

Netflix snags NOLA-shot â??Mudboundâ?? 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 Reesâ?? film, the biggest deal to come out of this yearâ??s fest, according to Variety and other industry publications.

With *Mudbound* being hailed as an instant contender for next yearâ??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 Jordanâ??s 2008 novel of the same name, â??Mudboundâ?• tracks the complicated relationship between two families â?? one white, the other black â?? 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 Clarkeâ??s land.

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

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