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His Academy Award nomination for the supporting role of Kicking Bird in *Dances with Wolves* (1990) has made Graham Greene one of the most recognized Native American actors. Greene, a full-blooded Oneida Sioux, was born on the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ontario, and at age 16 left the Reserve to pursue a variety of careers, including welder, drafter, and roadie. He began acting in Toronto in 1974 and landed his first film roles in the early 1980s with roles in *Running Brave* (1983) and *Revolution* (1985). In 1989 he received the Dora Mavor Moore Award of Toronto for best actor for the play *Dry Lips Oughta Move to Kapuskasing.* After *Dances with Wolves,* he went on to appear in numerous films, including *Clearcut* (1992), *Thunderheart* (1992), and *Die Hard with a Vengeance* (1995). In addition to television appearances on *Lonesome Dove: The Series* (1992) and *Northern Exposure* (1990), he starred in the 1992 HBO film *The Last of His Tribe.*

Graham Greene in a scene from the film *Dances with Wolfs.*

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