

**"IT'S A GIRL'S WORLD" PREMIERES
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TORONTO: It's a Girl's World exposes the hidden culture of girl cliques. At first glance, it's about sharing secrets, giggling over boys and carefree fun. However, lurking beneath this façade is a hidden culture of nastiness that pits one friend against another. The film ultimately shatters the myth that social bullying among girls is an acceptable part of growing up.

Award-winning filmmaker Lynn Glazier takes us on a rare insider's journey into the turbulent social world of girls. The documentary exposes the complex power relationships among a clique of 10 year olds in Montreal. While the girls use stabbing looks and biting words to inflict lasting emotional wounds, their parents struggle through denial and disbelief to come to terms with their daughters' behaviour. Glazier's unflinching examination of the highly publicized Dawn-Marie Wesley case, where the 14-year-old B.C girl killed herself to escape the persistent social torment of her friends, underscores the tragic costs of social bullying for everyone involved. Glazier's career as a documentary producer and writer spans 23 years. Her publicly and critically acclaimed work for CBC Radio was heard for many years on Sunday Morning. She also produced the Gemini Award-nominated Boxing In And Out Of The Ring, a feature length independent documentary investigating the corrupt world of professional boxing, for A&E and TVO.

It's A Girl's World is written and directed by Lynn Glazier (Boxing In and Out of The Ring), and produced with Gerry Flahive (Shinny, The Next Big Thing) for the National Film Board of Canada. Catherine Olsen is Executive Producer of documentaries for CBC Newsworld. The documentary and radio series will be accompanied by an extensive educational website for viewers and parents concerned about bullying. CBC Radio One's Ideas is a program about contemporary thought. It explores social issues, culture and the arts, geopolitics, history, biography, science and technology and the humanities.

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