

An aerial photograph of a river flowing through a dense forest. The river is characterized by white water rapids and is surrounded by lush green trees. The text 'riparian PRODUCTIONS' is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font. The word 'riparian' is in a larger, lowercase font, and 'PRODUCTIONS' is in a smaller, uppercase font below it.

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# NICE TO MEET YOU

Welcome to Riparian.

We're a Canada based production company specializing in scripted, unscripted & factual projects. We strive to be the best producing partners for all types of programming and pride ourselves on being FLEXIBLE, COLLABORATIVE, and CREATOR-DRIVEN.

By leveraging the extensive benefits of the Manitoba Tax Credit system and incredible regional funding opportunities, we're able to produce WORLD-CLASS CONTENT at a FRACTION OF THE PRICE.

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# WHAT ARE WE ABOUT?

We're inspired by your passion and we live to make your projects come to life.

Whether you're creating a hard-hitting documentary, a brilliant factual adventure, or a groundbreaking scripted series, we like to work with our partners to make media that has something to say and sticks with the audience long after the program ends.



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# WHO ARE WE?

## JEFF PEELER

### Partner - Production

Jeff is a Producer and Executive Producer with experience across a variety of television, film and digital projects in multiple genres. With over 25 years experience in the industry he has overseen the production of hundreds of hours of film and television content.

Jeff's credits include the international Rose d'Or and Banff Rockie winning sketch comedy series Baroness von Sketch Show, the award-winning stand-up comedy/ documentary hybrid Still Standing, and comedy galas at the The Winnipeg Comedy Festival.

Jeff served as Co-EP on the History Channel documentary True Story Part 1 and as Supervising Producer on the number one rated, half-hour comedy Acting Good for Bell Media and APTN.

## CHERYL GREWAR

### Partner - Finance

Cheryl, CPA, CA has over 30 years of experience in senior financial positions primarily in distribution and entertainment businesses. Most recently, she was the CFO at Tangent Animation Inc. for two years and the CFO at Frantic Films for 12 years. She was the CFO for the Grey Cup Festival in Winnipeg in 2015.

Cheryl has extensive experience in film financing including maximizing tax credit claims and combining financing from various sources for productions. She taught the undergraduate Canadian tax course at the Asper School of Business - University of Manitoba for many years and currently serves as a board member.

## COURTNEY HICKS

### Partner - Development

Courtney most recently landed a commission from CBC for the Canadian version of The Great Pottery Throw Down. She began her career as an assistant director and production manager. In 2012, Courtney began working as a development producer at Frantic Films, in 2018 became the VP of Unscripted Development and in 2020 the VP of Development. In 2023, Courtney left her role at Frantic to launch Riparian.

During her time at Frantic Courtney was integral in the development of Still Standing, Baroness von Sketch Show, The Stats of Life, Backyard Builds, Meet the Family, In Plain Sight, Impossible Fixes, and Buy It, Fix It, Sell It.

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# HOW CAN YOU WORK WITH US?

## Co-Productions

As a Canadian producer, we're able to access national and regional funding for qualifying projects and bring along decades of experience in production, financing and development.

## Originals

If you have a great idea for a scripted, factual, or unscripted series and need a company to help you get it ready and out into the market, we'd love to collaborate.

## Service Productions

We can be your Canadian, on-the-ground partner with the relationships and know-how to support your production through to delivery while maximizing the country's ample tax credits every step of the way.



# WHY RIPARIAN?

## 3 REASONS

### **A TRUSTED PARTNER**

We have a proven and lengthy track-record as experienced, collaborative, and trusted partners. We look to build long-term relationships founded on honesty, respect, and honoring the diverse talent required to create content that resonates with its audience.

### **PRODUCE WITH A MANITOBA COMPANY**

Manitoba has the best tax credit incentives in Canada. You can recoup up to 65% of all Manitoba labor through the Manitoba Cost-of-Salaries Tax Credit. Or up to 38% of Manitoba expenditures through the Manitoba Cost-of-Production Tax Credit. You can also travel a Manitoba crew anywhere in the world and still receive up to 60% back on your Manitoba labor expenditures.

