



To Brooklyn And Back: A Mohawk Journey

Director/Writer
Reaghan Tarbell

Documentary filmmaker Reaghan Tarbell (Mohawk) comes from the Kahnawake reserve just outside Montreal. Her first documentary, *Little Caughnawaga: To Brooklyn and Back*, has screened widely at festivals, winning Best Feature Documentary at the 2008 Winnipeg Aboriginal Film Festival. In 2006, on the basis of this script, Tarbell was selected to participate in Tribeca All Access, a program of the Tribeca Film Institute that provides a forum where film industry executives can meet with independent filmmakers. Tarbell began her work as a filmmaker on projects directed by Paul Rickard of Mushkeg Media in Montreal. She continues to work with Mushkeg, which produced her documentary, and recently directed a documentary on the Sami language for the group's on-going series on indigenous languages, *Finding Our Talk*, now in its third season on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network. Tarbell is on the staff of the Film and Video Center of the National Museum of the American Indian.

Today, Reaghan works in New York City and lives in Brooklyn, just a few blocks away from the legendary Mohawk community that she heard stories about while growing up in Kahnawake. The women who built this community were her grandmothers, aunts and other relatives, which she feels proud about of their accomplishments to tell their stories in this documentary.

Producer
Paul M. Rickard

Mushkeg Media's president Paul M. Rickard is an Ojibwe Cree from Moose Factory in Northern Ontario. For the past ten years, he has been working as a producer, director and cameraman in collaboration with independent production companies and organizations such as Nutaaq Media Inc., Wildheart Productions, Wawatay, CBC North and the National Film Board of Canada. Now Paul is venturing into the area of independent production. In 1996, he wrote, shot and directed his first film, entitled *Ayouwin: A Way of Life*. This documentary about Rickard's father, a trapper in Moose Factory, Ontario, was produced by Wildheart Productions for broadcast on the TV Ontario Aboriginal series.

Producer
George Hargrave

An independent producer and director for over 25 years. He has worked extensively throughout the Arctic and lived in Cambridge Bay and Baker Lake in the NWT. He has a master's degree in communications from Concordia University. He went to the North Pole in 1987 as co-director and co-producer of *North to Nowhere: Quest for the Pole*, a documentary film about 5 Arctic expeditions to the Pole. This film won 3 Gemini Awards in Canada and has been seen by audiences in the U.S., Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Australia.