

LIONESS FILM PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

WARRIOR WOMEN



Written by Mahora Peters
Inspired by Historical Events

SYNOPSIS

Set in nineteenth-century Aotearoa (New Zealand), Warrior Women follows Marcie Peters, a young missionary who finds herself caught in a brutal conflict between faith, survival, and Māori tribal warfare.

After a devastating massacre led by the feared war chief Wiremu, Marcie joins forces with courageous Māori women determined to survive against impossible odds.

As cultures collide and ancient traditions are tested, a powerful sisterhood emerges. Together they must confront violence, loss, vengeance, and the meaning of true strength. Inspired by historical events and rich Māori history, Warrior Women is an epic story of resilience, identity, and female empowerment.

MAIN CHARACTERS



MARCIE PETERS

Young English missionary. Driven by faith. Compassionate but resilient. A woman forced to discover her own strength.



HERA

Elite Māori warrior. Fearless. Strategic. Protective of her people. A symbol of female power.



QUEEN KAHİ

Leader of the warrior women. Commanding. Wise. Uncompromising. A legendary presence.



WIREMU

Feared war chief. Powerful. Charismatic. Dangerous. Represents the destructive cost of war.

STORY HIGHLIGHTS



THE SURVIVOR

Marcie must overcome fear, prejudice and isolation to survive in an unfamiliar land.



THE WARRIOR

Hera leads an elite group of Māori warrior women who refuse to surrender.



THE QUEEN

Queen Kahi rules with wisdom, strength and authority in a world dominated by violence.



THE ENEMY

Wiremu's brutal campaign threatens entire tribes and generations.

THEMES



FEMALE EMPOWERMENT

Women rising against oppression.



INDIGENOUS HISTORY

Celebrating Māori culture, resilience and identity.



FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Christianity and Māori belief systems collide.



SISTERHOOD

Unity forged through adversity.



SURVIVAL

The fight to endure against overwhelming odds.



HOPE

Finding humanity in the darkest moments.

WHY THIS STORY MATTERS

Warrior Women shines a light on powerful female voices often absent from historical storytelling.

The film explores:

- Indigenous heritage
- Cultural survival
- Female leadership
- Colonial history
- Spiritual identity
- Human resilience

Through compelling characters and cinematic action, Warrior Women brings an important chapter of history to global audiences.

DISTRIBUTION

WORLDWIDE THEATRICAL

Australia • New Zealand • United States
Canada • United Kingdom • Europe • Asia-Pacific

STREAMING

Netflix • Amazon Prime • Disney+ • Stan
Paramount+ • Apple TV+

EDUCATIONAL DISTRIBUTION

Universities • Schools • Museums
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ESTIMATED BUDGET

INDEPENDENT SCALE

AUD \$3M - \$5M

PREMIUM PRODUCTION

AUD \$6M - \$10M

BUDGET INCLUDES:
Main cultural consultation
Action choreography
Location filming

Visual effects
Post-production
International marketing

CURRENT STATUS

- ✓ Feature screenplay completed
- ✓ Development package ready
- ✓ Seeking investment partners
- ✓ Festival strategy prepared
- ✓ International distribution potential

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