



IMTA ALUM GARRETT HEDLUND IN *MUDBOUND*

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Mudbound debuts on Netflix and in limited theatrical release Friday, November 17

“When you experience something traumatic and have seen lives and countries destroyed by war, it’s always going to affect you. People have always dealt with it in certain ways.”

– Garrett Hedlund

Mudbound follows a relocated Mississippi family trying to find their way after the tragic upheavals of World War II, experiencing pains that have struck both at home and abroad. While the film shows glimpses of the horrors of war, its larger aim is concerned with the racial divide of two families in the American South.

Transplanted from an upper class life in Memphis to muddy farm country, the McAllan family is made up of the head-strong Henry, his wife Laura (who still wants to hang onto a sliver of refined life through their piano), Henry’s hostile, racist father “Pappy,” and their daughter. After getting swindled on a more upscale home, they are forced to move into a ramshackle residence on their local farm where the harsh conditions are a shock to their system, but only the beginning of the turmoil they will experience.

Not far away are the Jacksons, who have been doing this same work for generations. The patriarch of the family, Hap, and his wife Florence are strenuously working to save enough to buy a piece of their own land for their family. Aside from farming these fields, these families have one significant thing in common: a member of each has been deployed to World War II to fight for their country. For the McAllans, it is Henry’s brother Jamie, a suave, ladies’ man pilot who is caught in airborne hellfire, while the Jacksons have sent off their son Ronsel, a sergeant in a tank battalion, who falls in love with a German woman amongst the on-the-ground chaos.



When Jamie and Ronsel return home, they try to bridge the racial divide between the two families, but come to realize that the savage horrors of racism in America are worse than the bloodshed of a war-torn Europe.

IMTA alum Garrett Hedlund stars as Jamie in the Dee Rees-directed film, alongside Carey Mulligan, Mary J. Blige, Jason Mitchell, Jonathan Banks, Rob Morgan and Jason Clarke.

Mudbound has already received several awards, including the prestigious “Hollywood Breakout Ensemble Award” at the recent 21st Annual Hollywood Film Awards.

Hedlund will next be seen in the Steven Soderbergh HBO series “*Mosaic*,” a show with an interactive element where the audience can determine the outcome of the story. “*Mosaic*” is available via a free app now, with a traditional six-hour episodic version slated to air on HBO in January 2018.