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***BEE NATION, AN INSPIRING STORY OF CANADIAN FIRST
NATIONS STUDENTS EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE,
ON DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE***

Los Angeles, CA – January 17, 2020 – Scientology Network’s DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE, the weekly series providing a platform for Independent filmmakers to air films on important social, cultural and environmental issues, presents the award-winning documentary *Bee Nation* on January 17, 2020.

DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE airs Fridays at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Scientology Network.

Bee Nation shines a spotlight on students as they compete in the first-ever First Nations Spelling Bee in Canada. Set against the economic and societal hardships experienced by indigenous peoples, the children’s success signals a new era of opportunity for First Nations children and serves as inspiration for the entire community.

Directed by Lana Šlezić, this heartwarming feature-length documentary follows the inspirational stories of six students in the inaugural First Nations Provincial Spelling Bee in Saskatchewan, Canada. Told from the perspective of students, their families and educators, the film shows how, despite the lack of educational funding and developmental attention given to First Nations youth, the children remain hopeful and hardworking as they strive to represent their people at the national championships in Toronto.

Bee Nation was an Official Selection at numerous film festivals and Winner of Best Documentary at the CineMuskoka Festival.

ABOUT LANA ŠLEZIĆ

Lana Šlezić is an award-winning photographer and filmmaker whose life and work has taken her across the globe. For two years she documented the lives of women across Afghanistan, resulting in her internationally acclaimed

book, *Forsaken*, which was selected by *American Photo Magazine* as one of the top ten photo books of the year. Lana's photographs have been published in *National Geographic*, *TIME*, *Newsweek*, *Der Spiegel* and many more. As for her filmmaking career, Lana produced and directed several commercials and short documentaries leading up to *Bee Nation*—her first feature-length documentary.

ABOUT DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE

Fundamental to Scientology is a humanitarian mission that extends to some 200 nations with programs for human rights, human decency, literacy, morality, drug prevention and disaster relief. For this reason, the Scientology Network provides a platform for Independent filmmakers who embrace a vision of building a better world.

DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE debuts films weekly from award-winning Independent filmmakers whose goal is to improve society by raising awareness of social, cultural and environmental issues.

For more information, visit [**scientology.tv/docs**](https://www.scientology.tv/docs).

The Scientology Network debuted on March 12, 2018. Since launching, the Scientology Network has been viewed in 240 countries and territories worldwide in 17 languages. Satisfying the curiosity of people about Scientology, the network takes viewers across six continents, spotlighting the everyday lives of Scientologists; showing the Church as a global organization; and presenting its social betterment programs that have touched the lives of millions worldwide. The Network also showcases documentaries by Independent filmmakers who represent a cross section of cultures and faiths, but share a common purpose of uplifting communities.

Broadcast from Scientology Media Productions, the Church's global media center in Los Angeles, the Scientology Network can be streamed at [scientology.tv](https://www.scientology.tv) and is available through satellite television on DIRECTV Channel 320, mobile apps and via the Roku, Amazon Fire and Apple TV platforms.

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