



## SMOKE SIGNALS Native American Heritage Day

### Description

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With today being Native-American Heritage Day, AFI Movie Club chose *SMOKE SIGNALS* as its pick. *Smoke Signals* is directed and co-produced by Chris Eyre, a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Nations.

Featuring an entirely Indigenous cast telling an authentic story from their own perspectives, *Smoke Signals* is a gateway work in its depiction of Native-American culture — rich in emotion and its characteristic wry, self-deprecating humor that deflects negativity in cosmic ways!

Personally, after viewing *Smoke Signals*, I felt a strong desire to see more Native American stories and for the development of a vibrant Native American Cinema. The 2021 Sundance Film Festival showcased the critically acclaimed [Wild Indian](#), starring Michel Greyeyes. Interestingly, Greyeyes portrays Junior Palatkin in *Smoke Signals*.

In 2018, the *Smoke Signals* was selected for preservation in the United Statesâ??National Film Registry for being â??culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant.â?• Check it out!

Until next time, Iâ??ll see you at the movies!

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