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Award-winning MOHAWK GIRLS, documentary film by Tracey Deer

**English TV Premiere: Thursday, February 9, 2006
Official Selection Rendez-vous du cinéma québécois 2006**

Montreal, Tuesday January 24, 2006 – Resolution Pictures is pleased to announce the English TV Premiere of ***MOHAWK GIRLS***, a documentary directed by **Tracey Deer**. This co-production with the National Film Board of Canada will air nation-wide on APTN (Aboriginal Peoples Television Network) Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 9 pm. The film will also be featured at the Rendez-vous du cinéma québécois Sunday, February 19, 2006.

About *MOHAWK GIRLS*

The massive Mercier Bridge looms over the eastern end of the Kahnawake Native reserve carrying commuters into the city of Montreal. For Amy, Lauren and Felicia, three Mohawk teens living in its shadow, the bridge also serves as a constant reminder of the bustling world just beyond the borders of their tiny community.

Like typical teenagers, all three are wrestling with critical decisions about their futures. But for these girls, there is more at stake. The rules on the reserve can be strict and unforgiving.

With insight, humour and compassion, Mohawk filmmaker Tracey Deer takes us inside the lives of these three teenagers as they tackle the same issues of identity, culture and family she faced a decade earlier. Like her, they are outspoken, honest and wise beyond their years. Shot over two years, and interspersed with home videos from Deer's own adolescence, ***MOHAWK GIRLS*** provides a surprising inside look at modern Aboriginal youth culture. Deeply emotional yet unsentimental, it reveals the hope, despair, heartache and promise of growing up Native at the beginning of the 21st century.

MOHAWK GIRLS has been selected by more than 10 festivals in Canada and the USA and won Alanis Obomsawin Best Documentary award at Toronto's ImagineNATIVE Film and Media Arts Festival.

About Tracey Deer

Tracey Deer is an up-and-coming talent on the Canadian documentary scene. Before ***MOHAWK GIRLS***, she co-directed the feature-length documentary ***One More River*** (2004) about the controversial 2003 Paix-des-Braves agreement between the Cree and Quebec. The film was nominated for a Gemini for the Donald Brittain Award for Best social/political Documentary Program and won the Prix Pierre et Yolande Perreault for meilleur espoir documentaire at the Rendez-vous du cinéma québécois. In 2000, Tracey graduated in film studies at Dartmouth College where she shot, directed and edited three short films before receiving the 25th Anniversary Film and Television Award for overall achievement in film studies.

Rezolution Pictures International is an award-winning production company based in Montreal that produces both documentary and fiction for television. It's recent productions include the award-winning **One More River**; **Cree Spoken Here**, winner of the Telefilm Canada/APTN Best Aboriginal Documentary Award, **Dab Iiyuu**, a documentary series on traditional native elders. Rezolution is currently in production with Moose TV, a comedy series for Showcase Television. **MOHAWK GIRLS** is a co-production with the National Film Board of Canada.

Rezolution Pictures International presents

MOHAWK GIRLS

A documentary film by **Tracey Deer** (2005, 53 min.)

Produced by Joanne Robertson, Christina Fon and Linda Ludwick for Rezolution Pictures and Adam Symansky for the National Film Board of Canada.

www.nfb.ca/mohawkgirls

English TV Premiere on APTN Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 9 pm

Screening at the Rendez-vous du cinema québécois (www.rvcq.com)

Sunday, February 19, 6pm

Cinémathèque Québécoise/Fernand Séguin Room (335, de Maisonneuve Blvd.)

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