

*An inspiring look at grassroots youth movement Shannen's Dream*  
**FREE STREAMING OF ALANIS OBOMSAWIN'S *HI-HO MISTAHEY!***  
**AT NFB.CA, FEB. 14–16**



Montreal, February 6, 2014 – The National Film Board of Canada's online Screening Room, [NFB.ca](http://NFB.ca), will be offering three days of free streaming of legendary filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin's latest documentary, [\*Hi-Ho Mistahey!\*](#) from February 14 through 16, on the occasion of "Have a Heart Day," an awareness campaign for First Nations children.

The NFB will also make this film available to close to 2.8 million Canadian students via [CAMPUS](#), the NFB's educational portal, where it will be available for screening in classrooms. CAMPUS is a subscription service that offers educators online access to over 3,000 productions—documentaries, animations, feature films and interactive titles—and a vast bank of teaching resources.

*Hi-Ho Mistahey!* is an inspiring look at Shannen's Dream, a grassroots youth movement that called for fairness in education for all. The film had its world premiere this past fall at the Toronto International Film Festival, where it received an honourable mention for the People's Choice Award for best documentary, and has been featured at festivals and screenings across Canada and around the world.

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Ms. Obomsawin is currently nominated for three Canadian Screen Awards and will be receiving the Humanitarian Award for Exceptional Contributions to Community & Public Service from the Academy of Canadian Cinema next month. She also recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Women's International Film & Television Showcase in Los Angeles.

## About the film

In 2008, 14-year-old Shannen Koostachin, a student from the Cree community of Attawapiskat, launched a campaign to build a suitable school for the children of her village. When her first attempt to get funding failed, she reached out to children across Canada, who started to join her fight in the hundreds. Two years later, tragedy struck when Shannen was killed in a car accident. The community was in shock, but they were determined to continue Shannen's fight. Following in her footsteps, a group of young leaders raised awareness about their conditions of education among Canadian youth and fought for their rights.

***Hi-Ho Mistahey!*** shows how Shannen's campaign for a new school in Attawapiskat became a national movement, bringing people from all walks of life together to make Shannen's Dream—the dream of fairness in education for First Nations children, in schools that are safe and welcoming—a reality.

## About the NFB

The National Film Board of Canada creates groundbreaking [interactive works](#), social-issue documentaries and auteur animation. The NFB has produced over 13,000 productions and won over 5,000 awards, including 4 Canadian Screen Awards, 7 Webbys, 12 Oscars and more than 90 Genies. To access acclaimed NFB content, visit [NFB.ca](#) or download its [apps](#) for smartphones, tablets and connected TV.

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