



'HOW DO YOU SPELL CHAMP-ION-SHIP?'

***BEE NATION* airing on CBC DOCS POV**
Sunday September 24 at 9 p.m. ET/9:30 p.m. NT

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Lana Šlezić's ***Bee Nation*** is a heart-warming and inspiring film about the First Nations youth and their families in Saskatchewan who compete at their first-ever provincial and national Canadian Spelling Bee. ***Bee Nation*** will premiere on Sunday, September 24 at 9 p.m. ET / 9:30 p.m. NT, across Canada on CBC's weekly point-of-view documentary series ***CBC DOCS POV***.

The Canadian documentary ***Bee Nation*** was selected as the opening night film at the 2017 Hot Docs Film Festival. The film has been screened across Canada and has developed collaborative partnerships including Indspire, an indigenous-led charity investing in education and fostering bright futures for First Nation, Métis, and Inuit youth.

About Lana Šlezić:

Director **Lana Šlezić** is an award winning Canadian photographer and filmmaker. She has authored the internationally acclaimed book, *Forsaken*, which won numerous awards and was selected by American Photo Magazine in 2008, as one of the Top Ten photo books of the year. Among other awards, she also won a World Press Photo award for her portrait series on Afghan women entitled, *A Window Inside*. Lana has lived in India, Turkey, Afghanistan, and the UAE and has a body of photographic work that has been published globally, including National Geographic, TIME, Newsweek, Der Spiegel, Macleans, The Walrus and many more.

More recently, Lana has turned her storytelling eye to film and has produced, directed and/or shot several commercial works and short documentaries, including *Breaking Caste*, *Serhiy's Story*, and *The Little Things*. Her latest short film, *Andy Barrie: The Voice*, is a candid portrait of former CBC radio host Andy Barrie's struggle with Parkinson's Disease and was featured at the 2016 Hot Docs Film Festival. www.lanaslezic.com

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