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AMERICAN WOMAN TO BE PRESENTED AS THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT GALA PRESENTATION

SUDBURY – Cinéfest Sudbury International Film Festival is delighted to announce that *American Woman* will be presented as the Wednesday Night Gala Presentation at the 31st edition of the Festival. *American Woman* will screen Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. at SilverCity Sudbury. There will be a catered reception, courtesy of Milestones, 1299 Marcus Drive, starting at 9:00 p.m.

American Woman is distributed in Canada by Elevation Pictures. Cinéfest Sudbury's Wednesday Night Gala Presentation is generously sponsored by Milestones.

American Woman [Semi Chellas, USA, Elevation Pictures, 2019]
Starring: Hong Chau, Sarah Gadon, Lola Kirke, John Gallagher Jr., Ellen Burstyn, David Cubitt

Inspired by the headline-dominating 1974 kidnapping of heiress Patricia Hearst, granddaughter of the American publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst, this atmospheric drama is a fictionalized re-imagining of her time in hiding, from the perspective of Jenny Shimada (Chau), a political activist on the run from the United States government for past acts of violence. While living off-the-grid, a publisher comes to her with a deal, which Jenny agrees to in the hopes that it would finance an escape from the country. Jenny is assigned to write about and take care of Pauline (Gadon), the captured granddaughter of a wealthy newspaper mogul, and two other fugitives. With the story experienced through the perspective of an Asian-American, *American Woman* offers unique and refreshing insight into the ideologies of radical groups in the 1970s. *American Woman* is director Semi Chellas' debut feature-length film.

All Gala Film Presentation screenings will take place at SilverCity Sudbury, located at 355 Barrydowne Road.

The 31st edition of Cinéfest Sudbury runs from September 14th – 22nd, 2019.

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