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**Victoria Company produces independent aviation documentary featuring Harrison Ford.**

**VICTORIA, BC-** On May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT History Television airs THE IMMORTAL BEAVER, a documentary about the infamous de Havilland Beaver bush plane, considered by many to be one of the finest bush planes ever built. This Canadian-created aircraft has become renowned around the world.

THE IMMORTAL BEAVER follows the rescue and restoration of a veteran military Beaver named Olivia as she undergoes a complete transformation into the ultimate modern Beaver. A prime specimen for rebuild, "Olivia," becomes a present-day example of what the Beaver has become over the past sixty years.

The Beaver was imagined to be a half ton flying pick-up truck that could land in as small of a lake as possible so that Canada's Northern communities could be reached more easily. "It's such a heroic and noble story of how de Havilland Canada took on this noble mission and managed to succeed to such an admirable extent," explains the show's Producer, Arwen Hunter.

"Gamut Productions is situated next to Victoria Harbour which is uniquely designated as an airport and whenever we hear that engine roar overhead we all go 'Beaver!' That brightens my day, and I know I'm not alone in that feeling."

This Directorial debut for David Malysheff was a natural fit. "As a freelance camera operator living on the West Coast I've relied on Beavers for years to get me to some of the most remote locations of British Columbia. I just knew it felt safe. There's a sense of pride knowing that it is one of Canada's greatest success stories."

As this documentary shows, Harrison Ford, an avid pilot, is also a Beaver owner. Private pilots have now become the newest market for the plane that has excelled at so many different lines of duty for so many years. He's just one of the many who are passionate about these planes. Utilized by fifteen militaries and the CIA, as crop dusters across Africa and Australia, in mining exploration, for medical evacuations, as a commuter service and impressing tourists around the world, the Beaver is an iconic Canadian-made workhorse.

THE IMMORTAL BEAVER documentary culminates in "Olivia's" cross-Canada flight to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations being held at the original de Havilland factory where she's greeted by the original test pilot, Russ Bannock. Canada's second highest scoring flying ace in WWII, Bannock not only made the first flight of the Beaver, but was also responsible for the sale of 973 Beavers to the US military. The surplus military planes have guaranteed the supply for present-day pilots, as they haven't been produced in over 40 years.

THE IMMORTAL BEAVER features exclusive interviews and a compilation of never-before-seen archival material and promises to transport the viewer from Alaska to Australia. Catch the documentary when it airs on History Television on May 20 at 9pm ET/PT, and repeating on May 24 at 8pm ET/PT.

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