



**NEW CBC DOC “WHERE AM I?” PUTS NAVIGATION SKILLS ON THE MAP**  
- ONE-HOUR DOCUMENTARY PREMIERES THURSDAY, DEC. 5 AT 8 P.M. (8:30 NT) ON CBC-TV –  
- PRODUCED BY DREAMFILM PRODUCTIONS -

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**Toronto. Nov. 7, 2013** – Are men really better with directions than women? Is GPS killing our natural wayfinding ability? *Where Am I?* is a new documentary for CBC Television’s **The Nature of Things with David Suzuki**, about the complex skills we use to find our way around. Some of us seem to always know where we are. Some of us hardly ever know. What makes the difference? A Dreamfilm Production, *Where Am I?* premieres Thursday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. (8:30 NT) on CBC Television’s *The Nature of Things*.

[Click here](#) to watch a sneak peek of “Where Am I?”.

“We travelled to many places to film this documentary,” says Bruce Mohun, director and writer with Dreamfilm Productions. “We got lost so many times we lived the story.”

*Where Am I?* explores the strategies we use to figure out where we are - and where we are going. Are some strategies simply better than others? It also looks at the navigation skills we share with animals, and some animal skills we wish we had. Are you simply born a terrible navigator? If you aren’t good at finding your way, what are the solutions? The program examines how GPS has affected wayfinding, and why some researchers think it’s so bad for our brains that it may even lead to early senility.

Several experts weigh in on the topic including Giuseppe Iaria, neuroscientist, University of Calgary; Tom Collett, insect biologist, University of Sussex; Sue Becker, neuroscientist, McMaster University; Hugo Spiers, neuroscientist, University College London; Nora Newcombe, Canadian psychologist, head of the Spatial Learning and Intelligence Centre at Temple University; Véronique Bohbot, neuroscientist, McGill University’s Douglas Institute; Dan Montello, geographer and behaviourist, University of California at Santa Barbara; Ken Jennings, “Jeopardy” champion and author of *Maphead*; Michael Mangan, roboticist and biologist, University of Edinburgh; and Colin Ellard, psychologist, University of Waterloo.

*Where Am I?* also airs Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. ET on CBC News Network.

*Where Am I?* is directed and written by Bruce Mohun, and produced by Sue Ridout. It is narrated by David Suzuki. The director of photography is John Collins, and the editor is Tim Wanlin. The original music score is by Daniel Séguin. For CBC, the executive producer, Science & Natural History Unit is Sue Dando, and senior producer is FM Morrison. The documentary is produced by Dreamfilm Productions in association with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, with the participation of the Canada Media Fund, the Province of British Columbia Film Incentive BC, and the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit Program.

**Dreamfilm Productions** is a Gemini Award-winning television production company based in Vancouver. Dreamfilm’s previous documentaries for “The Nature of Things” have both won World Medals for Best Health & Medicine Documentary at the New York Festivals – “The Downside of High” (2011 – Gold) and “Programmed to be Fat?” (2013 – Silver). Other Dreamfilm documentaries include “Peace Warrior” (CTV), about Canadian soldier Capt. Trevor Greene, which won the 2009 Gemini Award for Best Biography Documentary, and the feature documentary “X-Cars” (Discovery), which was nominated for a 2011

Gemini Award for Best Science & Technology Documentary. Another new Dreamfilm documentary for “The Nature of Things,” about allergies, will air in February 2014.

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