



Professor Consulting on Native-Themed Netflix Series

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American Indian studies professor Joely Proudfit consulted on a Native-themed children's show coming to Netflix next week.

Joely Proudfit, chair of the American Indian studies department at Cal State San Marcos, is serving as a consultant for a Native-themed, animated children's show that will debut on Netflix next week.

Proudfit is the Native production consultant for "[Spirit Rangers](#)," which will premiere on the streaming service on Monday, Indigenous Peoples Day.

"Spirit Rangers" is a fantasy-adventure preschool series that "celebrates community, nature and the rich heritage of Native American storytelling." It was created by Karissa Valencia, a member of the [Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians](#) and the first California Native American showrunner.

The show features an all-Native writers' room and Natives in every aspect of production. More than 100 Indigenous people worked on the series.



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Proudfit, who's also the director of the California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center at CSUSM, consulted on "Spirit Rangers" through her company. [Native Media Strategies](#) provides resources that help foster more authentic representation of Native and Indigenous peoples in Hollywood.

Among other projects, Proudfit [previously offered Native consulting services](#) to

"Stumptown," an ABC crime drama that aired in 2019, and "Hostiles," a 2017 Western film starring Academy Award-winning actor Christian Bale.

"My education has afforded me the opportunity to create and produce amazing content, and I hope our students are inspired to earn their degrees and follow their dreams," Proudfit said.

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