### **CANADA WIDE**

Want to produce somewhere else in Canada? Our team has years of experience combining various national and regional incentives to maximize financing available to your production.



# THE MANITOBA EFFECT

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UP TO 65% RETURN ON MANITOBA LABOR OR 38% ON  
MANITOBA EXPENDITURES

AN IMMEDIATE BUDGET BOOST DUE TO FAVORABLE USD TO  
CAD EXCHANGE RATES

NO CANADA OR MANITOBA CONTENT REQUIREMENT

NO CANADIAN BROADCAST REQUIREMENT

NO COPYRIGHT OWNERSHIP REQUIRED

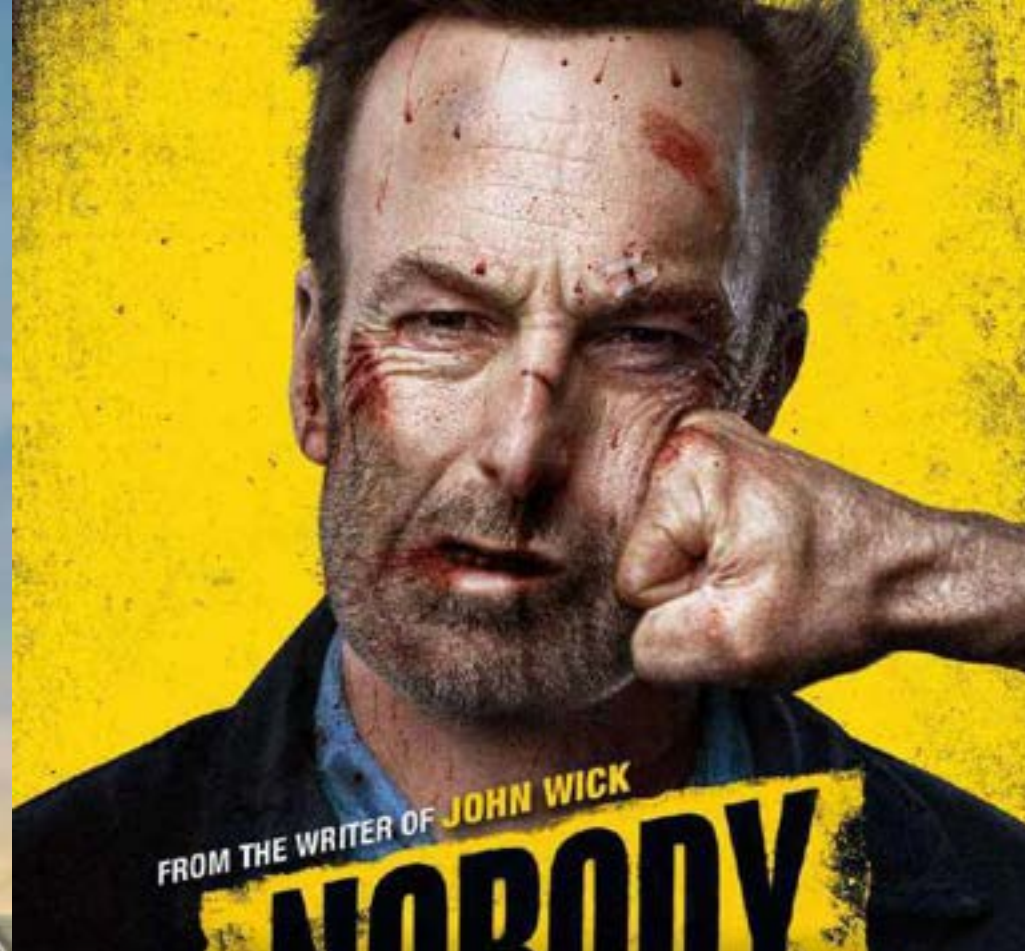
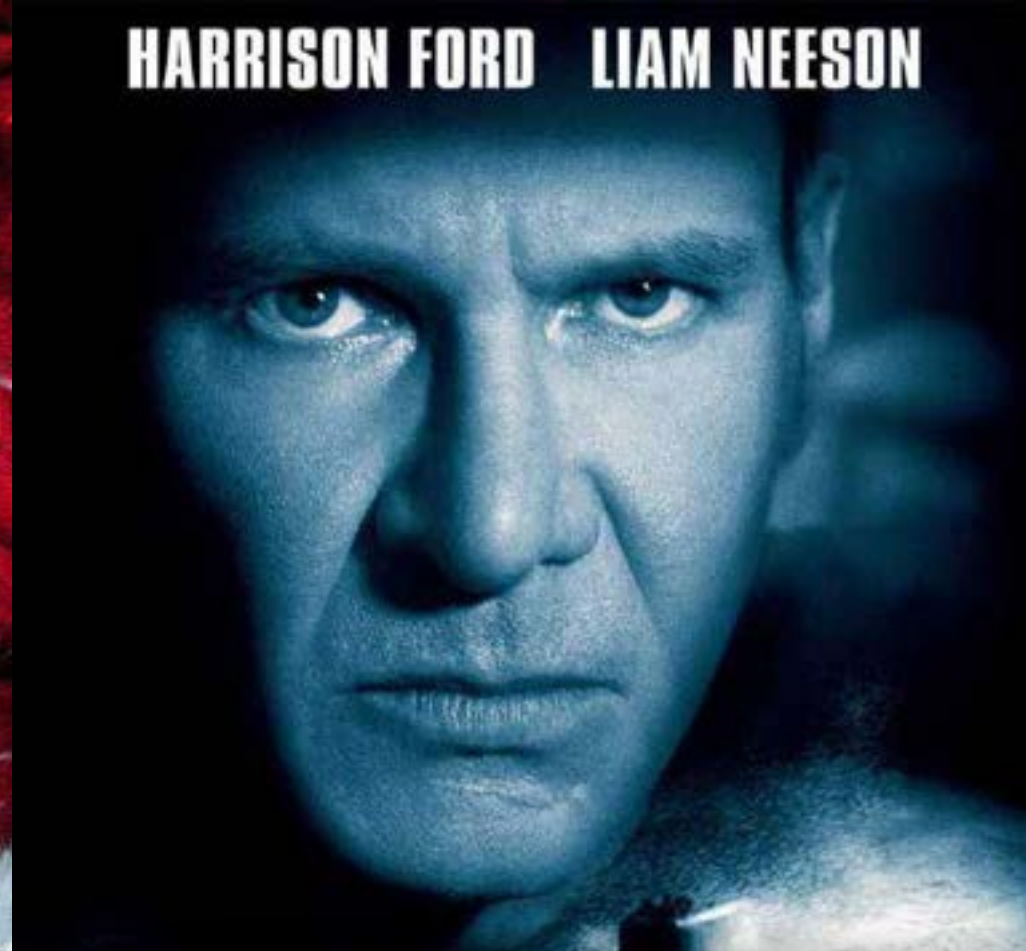
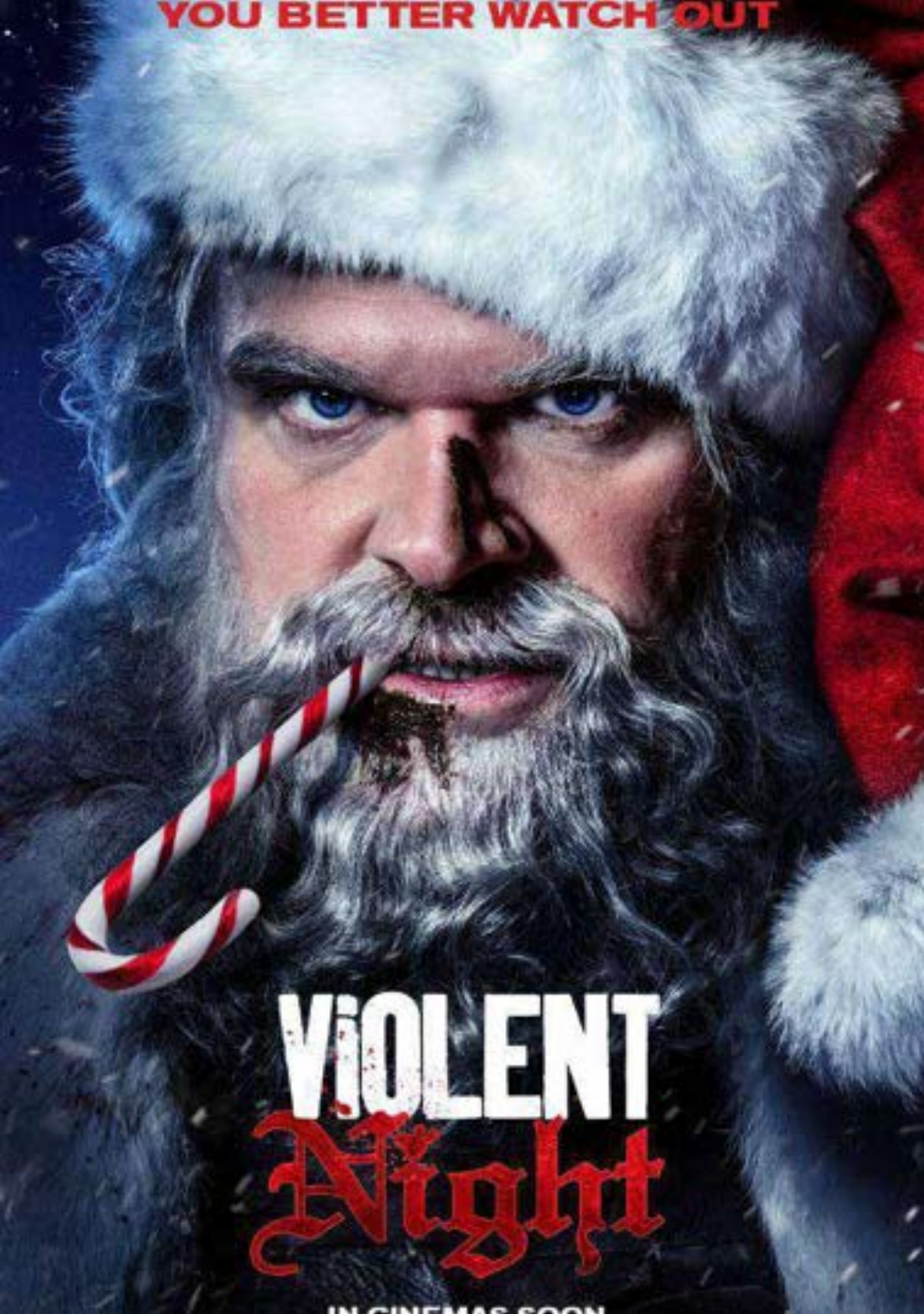


