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<p><b>THROUGH BLACK SPRUCE</b> (Northern Roles) Feature Film UNION</p>	<p><b>Producers:</b> Robert Lantos, Barbara Samuels, Tina Keeper, Ari Lantos, Mark Musselman, Steve Solomos <b>Director:</b> Don McKellar Based on the Giller Prize winning novel by Joseph Boyden <b>Canadian Casting:</b> John Buchan &amp; Jason Knight <b>Northern Casting:</b> Melissa A. Smith, CDC <b>Outside Shoot Dates:</b> Sept 6 - Oct 5 <b>Shoot location:</b> Sudbury &amp; Toronto</p>
<p><b>STORY LINE:</b> Crees ANNIE BIRD and her uncle, former bush pilot WILL BIRD, are on separate journeys of discovery that are destined to intersect. While Annie searches through the high life and low life of Montreal and Toronto for her missing, drug-addicted, almost-supermodel sister SUZANNE, Will has a private little war with local crimelord MARIUS NETMAKER, and after shooting Marius dead (only not quite), Will heads off to a private lake, far from anyone, to lay low and commune with nature...</p>	

**Submission Deadline:** Monday, July 31, 2017 at 6:00 pm  
**Sudbury Auditions:** Thursday, August 3, 2017

**INSTRUCTIONS (Please read and follow carefully)**

Please send a recent headshot and resume to [mascastingnorth@gmail.com](mailto:mascastingnorth@gmail.com). Indicate which role you would like to be considered for. If you are unable to attend the live auditions on Thursday, August 3rd, we may request a self-tape. Please indicate your availability. Subject Line: "Through Black Spruce - Role".

**ROLES: \*\*PERFORMERS MUST BE A NORTHERN ONTARIO RESIDENT\*\***

**[OLD MAN (BILL)]** A Cree elder, anywhere between 65 and 85 years old, he is a dirty, homeless man named Bill, with failing rheumy eyes. Once befriended by Suzanne when she was in Toronto, he mistakes Annie for her sister, and is eager to share his memories of Annie's missing sister. He winds up rousted by the local police, obliged to move on to another short-term street encampment...1 speech & 19 lines, 2 scenes (21)

**Knowledge of CREE language an asset.**

**[FRANCIS KOOSIS]** An elderly grandfather, this Cree man is vacationing on Akimiski Island with his taciturn wife, Mary Lou, and his two granddaughters. Apparently delighted to find that Will is on the island as well, Francis is quick to befriend him, and remembers Will's father. A hunter who is busily smoking geese while chatting with Will, Francis is determined to come out of this experience with Will as his buddy...1 speech & 14 lines, 6 scenes (85) **Knowledge of CREE language an asset.**

**[AGENT]** A sleek man in his 40s, intense, he is the modelling agent for Annie's sister Suzanne -- who took the professional name of "Annie Bird." Disappointed to learn that the wrong Annie has turned up in his outer office, he takes a lot of time to tell Annie all he knows about her missing sister's life in Toronto and her disappearance after moving to Montreal -- but there's a reluctant uneasiness to him...4 speeches & 14 lines, 2 scenes (33)

**[COUNSELLOR]** A middle-aged Indigenous woman with a sympathetic face, she is a counsellor at the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto; she has a wall filled with pictures of missing First Nations women. She talks with Annie about her search for the missing Suzanne, and offers (with no hint of hope) to "make some calls"...1 speech & 13 lines, 1 scene (23)

**[GEORGE]** Caucasian Moosonee Officer. Mid-50's. His tone is calming and friendly. He and Will obviously know each other. 23 lines.

**[MARY-LOU KOOSIS]** An elderly grandmother, married to Francis. This Cree woman is vacationing on Akimiski Island with Francis and her two granddaughters. She has no problem speaking her mind.

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**[PUNK 1]** Early 20-25. All muscle. Leader of the group. Saggy jeans, tattoo sleeves, earrings. A member of a violent street gang working for Marius. He threatens Will outside an LCBO. He threatens Will about ratting to the cops.

**[PUNK 2]** 18-25. Stocky. A member of a violent street gang working for Marius. His gang threatens Will in a parking lot.