

PRODUCER BIOGRAPHY

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR/EDITOR/WRITER—J. Carlos Peinado

J. Carlos Peinado is an enrolled member of the Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation in North Dakota. He left the Fort Berthold reservation in 1980 to attend Phillips Exeter Academy and Dartmouth College where he completed his undergraduate degree in filmmaking and cultural anthropology. During this time, he completed his first documentary, *Harry's House*, a film about the Hopi and Navajo land dispute in northern Arizona. In 1992, he moved to New York and pursued careers as a filmmaker and an actor. He had a leading role in the TNT production of *The Broken Chain* (1994), and was also featured in the TNT film, *Crazy Horse* (1996).

Peinado is currently the chair of the New Media Arts Department at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M., where he also teaches film. He has also served as a field producer for WNBC in New York; a public relations coordinator for the American Indian Community House of New York City; an award winning creative director for *Native Peoples Magazine*; and the MIS director for NDNS4Wellness, a non-profit center for at-risk, Indian youth in Phoenix.

He hopes to continue telling the stories of his ancestors and honor his Hidatsa/Mandan heritage.