# MANITOBA LOCATIONS

MANITOBA HAS DOUBLED FOR CHICAGO, DETROIT, MINNESOTA, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, MISSOURI, SAN FRANCISCO, VERMONT, AS WELL AS TURN-OF-THE-LAST-CENTURY KANSAS AND BOSTON.

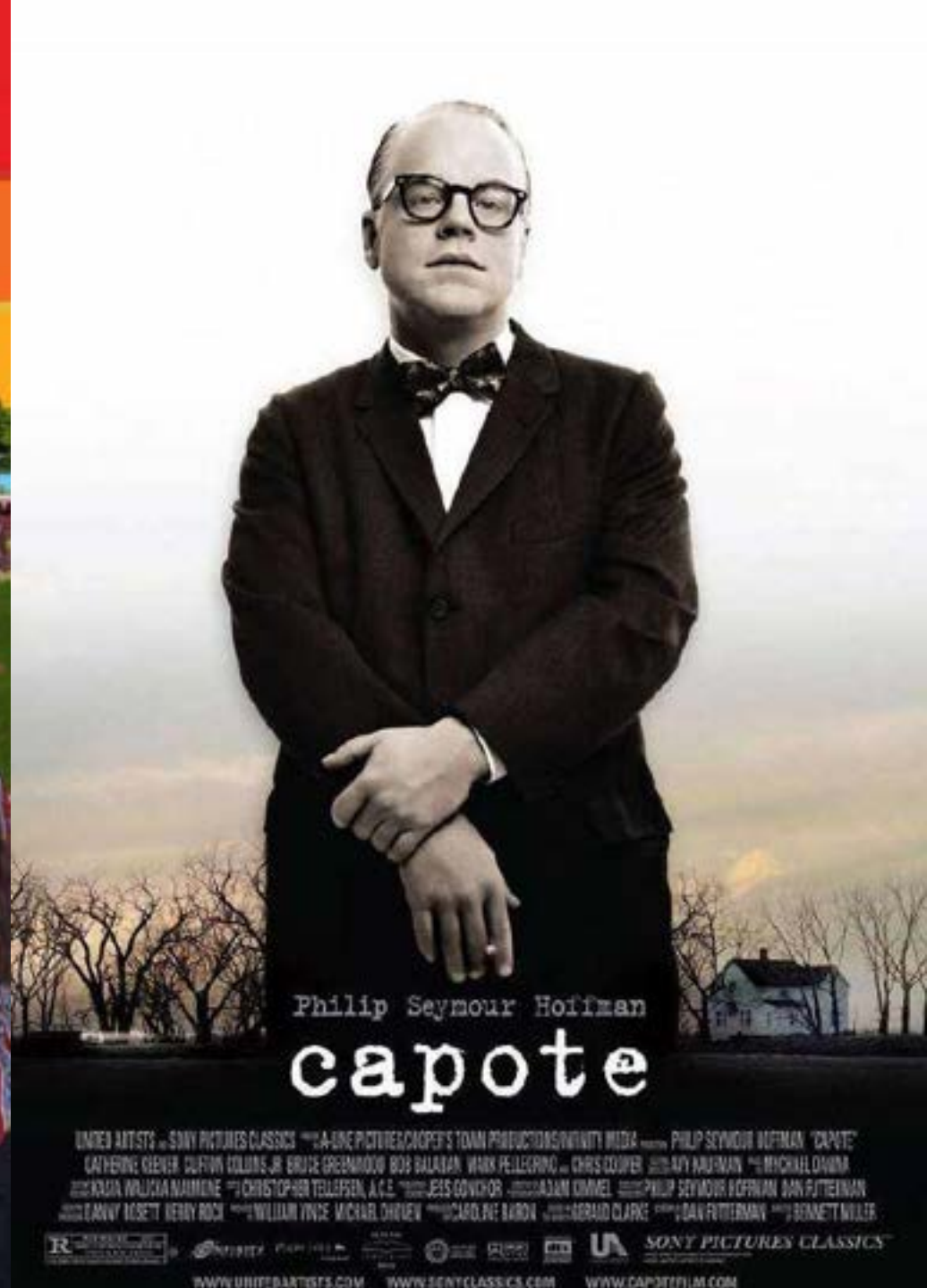
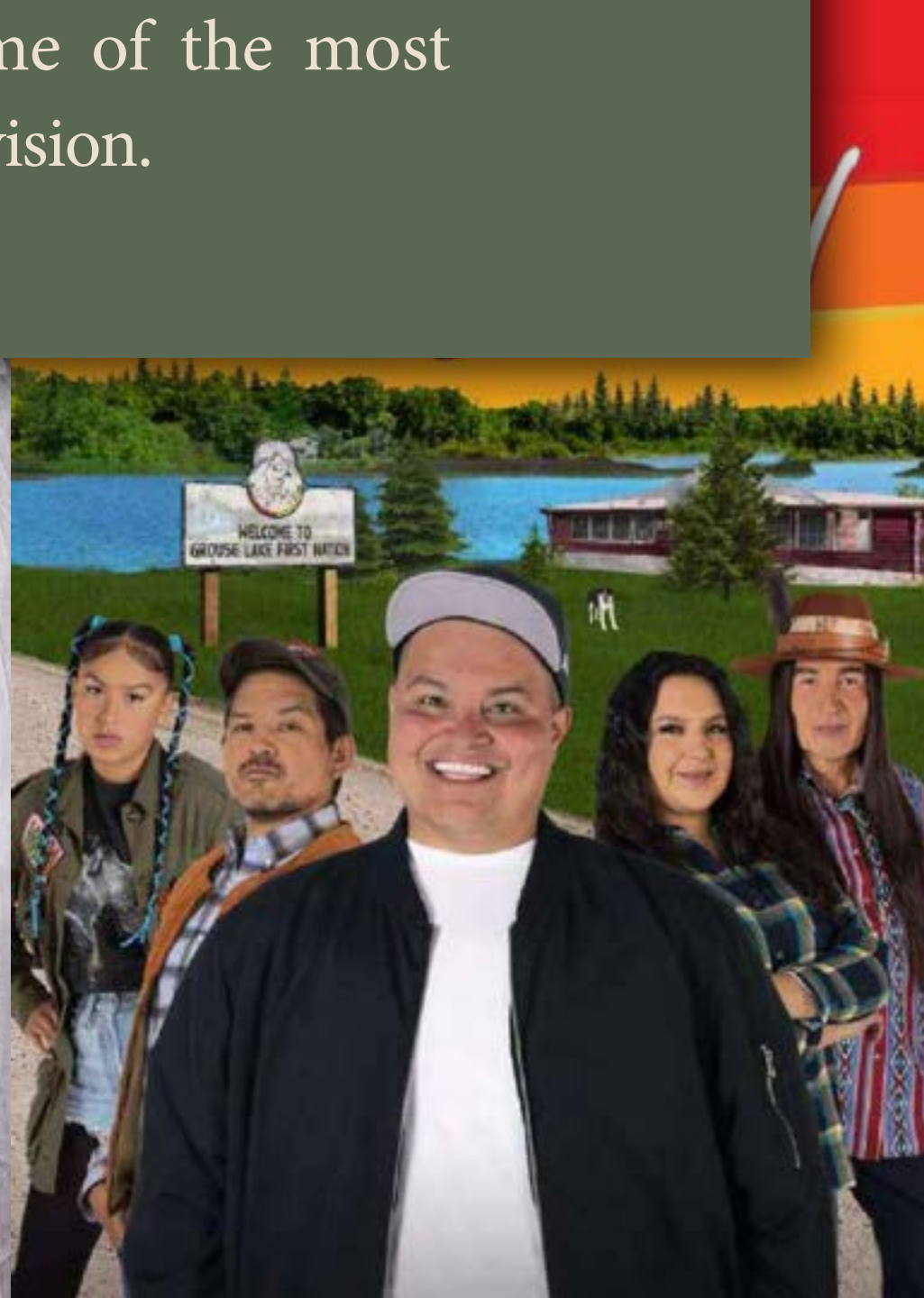
