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The New Mexico Film Office Announces *National Anthem* Will Soon Begin Filming in New Mexico

SANTA FE, NM - The New Mexico Film Office today announced the feature film *National Anthem* will begin production in New Mexico this month.

"*National Anthem* is employing many of our own cast and crew, skilled New Mexicans who work behind-the-camera, and on-screen, and the film will showcase our exceptional landscapes," said Amber Dodson, Director, New Mexico Film Office.

National Anthem is directed by Tony Tost and produced by Page Fifty-Four Pictures' Alex Saks (*Red Rocket, The Florida Project*) and BRON Studio's Aaron L. Gilbert (*The Survivor, Licorice Pizza*). Creative Wealth Media's Jason Cloth (*Licorice Pizza, House of Gucci*) is an executive producer. Native American activist Marcus RedThunder serves as a consultant on the film.

"*National Anthem* marks our fourth production in New Mexico, and we are thrilled to be back. The incredible landscapes, advanced production capabilities and wealth of creative talent makes it an ideal place to shoot," said Steven Thibault, COO at BRON. "We are grateful to be welcomed back by Amber Dodson and the New Mexico Film Office, who have offered tremendous expertise and support to BRON. We are excited to continue working with Governor Lujan Grisham, Cabinet Secretary Alicia J. Keyes and their whole team to highlight and enhance the already outstanding film production of New Mexico."

National Anthem, featuring Sydney Sweeney (*Euphoria, White Lotus*), Paul Walter Hauser (*Richard Jewell, Cruella*), GRAMMY nominated, multi-platinum artist Halsey, Simon Rex (*Red Rocket, Scary Movie V*), Toby Huss (*Copshop, Dickinson*), Gavin Maddox Bergman (*American Hustle, The Luring*), Harriet Sansom Harris (*Licorice Pizza, Phantom Thread*) and newcomer Derek Hinkey, is

a story of a gritty hunt for a valuable rare Lakota Native American Ghost Shirt. Some are hunting for fortune, others for personal freedom, while others simply want to return it properly to its home. No longer will the marginalized be ignored - all must learn to survive or else.

The production will employ approximately 111 New Mexico crew members, 32 New Mexico principal actors including stunt performers, and 67 New Mexico background performers.

For more information on the production contact
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All film and television productions in New Mexico are required to adhere to the state's operative emergency public health order, associated public health restrictions and COVID-Safe Practices.

The New Mexico Film Office has released Back2One, a catchall set of principles, general recommendations, and resources for film and television productions operating during COVID-19. Back2One recommendations and other COVID-Safe Practices can be found at **nmfilm.com**.

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