



WARREN P. SONODA / SHOOT GOOD FILMS

## Writer & Director

Warren P. Sonoda is one of Canada's busiest, in-demand and prolific filmmakers having completed his 10<sup>th</sup> feature film and 54<sup>th</sup> episode of TV. He's also one of the most accomplished and influential Canadian music video directors with over 160 music videos directed and more than 250 edited. His talent has recently been acknowledged with a 2017 Emmy Nomination for Best Direction of the PBS series *Odd Squad*.

Warren has solidified his name as one of the nation's top go-to comedy directors after directing *Swearnet: The Movie, Servitude, Coopers' Christmas, Textuality, Todd & The Book of Pure Evil* and 8 episodes of the iconic TV series *Trailer Park Boys* for Netflix Originals and the beloved sketch comedy show *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* for the CBC.

He has been nominated for over 40 national and international awards, winning 4 MuchMusic Awards, 15 CCMA nominations, including wins for Director and Music Video of the Year, received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition for his outstanding contributions to the Canadian film industry, got inducted into the Guinness Book of World Records in 2014 when *Swearnet: The Movie* knocked Martin Scorsese's *Wolf of Wall Street* out for most expletives in a film.

He is the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Canadian Film Fest, sits on the advisory board of Women In View x2 More, is the Director's Guild of Canada's (DGC) Ontario Director's Caucus Representative and has recently been elected as the DGC National Directors Division Chair, where he represents every DGC director across Canada. He's also failed Ryerson Film School. Twice.

Warren is thrilled that HANDS DOWN is his first foray back into theatre as a writer and director since 1992 Drama class at Hill Park Secondary in Hamilton, Ontario.