



*First Run Features presents the release of*  
**DATELINE - SAIGON**

*Now available on Amazon Prime Video, Apple TV/ iTunes, and DVD*



Southeast Asia, 1960's. Flash point of the Cold War. ***Dateline-Saigon*** tells the inspiring story of a small group of Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists — **David Halberstam, Neil Sheehan, Malcolm Browne, Peter Arnett,** and the great photojournalist **Horst Faas** — who fought to report a truth that was vastly different from the rosy version put forth by the White House during the early years of the Vietnam War...even as their own government sought to discredit them.

Narrated by **Sam Waterston**, the documentary combines the drama and high stakes of *All the President's Men* with the romance and danger of *The Year of Living Dangerously*.

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**"In the era of Trump, *Dateline-Saigon* tells a vital tale of a group of journalists who fought to tell the world a painful and important story even as their own government was trying to discredit them. Narratively powerful, this film is a distant mirror on a present-day drama: the ability of courageous citizens to speak truth to power."**

-Alex Gibney, Academy Award-winning director of *Taxi to the Dark Side*

**"The best film about journalism in Vietnam I've ever seen."**

-Bob Schieffer, former anchor of *CBS Evening News* & moderator of *Face the Nation*

**"*Dateline-Saigon* captures a swirl of personalities and conveys the excitement of reporting in a fast-moving, confusing and dangerous atmosphere." - *The New York Times***

**"*Dateline-Saigon* is arguably the best American documentary about the Vietnam War since Peter Davis's 1974 Academy Award winning *Hearts and Minds*." *The Hollywood Progressive***

**"*Dateline-Saigon* brings us back to an era when journalists pursued a noble mission and what they reported mattered. Its five heroes shaped history and elevated their craft. I hope this terrific film can inspire us today to restore that sense of calling and honesty, both to journalism and to our society."**

-Walter Isaacson, author of *Steve Jobs*; *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life*; and *Kissinger: A Biography*; former editor of *Time* magazine and president of CNN

#### Biography of Director Tom Herman

Thomas D. Herman's *Dateline-Saigon* is his directorial debut. Prior to directing *Dateline-Saigon*, Herman was a co-producer of the Emmy-award winning feature film, *Live from Baghdad*, starring Michael Keaton and Helena Bonham-Carter. Before that, Herman was a freelance producer for CNN as well as a correspondent for National Public Radio.

Herman received a BA with honors at the University of Pennsylvania, and continued his education at Harvard and Oxford Universities.

When he's in between films, Herman practices law in Boston. "Being a lawyer helps me pay the bills while I pursue my passion, filmmaking," he says.

#### DATELINE-SAIGON

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## RECENT REVIEWS

“*Dateline-Saigon* captures a swirl of personalities and conveys the excitement of reporting in a fast-moving, confusing and dangerous atmosphere.” - *The New York Times*

“This is an essential film.” – *The Cape Cod Times*

“*Dateline-Saigon* is arguably the best American documentary about the Vietnam War since Peter Davis’s 1974 Academy Award winning [Hearts and Minds](#).” - *The Hollywood Progressive*

“Riveting, utterly gripping, beautifully edited, couldn’t take my eyes off it for a second... an incendiary document.” - Christopher Lydon, WBUR

“*Dateline-Saigon* is superb!” – Tom Johnson, former president of CNN

“A masterful epic. The film’s lessons have clearly not been properly absorbed, which makes the Vietnam pattern so deftly conveyed so relevant today.” - Peter Grose, former editor of *Foreign Affairs*

*Dateline-Saigon* is a case study on the importance of an independent press to a democracy.” - *The Pulitzer Center*

“*Dateline-Saigon* is rich in character and story, a significant documentary film that could birth a narrative film or series.” – *cineSOURCE Magazine*

“‘Fake News’ is nothing new. I’d be surprised if our schools are teaching as much of this history as you can learn from *Dateline-Saigon*.” - *INsite Magazine*

“Riveting but sobering - the DVD of the Week” – *The Flip Side Reviews*

“*Dateline-Saigon* is a clear and concise chronicle of the early days of American involvement in the Vietnam War, an effective salute to journalism, augmented by rare vintage footage and photographs” - *Yes Weekly*

“Imagine fifty or sixty years from now, trying to explain this year’s protests to someone too young to have seen George Floyd’s murder, and being reminded so vividly of what made you join the protests or wish you could...*Dateline-Saigon* similarly re-captures the zeitgeist of a comparable sea change in America – the 1960’s and the Vietnam War. Especially recommended for those who think about journalistic integrity” - *PictureThis Post*

### USEFUL LINKS:

**Dateline Saigon Official Website:** <http://www.dateline-saigon.com/>

Dateline Saigon Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DatelineSaigon/>

**Amazon Prime Video:** [https://www.amazon.com/s?k=dateline-saigon&i=instant-video&crd=1XH9HY07V7S82&sprefix=dateline-sai%2Cinstant-video%2C1249&ref=nb\\_sb\\_ss\\_i\\_1\\_12](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=dateline-saigon&i=instant-video&crd=1XH9HY07V7S82&sprefix=dateline-sai%2Cinstant-video%2C1249&ref=nb_sb_ss_i_1_12)

**Apple TV/iTunes:** <https://itunes.apple.com/us/movie/dateline-saigon/id1520293673>

Poster: <http://www.dateline-saigon.com/wp-content/uploads/DatelineSaigon-11x17-2020.pdf>

Trailer: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xx7--wm8Sx8&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xx7--wm8Sx8&feature=emb_logo)

Amazon (DVD): <https://www.amazon.com/Dateline-Saigon-Sam-Waterston/dp/B088LMW81X>

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