinema de Animação de Campinas;
Secretaria Municipal de Cultura Esportes e
Turismo de Campinas

Drawings of Native and urban children in the
Brazilian state of Amazonas show their
experiences of daily life.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Núcleo de Cinema de Animação de
Campinas

Rick Tejada-Flores

Corn Is Who We Are: Pueblo Indian Food

1994
19 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Rick Tejada-Flores
Director Rick Tejada-Flores; Co-director:
Rayna Green

Produced by

Alturas Films

Produced for

National Museum of American History,
Smithsonian Institution

A visit to several Pueblo communities in New
Mexico, where corn is an everyday food and an
important part of Native culture.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Tom Snyder Productions

Jerry Thompson

Whose Child is This?

1996
50 min.
Documentary
Canada

Director Jerry Thompson
Produced by
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Diverse personal stories explore the issues surrounding the adoption of Native children by non-Native parents.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Filmmakers Library

Loretta Todd

Forgotten Warriors

1996
51 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Loretta Todd (Cree Métis); Michael Doxtater (Mohawk); Carol Geddes (Tlingit); Jerry D. Krepakevich
Director Loretta Todd (Cree Métis)

Produced by
National Film Board of Canada, Studio One with the assistance of Secretary of State

A documentary brings to light the experiences of Canada's First Nations veterans, including those who lost their aboriginal rights after serving in World War II.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Loretta Todd (contd.)

Hands of History

**1995
60 min.
Experimental
Canada**

Director Loretta Todd (Cree Métis)
Produced by
National Film Board of Canada

First Nations artists of Canada--Doreen Jensen, Rena Point Bolton, Jane Ash Poitras and Joane Cardinal-Schubert-- explore the connections between creativity and spirit.

U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor National Film Board of Canada

Today Is a Good Day: Remembering Chief Dan George

**1999
47 min.
Documentary
Canada**

Producer Loretta Todd (Cree Métis)
Director Loretta Todd (Cree Métis)

Film clips and family interviews provide an intimate view of the late actor Chief Dan George, whose performance in 'Little Big Man' spurred positive portrayals of Native Americans.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Moving Images Distribution

Divino Tserewahú

Hepari Idubrada/Thank You, Brother *Hepari Idubrada/Obrigado Irmão*

1999
19 min.
Documentary
Brazil

Director Divino Tserewahu (Xavante); Tutú Nunes
Produced for
Video in the Villages

This profile of a Xavante videomaker working in his community also documents video's important role in recording cultural practices and language for future generations.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive (LAVA)
Video Data Bank
Video Nas Aldeias (Video in the Villages)

Deron Twohatchet

Detour: Or How I Spent My Weekend

1994
28 min.
Experimental
United States

Producer Deron Twohatchet (Kiowa)
Director Deron Twohatchet (Kiowa)

This experimental video uses the framework of a B-movie to explore issues of a Native man's gay identity.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Third World Newsreel

Juan Francisco Urrusti

Tepú

1995
27 min.
Documentary
Mexico

Producer Pablo Baksht
Director Juan Francisco Urrusti

At the invitation of a Mexico City-based filmmaker, a Huichol *mará'acame* visits the city's ancient foundations and performs a healing ceremony for the ailing urban environment.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Instituto Mexicano de
Cinematografía (IMCINE)

Virginia Valadão

Yãkawá: Banquet of the Spirits, The
Yãkwá, O Banquete dos Espíritos

1995
54 min.
Documentary
Brazil

Producer Fausto Campoli
Director Virginia Valadão

In an elaborate seven-month ritual, the Enauêne-Nawê of the Mato Grosso in Brazil prepare and celebrate the spirits that protect the community and its natural resources.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Video Nas Aldeias (Video in the
Villages)

Thomas Vennum

Earl's Canoe

1999
27 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Thomas Vennum
Director Thomas Vennum
Produced by
Smithsonian Institution, Office of Folklife
Programs

Ojibwe elder Earl Nyholm crafts a traditional birch-bark canoe from start to finish on Madeline Island, Wisconsin.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Documentary Educational
Resources

Marlenys de la C. Villamar

A'walas Yu'it's/Stars and Lagoons *A'walas Yu'it's/Estrellas y Lagunas*

1997
23 min.
Documentary
Colombia

Producer Daniel Pinacue (Páez); Jeus B.
Morano
Director Marlenys de la C. Villamar
Produced by
Sol y Tierra Foundation; Consejo Regional
Indígena del Cauca (CRIC)

Páez creation stories provide a counterpoint to an exploration of the community's approach to justice and punishment.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Fundación Sol y Tierra

Kasiripinã Waiapi

Jane Moraita/Our Celebrations Jane Moraita/Nossas Festas

1995
32 min.
Documentary
Brazil

Director Kasiripinã Waiapi (Waiapi)
Produced by
Centro de Trabalho Indigenista

A Waiapi leader and videomaker from Brazil's Upper Amazon documents his people's rituals to show to the outside world.
U.S. Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Video Nas Aldeias (Video in the Villages)