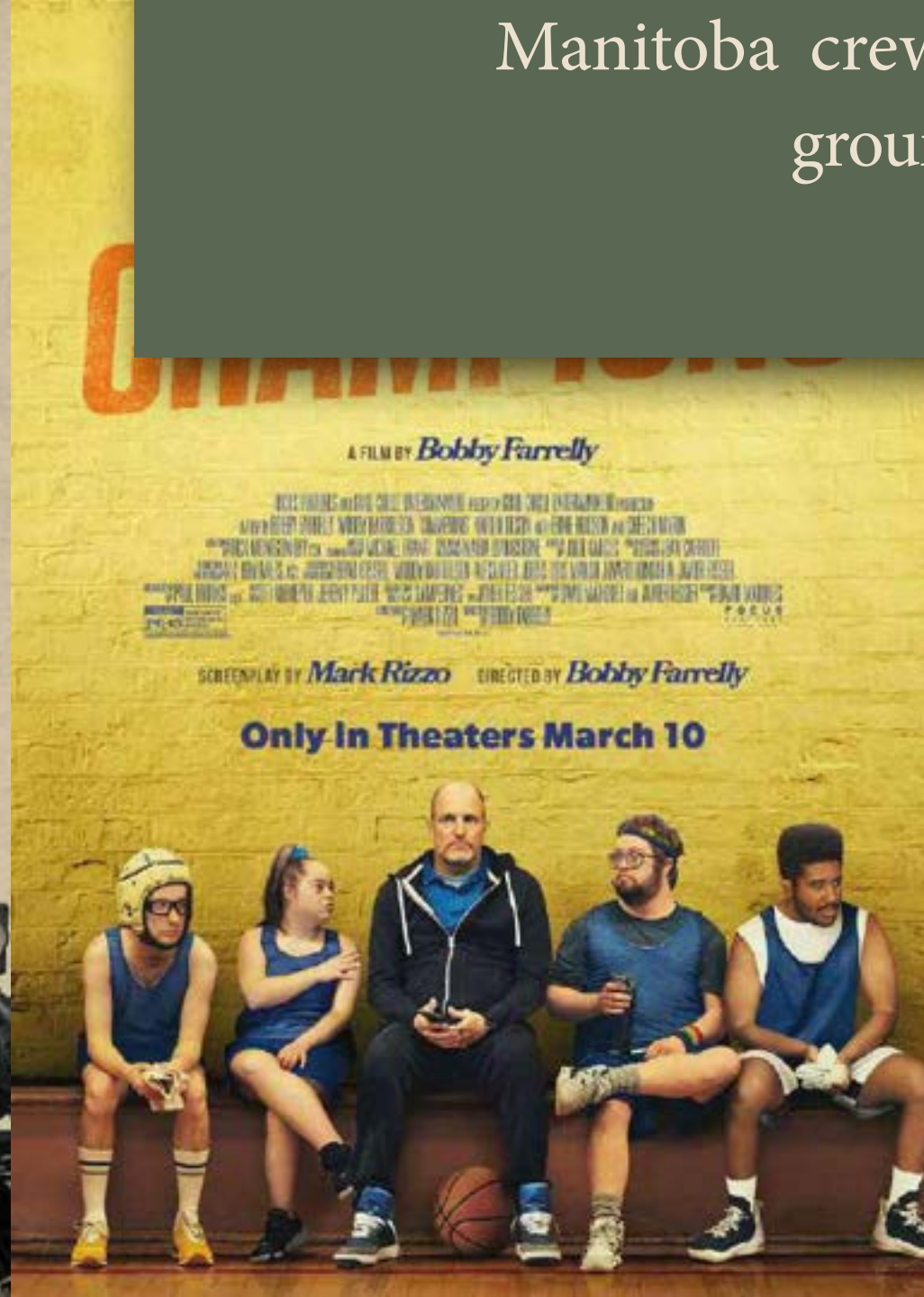
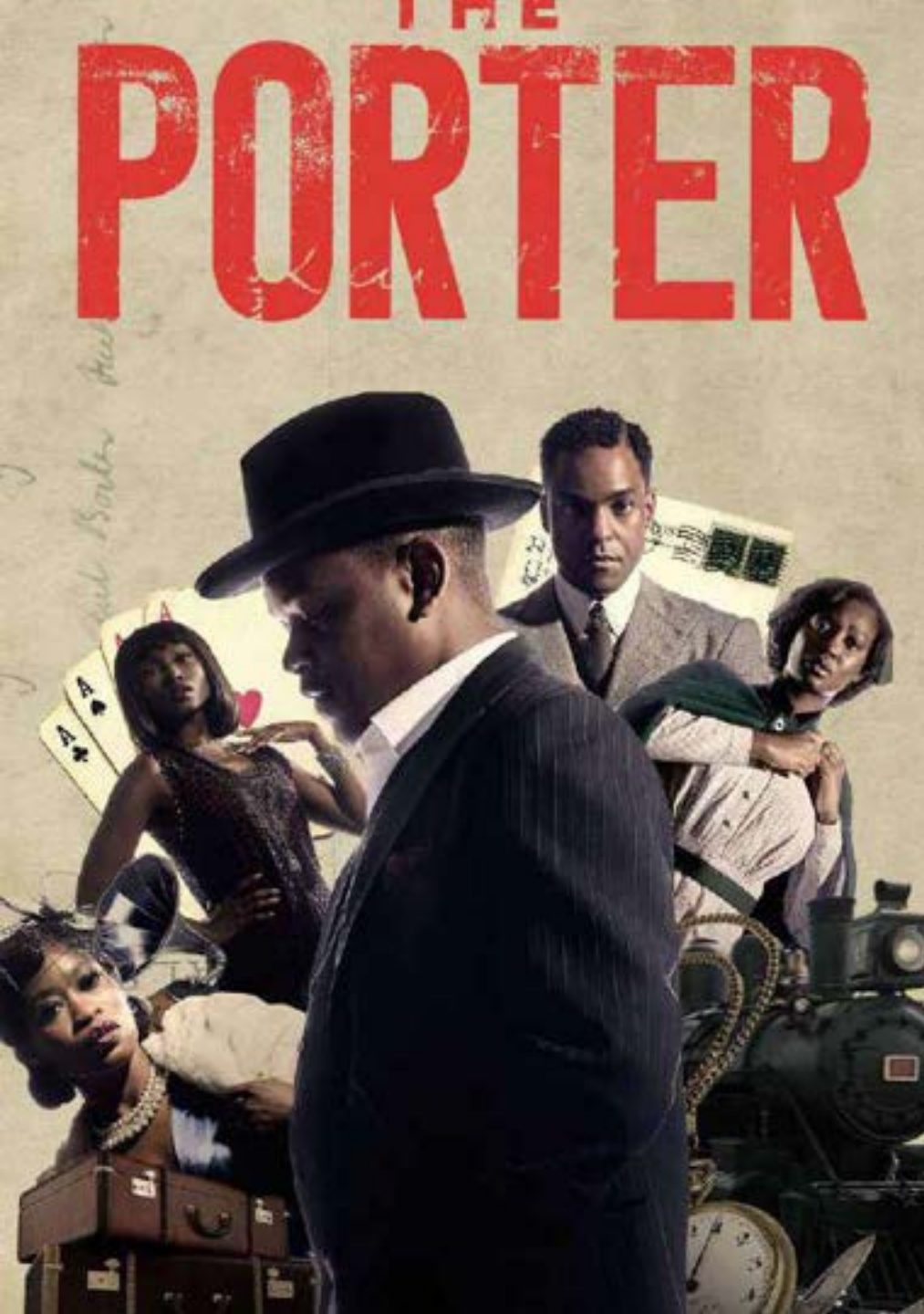






