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MEDIA ALERT



Madonna Thunder Hawk and Marcella Gilbert (Photo credit: John Larson)

New York Women in Film & Television (NYWIFT) and Vision Maker Media present *Warrior Women* Screening and Reception

What: New York Women in Film & Television (NYWIFT) and Vision Maker Media present a screening and reception for the upcoming documentary *Warrior Women* by Christina D. King and Elizabeth A. Castle.

Warrior Women is the story of mothers and daughters fighting for indigenous rights in the American Indian Movement of the 1970s. The film unveils not only a female perspective of history, but also examines the impact political struggles have on the children who bear witness.

When: Wednesday, February 20th, 2019
6:00 PM : Reception
7:00 PM : Screening
8:15 PM : Q&A

Where: SVA Theatre
333 West 23rd Street (between 8th & 9th Avenues)
New York, NY 10011

Who: Directors Christina D. King and Elizabeth A. Castle and special guests Madonna Thunder Hawk and Marcella Gilbert will join the post-screening conversation moderated by NYWIFT board member Yvonne Russo.

ABOUT WARRIOR WOMEN

In the 1970s, with the swagger of unapologetic Indianness, organizers of the American Indian Movement (AIM) fought for Native liberation and survival as a community of extended families.

Warrior Women is the story of Madonna Thunder Hawk, one such AIM leader who shaped a kindred group of activists' children – including her daughter Marcella – into the “We Will Remember” Survival School as a Native alternative to government-run education. Together, Madonna and Marcella fought for Native rights in an environment that made them more comrades than mother-daughter. Today, with Marcella, now a mother herself, both are still at the forefront of Native issues, fighting against the environmental devastation of the Dakota Access Pipeline and for Indigenous cultural values.

Through circular Indigenous storytelling, the film explores what it means to navigate a movement and motherhood, and how activist legacies pass from generation to generation under a colonizing government that meets Native resistance with violence.

Learn more at <https://www.warriorwomenfilm.com/>.

ABOUT VISION MAKER MEDIA

Vision Maker Media empowers and engages Native People to share stories. Vision Maker Media exists to serve Native producers and Indian country in partnership with public television and radio. Vision Maker Media works with Native producers to develop, produce and distribute educational telecommunications programs for all media including public television and public radio. Vision Maker Media supports training to increase the number of American Indians and Alaska Natives producing quality public broadcasting programs, which includes advocacy efforts promoting increased control and use of information technologies and the policies to support this control by American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Learn more at <https://www.visionmakermedia.org/> .

ABOUT NYWIFT

New York Women in Film & Television (NYWIFT) advocates for equality in the moving image industry and supports women in every stage of their careers. As the preeminent entertainment industry association for women in New York, NYWIFT energizes women by illuminating their

achievements, presenting training and professional development programs, awarding scholarships and grants, and providing access to a supportive community of peers. NYWIFT brings together nearly 2,500 women and men working both above and below the line. NYWIFT is part of a network of 50 women in film chapters worldwide, representing more than 15,000 members. NYWIFT is a nonprofit 501c3 public charity.

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