Caimi Waissé

Tem Que Ser Curioso/You Have to Be Curious

1996
16 min.
Documentary
Brazil

Director Caimi Waiassé (Xavante)
Produced by
Centro de Trabalho Indigenista

A Xavante videomaker reflects on the impact of the introduction of video on his village in the Brazilian Amazon.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Video Nas Aldeias (Video in the Villages)

Adrian Waldman

Y Nuevamente Partieron/And Again They Departed

1997
21 min.
Documentary
Bolivia

Director Adrian Waldmann
Produced by
Apoyo para el Campesino-Indigente del Oriente
Boliviano (APCOB)

This story of a sacred mountain provides the backdrop for a documentary about the historic 1996 March for Territorial Rights in Bolivia. World Premiere. 1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Apoyo para el Campesino-Indigena del Oriente Boliviano (APCOB)

Deborah Wallwork

Mino-Bimadiziwin: The Good Life

1997
58 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Deb Wallwork
Director Deb Wallwork
Produced by
Prarie Public TV

On the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota, the Ojibwe retain important connections to the harvesting and use of wild rice. 1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Vision Maker Video

Christine Welsh

Keepers of the Fire

1995
55 min.
Documentary
Canada

Director Christine Welsh (Métis)

Profiles of "women warriors" in Canada including artist Shirley Bear and the women of Oka, Haida Gwaii, and an urban women's shelter.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Moving Images Distribution

Lynn Whidden

Canadian Aboriginal Music Videos: Dancing Ducks

1994
5 min.
Music
Canada

Director Lynn Whidden

Ojibwe children enact a lively trickster story and song.
1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Video Pool

Karin Williams

Voyage Home, The

1996
56 min.
Documentary
United States

Producer Karin Williams (Cook Islands)

Director Karin Williams (Cook Islands)

Produced by
Williams Communications

In a renaissance of traditional Hawaiian sea voyaging, the first Hawaiian double-hulled wooden canoe to be made in centuries sails to the Pacific Northwest Coast.
1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Pacific Islanders in Communication

Reynaldo Yujra

Qati Qati/Whispers of Death

Qati Qati/Susurros de Muerte

1999
35 min.
Narrative
Bolivia

Director Reynaldo Yujra

Produced by
CEFREC-CAIB

Adapted from a tale of the Carabuco region of Lake Titicaca, this is the story of a man who pays dearly for not believing in the souls and spirits present in everyday Aymara life.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Centro de Estudio, Formación y Realización Cinematográfica (CEFREC)

Margarita Elvira Yupanqui

Warmin Arupa/Women's Words: The Sweepers--Working for Food

Warmin Arupa/Barranderas--Trabajo por Alimentos

1993
10 min.
News
Bolivia

Director Margarita Elvira Yupanqui (Aymara)

Interviews with immigrant Aymara women who sweep streets for food on the outskirts of La Paz, Bolivia.

1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive (LAVA)
Centro de Promocion de la Mujer

Multiple directors

Bursting with Fruit Flavour

1997
17 min.
Documentary
Canada

Producer Lorna Thomas
Director Jamie Bruner; Tim Clothier; Vanessa
Kenny; Eric Nepoose; Lianne Ashley
Produced by
Lorna Thomas Productions

Five Native teens from the inner city videotape each other, revealing the difficulties they face and the gifts of humor and friendship that help them survive.

2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Lorna Thomas Productions

Qulliq

1992
12 min.
Documentary
Canada

Director Susan Avigaq (Inuit), Madeline Ivalu
(Inuit), Mathilda Hanniliqq (Inuit),
Martha Maktar (Inuit), Marie-H.
Cousineau

This re-creation of the old-time Inuit lifestyle shows the building of an ice house, women using a seal oil lamp, and other home-based activities.

1995 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor V Tape

Multiple directors (contd.)

Rainy Season, The
No Tempo das Chuvas

1999
38 min.
Documentary
Brazil

Director Isaac Pianko Asaninka; Valdete
Pianko Ashaninka; Jaime Liulli
Manchieri; Tsirotsi Ashaninka;
Melson Kulina; Fernando Katukina;
André Kanamari

Produced by
Video in the Villages

Ashaninka villagers in Brazil are filmed during the rainy season by a team of videomakers from Ashaninka, Manchineri and other tribes who met in video production workshops.

U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive
(LAVA)
Video Nas Aldeias (Video in the Villages)

Multiple directors (contd.)

