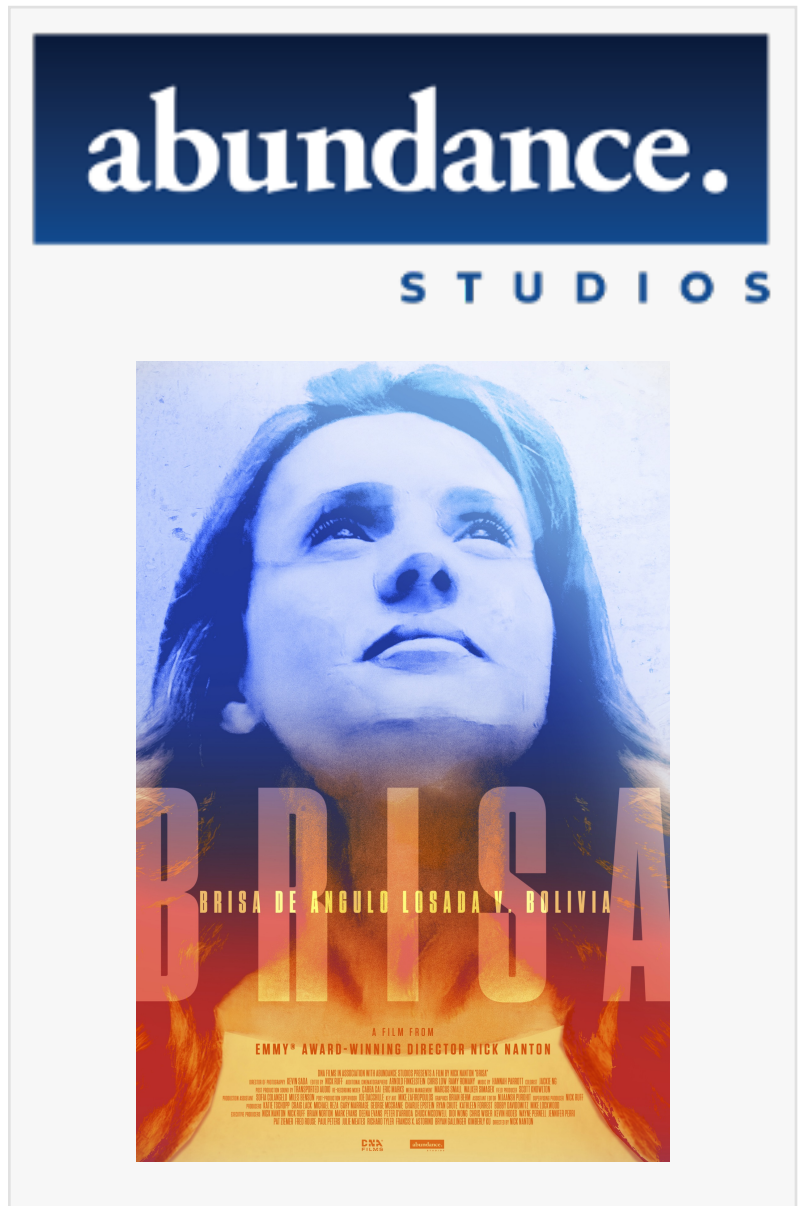


Astonish Entertainment & Abundance Studios' Film Brisa Shortlisted for 2024 International Documentary Association Awards

ORLANDO, FL, UNITED STATES, October 30, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- "Brisa," a compelling documentary produced by Astonish Entertainment® in association with Abundance Studios®, has been shortlisted for the 2024 International Documentary Association (IDA) Documentary Awards.

Directed by Emmy® Award-winning filmmaker Nick Nanton, the film chronicles the incredible journey of Brisa De Angulo Losada, a survivor of childhood sexual violence who took her fight for justice to the highest legal levels after the Bolivian legal system failed her. Brisa became her own lawyer, attending Rutgers Law School, and ultimately secured a landmark ruling in 2023 at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, changing the way Latin American countries prosecute cases of sexual violence against children.

The IDA Awards, one of the most respected honors in documentary filmmaking, shortlisted "Brisa" alongside other standout films, including "Soundtrack to a Coup d'Etat" by veteran filmmaker Johan Grimonprez, and "Seeking Mavis Beacon" by newcomer Jazmin Renée Jones. Other films on the list include "Hollywoodgate," directed by Ibrahim Nash'at, and "Ernest Cole: Lost and Found," directed by Oscar nominee Raoul Peck. "Brisa" stands out among 700 entries from 77 countries—an increase in submissions from previous years.



Nick Nanton, Director of "Brisa," shared his thoughts on the film's recognition:

"Being shortlisted for the IDA Awards is an honor, and it speaks to the power of Brisa's story. Her fight for justice is one of unimaginable resilience, and her courage is an inspiration to survivors everywhere. It is an honor to be a part of amplifying her story."

Brisa De Angulo Losada, the subject of the documentary, also reflected on the nomination: "It's deeply meaningful to see this film recognized by the IDA. My fight for justice was not just for me, but for every child who has experienced sexual violence. The ruling we achieved is a step toward ensuring that no child has to go through the same failures of the legal system that I faced. I hope this film reaches the hearts of many and shows that change is possible."

The 40th IDA Documentary Awards will take place on December 5 at The Orpheum Theater in Los Angeles and will be streamed live on IDA's social media channels. Final nominees will be announced on November 19, following voting by IDA members.

"Brisa" was made possible thanks to the contributions of Abundance Studios® Producers and Executive Producers.

Executive Producers: Nick Nanton, Nick Ruff, Brian Norton, Mark Evans, Deena Evans, Peter D'Arruda, Chuck McDowell, Didi Wong, Chris Wiser, Kevin Hodes, Wayne Pernell, Jennifer Perri, Pat Ziemer, Fred Rouse, Paul Peters, Julie Meates, Richard Tyler, Francis X. Astorino, Bryan Gallinger, Kimberly Ku, Kathleen Forrest, Gwen Medved, Susan Rucker, Mike Lockwood

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About Abundance Studios®:

Abundance Studios® is a film studio dedicated to fostering a world of abundant thinking and abundant action. The producer collective is composed of entrepreneurs, professionals, and philanthropists dedicated to earning, learning, and serving through media. The goal of the studio is to find, film, and share heartening and inspirational stories that will help to uplift the world.

About Astonish Entertainment®:

Astonish Entertainment is a purpose-driven film studio dedicated to crafting impactful, emotionally resonant stories that inspire and drive meaningful change. Focused on elevating voices that are often underrepresented, Astonish collaborates with visionary storytellers, producers, and advocates to bring stories of resilience, justice, and hope to audiences worldwide. With a commitment to creating films that not only entertain but also educate and empower, Astonish Entertainment continues to champion projects that spark conversations and

foster a more empathetic world.

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