



Russell Brooks (Southern Cheyenne) has spent the majority of his life among his Cheyenne people in Montana but has made the Greater Puget Sound area his home since 2011 enjoying especially the artistic vibrancy of the Pacific Northwest.

Russell attended Montana State University-Billings and received degrees in Organizational Communications and Native American Studies in 2000. He worked with the Northern Cheyenne tribal youth for years before making his way to Seattle.

Russell comes to Red Eagle Soaring Native Youth Theatre after spending five years with the Quileute Tribe as their Events Coordinator. Russell also managed the development of the Quileute's tribal youth program and teen center.

Russell has long been invigorated by theatrical performances, taking several theatre-based classes in college and attending plays wherever the opportunity presented itself.

Russell was inspired at a young age to pursue filmmaking as long standing Hollywood stereotypes he detested were being shattered by films such as 'Powwow Highway' & 'War Party', films shot in Montana during his early teens.

Russell became a founding member of the award-winning Olympia Film Collective in 2012 and now serves on its Board of Directors. Russell made a practice of scouting local theatrical plays for possible actors to include in upcoming films, believing strongly filmmaking's best actors often come from theatrical backgrounds.

Russell wishes to continue creating opportunities for Native artists and actors in the performing arts, as well as for Native storytellers to unleash their creativity across mediums, blending opportunities to tell their stories and finding the necessary support to bring their vision to the greater public.