**MANITOBA ON SCREEN**

Manitoba crews have cut their teeth on some of the most groundbreaking work in film and television.



# STUDIOS, LOCATIONS & EQUIPMENT

Whether your project is a shiny floor studio series, an epic Western, or a hilarious rom-com, Manitoba has the production and post-production infrastructure to support your vision.

From the stunning facilities of Big Sky Studios to the prairie headquarters of William F. White and an incredible variety of affordable locations your production will never go wanting for the latest facilities, gear, and accommodating locations.



# BIG SKY STUDIOS



# MANITOBA HOUSING & TRAVEL

Unlike Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver, Winnipeg provides affordable options to comfortably house creatives and crew for short and long term stays for **HALF THE COST** of major Canadian cities.

Commercial travel to and from Winnipeg is expanding every year.

- Direct flights from Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal 7 days a week.
- Direct flights from Los Angeles and Las Vegas 3 days a week.
- Direct flights from Atlanta and Orlando 5 days a week.

Two airports within 10 miles of the city service private charter flights.



# LEARN MORE

To learn even more about the benefits of working in Manitoba,  
please visit these links...



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Get in touch to find out how Riparian can help you facilitate and save on your next film or series. Even if we aren't the right partner for you, we'll help you find the perfect fit.

For more information about partnering with Riparian, please contact...

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