Storytellers of the Pacific: Identity

1996
55 min.
Documentary
Australia; Canada;
New Zealand;
United States

Producer Phil Lucas (Choctaw); Francis Peters;
Taunui Stephens; Jeff Bear
(Maliseet); Llew Cleaver

Director Llew Cleaver; Tainui Stevens; George
Burdeau (Blackfeet); Heather
Haunani-Giugni (Native Hawaiian);
Maria Yatar; Phil Lucas (Choctaw);
Lurline McGregor (Native Hawaiian)

Produced by

Australian Broadcasting Corporation; TV Ontario;
TVNZ Television; Native American Public
Broadcasting Consortium in co-production with
Pacific Islanders in Communication and in
association with Nebraska Educational Television
Network

From an international television project produced
and directed by Native media makers from Pacific
Rim countries, this segment focuses on the
question of indigenous identity in Australia.
World Premiere. 1995 Native American Film and
Video Festival

Distributor Vision Maker Video

Multiple directors (contd.)

Storytellers of the Pacific: Self-Determination

1996
60 min.
Documentary
Australia; Canada;
New Zeland;
United States

Producer Phil Lucas (Choctaw); Francis Peters;
Taunui Stephens; Jeff Bear
(Maliseet); Llew Cleaver

Director Llew Cleaver; Tainui Stevens;
George Burdeau (Blackfeet); Heather
Haunani-Giugni (Native Hawaiian);
Maria Yatar; Phil Lucas (Choctaw);
Lurline McGregor (Native Hawaiian)

Produced by

Australian Broadcasting Corporation; TV Ontario;
TVNZ Television; Native American Public
Broadcasting Consortium in co-production with
Pacific Islanders in Communication and in
association with Nebraska Educational
Television Network

Indigenous peoples' struggles for sovereignty are
seen in portraits of the Nisqually in the Pacific
Northwest of the United States and in five Pacific
Rim communities.

1997 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Vision Maker Video

Multiple directors (contd.)

Turnover

2000
30 min.
Narrative
United States

Producer Diane Schwanz; Don Kingbird (Red Lake Ojibwe)
Director Byron Graves; Dustin Harris; Melanie May; Royce Graves; Frank Johns; Dwight Stately; Kuta Westerman
Produced by
Project Preserve-Red Lake High School

Conceived, directed, and acted by the youth of the Red Lake Ojibwe Nation in Minnesota, this story tells of a basketball player who learns the hard way how to be a team player.
2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor In Progress

Wapté Mnhõnõ: The Xavante Initiation
Wapté Mnhõnõ: Iniciação do Jouem Xavanté

1999
75 min.
Documentary
Brazil

Producer Bartolomeu Patira
Director Divino Tserewahu (Xavante); Jorge Protodi (Xavante); Caimi Waiasse (Xavante); Whinti Suyá (Suyá); Bartolomeu Patira (Xavante)

Produced by
Video in the Villages

Five Native videomakers film the complete cycle of initiation of a group of Xavante boys over a two-year period.
U.S. Premiere. 2000 Native American Film and Video Festival

Distributor Latin American Video Archive (LAVA)
Video Data Bank
Video Nas Aldeias (Video in the Villages)

PC Key Codes (use numbers on the number pad):

Acute

ALT + 0193 = Á	ALT + 0225 = á
ALT + 0201 = É	ALT + 0233 = é
ALT + 0205 = Í	ALT + 0237 = í
ALT + 0211 = Ó	ALT + 0243 = ó
ALT + 0218 = Ú	ALT + 0250 = ú
ALT + 0221 = Ý	ALT + 0253 = ý

Grave

ALT + 0192 = À	ALT + 0224 = à
ALT + 0200 = È	ALT + 0232 = è
ALT + 0204 = Ì	ALT + 0236 = ì
ALT + 0210 = Ò	ALT + 0242 = ò
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Tilde

ALT + 0195 = Ã	ALT + 0227 = ã
ALT + 0209 = Ñ	ALT + 0241 = ñ
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Umlaut

ALT + 0196 = Ä	ALT + 0228 = ä
ALT + 0203 = Ë	ALT + 0235 = ë
ALT + 0207 = Ì	ALT + 0239 = ï
ALT + 0214 = Ö	ALT + 0246 = ö
ALT + 0220 = Ü	ALT + 0252 = ü
ALT + 0159 = Ÿ	ALT + 0255 = ÿ

Circumflex

ALT + 0194 = Â	ALT + 0226 = â
ALT + 0202 = Ê	ALT + 0234 = ê
ALT + 0206 = Î	ALT + 0238 = î
ALT + 0212 = Ô	ALT + 0244 = ô
ALT + 0219 = Û	ALT + 0251 = û

Mac Key Codes:

Acute

Option + e then letter = letter with an acute accent
ex.: option + e then a = á

Grave

Option + ` then letter = letter with grave accent
ex.: option + ` then a = à

Umlaut

Option + u then letter = letter with an umlaut
ex.: option + i then u = ü

Tilde

Option + n then letter = letter with a tilde
ex.: option + n then n = ñ

Circumflex

Option + i then letter = letter with circumflex
ex.: option + i then a = â