



Netflix snags NOLA-shot *Mudbound* in \$12.5 million deal: report

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Mudbound, the New Orleans-shot race drama that debuted this month at the Sundance Film Festival to sweeping acclaim, has been picked up by Netflix. The online streaming service paid \$12.5 million for distribution rights to director Dee Rees' film, the biggest deal to come out of this year's fest, according to *Variety* and other industry publications.

With *Mudbound* being hailed as an instant contender for next year's Oscars, Netflix will reportedly release the film simultaneously online and in theaters, following it with an award-season campaign. It is unclear how soon Netflix plans to release the film.



Garrett Hedlund, left, and Jason Mitchell star in director Dee Rees' New Orleans-shot drama 'Mudbound.' (Steve Dietl/Sundance Institute via AP)

Based on Hillary Jordan's 2008 novel of the same name, "Mudbound" tracks the complicated relationship between two families — one white, the other black — living in rural Mississippi just after World War II. Carey Mulligan plays a refined Memphis woman who relocates with her new husband (Jason Clarke) and their two young daughters to the Delta. Rob Morgan and Mary J. Blige play the heads of a black family that farms cotton on a leased part of Mulligan and Clarke's land.

Also starring are Garret Hedlund and New Orleans native Jason Mitchell.

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