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## MARIE CLEMENTS' FEATURE FILM *BONES OF CROWS* TO EMBARK ON BC COMMUNITY SCREENING RUN

**Vancouver, BC (November 10, 2022)** – Ayasew Ooskana Pictures Inc. announced today that *Bones of Crows*, the feature film written and directed by award-winning Métis/Dene filmmaker Marie Clements will be embarking on a National Indigenous community screening tour starting this month in BC. The free community screenings commence in Prince Rupert on November 14th and continue in Terrace, Hazelton, Prince George, and Haida Gwaii with more dates and locations to be announced. These communities will be some of the first people to see the film, ahead of its theatrical release in 2023.

The dramatic feature film *Bones of Crows* had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in September and has been received with acclaim from audiences around the world at film festivals including VIFF, Cinéfest, CIFF and more. *Bones of Crows* is also accompanied by a five part mini-series commissioned by CBC/Radio-Canada in association with APTN.

Unfolding over 100 years, *Bones of Crows* is a story told through the eyes of Cree Matriarch Aline Spears as she survives a childhood in Canada's residential school system to continue her family's generational fight in the face of systemic starvation, racism, and sexual abuse. *Bones of Crows* stars Grace Dove (*Alaska Daily*), Phillip Forest Lewitski (*Wildhood*), Rémy Girard (*District 31*), Karine Vanasse (*Cardinal*), Alyssa Wapanatâhk (*Peter Pan*), Michelle Thrush (*Prey*), Gail Maurice (*Night Raiders*), Cara Gee (*The Expanse*), TIFF Rising Star Joshua Odjick and a fantastic cast of Indigenous talent from across the country.

The first leg of the Indigenous Community Tour begins in BC with dates confirmed in Prince Rupert, Terrace, Hazelton, Prince George, and Haida Gwaii with more dates and locations to be announced. Members of the cast and crew are set to be present at certain screenings and interview opportunities are available upon request.

*Bones of Crows* is produced by Ayasew Ooskana Pictures Inc, with Marie Clements Media, Screen Siren Pictures and Grana Productions. The film is written, directed and produced by Marie Clements, Executive produced by Trish Dolman, Christine Haebler, Sam Grana, Aaron Gilbert, Steven Thibault, Noah Segal and Associate Produced by Leena Minifie and Kerriann Cardinal. *Bones of Crows* is being distributed by Elevation Pictures in Canada.

*Bones of Crows* is a CBC/Radio-Canada original production, produced with the financial participation of Telefilm Canada, Canada Media Fund, ISO (Indigenous Screen Office), APTN, Société Radio-Canada, Rogers Telefund, Independent Production Fund, Shaw Rocket Fund, Bell Fund, Creative BC, First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Cultural Council and Indigenous Arts Program, the BC Arts Council, The Province of British Columbia Film Incentive (Indigenous Screen Office), APTN, Société Radio-Canada, Rogers Telefund, Independent Production Fund, Shaw Rocket Fund, Bell Fund, Creative BC, First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Cultural Council and Indigenous Arts Program, the BC Arts Council, The Province of British Columbia Film Incentive BC, Quebec Production Services Tax Credit and The Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit.

The *Bones of Crows* community tour was made possible through the generous support of Rogers, I Love First Peoples, Central Mountain Air and Pacific Coastal Airlines.