



**YVONNE RUSSO**  
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## **HANDMADE FILMS INKS TELEVISION DEVELOPMENT DEAL WITH PRODUCER YVONNE RUSSO**

NEW YORK, August 29, 2018 – Handmade Films has entered into a television development deal with award-winning producer, director, and writer Yvonne Russo and her YVONNE RUSSO Productions to adapt the 1989 cult classic film POWWOW HIGHWAY, based on David Seals’ novel, *Powwow Highway*, into a television series. *Powwow Highway* presents a serio-comedy with a unique Native American twist.

Handmade Films was founded by the late George Harrison and has left an indelible mark on the British film industry. The company’s many iconic and commercially successful films include TIME BANDITS, MONTY PYTHON’S LIFE OF BRIAN, THE MISSIONARY, MONA LISA, THE LONG GOOD FRIDAY, and WITHNAIL & I.

As a producer/director, Russo’s goal is to amplify the voices from the indigenous community that have not been reflected in mainstream media.

“I’m honored to be working with Handmade Films and grateful to the team for giving me the reins to run with the adaptation of *Powwow Highway*. This is just the beginning of a new platform for indigenous stories to be told.”

A spokesperson from Handmade Films advised:

“We are very happy and excited to be working with Yvonne on what is such an iconic title and look forward to seeing her vision develop and watch the project progress. Having had many conversations with David Seals before his untimely and sad passing, we intend to create a TV series worthy of his legacy.”

Michele Hogan, whose upcoming feature *Kelly’s Bar* is being produced by Russo and Sea Change Media, will be writing the pilot. Hogan is represented by OAZ. Russo will co-create the series and serve as executive producer with Handmade Films.

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