

Film's stars here for Sunday

OHSWEKEN — For five days, Brantford will be ahead of the rest of Canada, so to speak. Powwow Highway, a Handmade Film produced by former Beatle George Harrison, will have its premiere at Eaton Market Square on Sunday.

Stars of the film, A Martinez, who plays Cruz Castillo in the daytime series Santa Barbara, and local talent Gary Farmer will be present, plus many Canadian movie personalities.

A live, hour-long CIUT-FM radio broadcast, hosted by Bryan Maracle, will take place before the screening. In addition to interviews with the stars, music will be provided by Grand River Bluegrass, Ellen Sands, Iroquois Singers, Ojibway Singers, Guatemalan Singers, Joan Miller and Cayuga Immersion School Singers.

An opening Thanksgiving Address will be given at 4:15 p.m. in the Mohawk language by Kevin Deer. Speakers include Chief Harvey Longboat, Chief Coun. Bill Montour, Chief Coun. Maurice Laforme and Brantford Mayor Karen George.

Additional movie and television personalities scheduled to appear are Jackie Burroughs (Grey Fox), Eric Peterson (Street Legal), Michael and Susan Hogan (Night Heat), Graham Greene (9B), Linda Griffiths and the entire cast of the native stage production Dry Lips Oughta Move to Kapuskasing. The closing address, in the Cayuga language, will be by Lottie Key.

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In the film, disparate Indians Buddy Red Bow (A Martinez) and Philbert Bono (Gary Farmer) are thrown together for a one-week journey against time. They leave the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana to rescue Buddy's sister, who has been incarcerated in Santa Fe, N.M. Along the way they learn about spirituality, friendship, love and their cultural heritage.

"I think the real message is the coming together at the end," said Gary Farmer recently on the Today Show.

Director Jonathan Wacks, who produced the cult classic Repo Man, says the film is about two ways of being in the world: the political and the spiritual.

"Powwow Highway comically brings this into focus by giving us these two boyhood friends, who now have nothing in common, but are thrown together in a journey in which they

learn from each other what it is to be a warrior."

There is no doubt that Farmer's Philbert will make it to warriorhood. Farmer exudes pure goodness and a kind of sweetness that is instantly read. In contrast, another local talent, Graham Greene, gives a powerful perspective to real warriorhood as a Vietnam veteran in a gymnasium scene.

Proceeds from Sunday's premiere will go the Grand River Communications Society. Its goals are to "preserve and perpetuate Iroquois and Ojibway heritage, culture and language" through establishment of a community radio station.

Native artisans will be present at Eaton Market Square from today through Sunday with a variety of their latest wares. Commemorative sweatshirts and T-shirts will also be offered for sale. Cornsoup, veggies and sandwiches will be served after the premiere at Ricki Jo's.