

## **NEWS**

## For Immediate Release

Filming to begin on We Have Met The Enemy, a major documentary about America's greatest naval hero, Oliver Hazard Perry, and the epic Battle of Lake Erie.

Lou Reda Productions to produce the 2-hour film. Principal photography to commence March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Erie, PA.

(New York, New York – March 1, 2016) Executive producer Scott L. Reda (WWII in H.D., Vietnam in H.D.) and his award winning Lou Reda Productions are scheduled to start filming *We Have Met the Enemy*, a documentary film about Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie. Reda is producing the film with executive producers John Kuzdale and Mark Nixon and will begin filming at various locations in Erie, PA, the site of Perry's naval base during the War of 1812.

"Commodore Perry's exploits during the Battle of Lake Erie are some of the bravest in American Naval history. I'm excited and honored to be part of the team that brings this story into everyone's living room," Reda remarked. Perry's victory in the Battle of Lake Erie was a turning point in the War of 1812, securing American control over Lake Erie and the passage west for the remainder of the war.

With great detail, *We Have Met The Enemy* will delve into the life of 27-year-old Perry and how he overcame incredible challenges to construct the US fleet and lead his men to victory against the British in a battle that would change the course of America and influence the fate of four nations. After receiving the British surrender, Perry famously wrote to General William Henry Harrison: "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

Mark Nixon stated, "It is quite appropriate that we will begin filming in Erie where so many key events occurred and where so much of the history is still preserved. We can't wait to bring this thrilling saga and the dynamic hero, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, back to modern audiences and the forefront of our history – where it rightfully belongs."

## Lou RedaProductions

Lou Reda Productions has a long history producing award-winning programs for domestic and international broadcast. The company's recognitions include a People's Choice Award, a Peabody, and nine Emmy nominations (including one win). Among the company's most recent production are the History Channel event television series *WWII in HD* (narrated by Gary Sinise) and *Vietnam in HD* (narrated by Michael C. Hall) and the National Geographic Channel special *Brothers in War* (narrated by Charlie Sheen).

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