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World Premiere of “The Dalai Lama - Scientist” set for August 31st, 2019, in Venice, Lido during the 76th Venice International Film Festival as a VPB Market Screening within the Venice Production Bridge.

The World Premiere of the new feature-length documentary film, [“The Dalai Lama - Scientist”](#) will occur on Saturday, August 31st, 2019 at the Cinema Astra, under the patronage of Ca’ Foscari University of Venice and Science Gallery Venice. Nobel Peace Prize winner, Betty Williams of Northern Ireland, will be in attendance to present the film in honour of her dear friend, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama.

With extensive, rare, and never before seen footage, this feature-length film tells the very human story of the Dalai Lama that no one knows. In "The Dalai Lama - Scientist", the Dalai Lama himself tells the unknown story of his lifelong journey into the world of science and technology, and how the world has changed as a result.

From cosmology to quantum physics, cognitive science, neuroscience, molecular biology, epigenetics, and the nature of consciousness itself, the film tells the story of the life-changing dialogues that began in earnest in 1987. It also shows the early days of collaborative research and publication, and it traces the significant changes in the direction of research and enquiry as the Dalai Lama touches the lives of leading scientists, in fundamental and often surprising ways.

The film was produced by an international team, and it was directed and written by award-winning female filmmaker, Dawn Gifford Engle. Female editor Zabe Holloway headed up the production crew.

“We are thrilled to be able to premiere this new film in Venice, and to share the fascinating and unexpected story of the Dalai Lama and science, in a way that no one has ever seen it before,” said Dawn Gifford Engle, the film’s director and writer.

World-renowned scientists featured in the film include David Bohm, Anton Zeilinger, Paul Ekman, Aaron Beck, Francisco Varela, Richard Davidson, Michael Meany, Eric Lander, Christof Koch, and Nobel Prize Laureates Steven Chu and Yuan T. Lee.

“There will be tremendous interest in this film from so many different sectors - from fans of the Dalai Lama to fans of science, and so many people in between,” said the film’s Executive Producer, Ivan Suvanjieff.

This is the sixth film in PeaceJam Production's award winning "Nobel Legacy Film Series", which began six years ago with the World Premiere of Desmond Tutu's life story, "Children of the Light", at the Monte Carlo Television Festival in June of 2014.

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**“The Dalai Lama - Scientist” World Premiere
August 31st, 2019, 5.15 pm
Cinema Astra Multisala, Via Corfù,
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More information:

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