



Nika & Madison

A Feature Film by Eva Thomas





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LOGLINE

Two young Indigenous women go on the run after defending themselves against a violent police assault.

SHORT SYNOPSIS

Madison, an ambitious university student, is sexually assaulted by a predatory policeman while visiting her hometown. Childhood friend Nika, who still lives on the reserve, intervenes to save her, but the violent encounter leaves the officer critically injured. Fearing they won't be believed, the two young Indigenous women go on the run; first seeking refuge on the reserve and then deep into the wilderness, until they're chased back to the city. Two sharp-eyed detectives begin to uncover the truth and see the women were likely acting in self-defense; however, when the case involves one of their own, the justice system reveals its deeply ingrained biases, blurring the lines between right and wrong. This tense and emotionally charged story examines themes of resilience, loyalty, and the unbreakable bond of shared roots.

DIRECTOR STATEMENT

Nika & Madison is a story about friendship, resilience, and survival within a broken system. As an Indigenous woman filmmaker, I wanted to go beyond the expected narrative of power and corruption, instead focusing on the profound trust that exists among Indigenous friends—a trust that can be both a superpower and a salvation.

Nika & Madison explores themes of systemic misogyny, police violence, and justice through the lens of two young women navigating an unforgiving world. My goal with this film is to create a journey that centres Indigenous women in ways that feel honest and lived-in, leaving audiences connected to and rooting for these two fearless friends.



A CANADA PRODUCTION

FORMAT: Fiction

GENRE: Drama

ESTIMATED LENGTH: 90 minutes

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