



Documentary Filmmaker Bios



Alex Lazorawich is a Cree filmmaker whose work has screened at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), the Winnipeg Art Gallery (WAG) and at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC. She has received funding from BravoFact, National Screen Institute, and Canada Council for the Arts, and has had her films screen at festivals around the world. In her work, she continues to try and tell the stories of Indigenous people.



Mike Black is a recent graduate of the CBC New Indigenous Voices course, through the National Screen Institute of Canada (NSI). I grew up in the inner city of Winnipeg and have extensive experience working with Indigenous communities and Indigenous youth. Through this work I have developed an intimate understanding of the challenges facing Indigenous populations in Manitoba. I have also seen the profound and positive impact that cultural revitalization can have on Indigenous communities and consider myself to be a passionate advocate for Indigenous language revitalization.



Petie Chalifoux is a Cree filmmaker from Northern Alberta who graduated with a Bachelors of Motion Picture Arts in January 2017. Petie's documentaries and short films have screened in film festivals across North America. Her film "River Of Silence" will be screened on March 8th, 2018 as part of the Vancouver International Women In Film Festival on International Women's Day in Vancouver at the Vancity Theatre. Motivated by her personal experience with the loss of a loved one to the thousands of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women of Canada, she hopes to continue to make a change using film.



Roxann Whitebean is from the Mohawk Territory of Kahnawà:ke and a member of the Wolf Clan. She began her career on APTN's television series, *Mohawk Girls*, as an assistant director. She made her directorial debut in 2014 to produce *Legend of the Storm*. In 2016, she opened a production company called Whitebean Media Arts, which has been producing work for CBC's digital platform; *Thunder Blanket*, *Karihwanoron: Precious Things* and *Little Hard Knox*, all available to stream online. She is a National Screen Institute Alumni, where she produced *Flat Rocks*, which will air on APTN in 2018.