

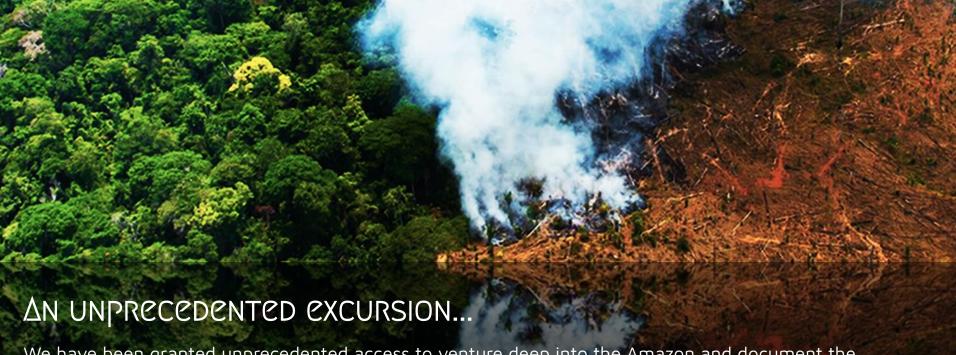
A groundbreaking 8-part documentary series

Created by Peter Antico & Jonathan Shaw





Carbon emissions have been touted as the biggest threat to our planet for decades. However, the truth of what poses the biggest threat to Mother Earth and human existence lies in the oldest, largest, and most vitally important tropical rainforest... the Amazon. As mass deforestation continues, the impending catastrophic repercussions loom ever larger.



We have been granted unprecedented access to venture deep into the Amazon and document the crippling destruction, as well as the ancient tribe that is working ceaselessly to save it, the Yawanawá. Led by renowned Brazilian spiritual leaders Padrinho Paulo Roberto de Souza and his son Jordâo, we will travel into the rainforest, discovering what makes it such a vital part of our planet and what the Yawanawa are doing to safeguard it.



OUR GUIDES



JORDÃO DE SOUZA

Son of Paulo Roberto, Jordâo is married to the daughter of the Yawanawá Chief. He has been initiated on the Shamanic path and has worked with the Yawanawa for 10 years. He's an integral part of both the modern and ancient cultures.

PADRINHO PAULO ROBERTO DE SOUZA

One of the leaders of the Santo Daime church in Brazil, the oldest practitioners of legalized plant medicine ceremonies in the world. He is a renowned spiritual leader with a rare and close connection to the Yawanawá.



THE YAWANAWÁ

This ancient tribe has been in existence for 10,000 years, holding guardianship over millions of acres of protected Amazon rainforest. While maintaining their culture and oldest traditions, in the last decade they have been working to increase their territories and build economic & socially empowering relationships with the outside world.

We are the only team that has been given the blessing and support of their chief, Tashka Yawanawá, to document and film their work to rescue a quickly evaporating natural resource.

The Yawanawá community and their international allies are developing a new model of sustainability that allows the Yawanawá to protect the rainforest and engage with the outside world on their own terms, without losing their cultural and spiritual identity.



Δ JUNGLE OF HEALING...

In addition to capturing the Amazon's ability to heal the Earth, we want to delve into the unique methods of healing it can offer each individual. We will highlight some of the amazing plant medicines that have never before been shown to the "civilized" world. These plants are known to heal a vast majority of illnesses, including malaria.

These healing plants and their effects will be described and explained by Amazonian medicine men, our hosts, and the Elders of the Yawanawá Tribe.



EPISODE CONCEPTS

EPISODE 1: "CORPORATE ENCROACHMENT"

Brazilian President Bolsanaro's mandate for more corporate encroachment on the Amazon exacerbates deforestation resulting in decreased oxygen levels for the planet. We look at the effect of less O2 and the science behind Earth's 'lungs.'

EPISODE 2: "RIVERS IN THE SKY"

We take a deeper look at the planet's precipitation and the Amazon's role in its creation. How does this affect the Earth's water supply & distribution?

EPISODE 3: "THE YAWANAWA"

We meet the Yawanawá and get a glimpse into the ancient indigenous tribes of the Amazon. Guided by spiritual leaders, we see a side of this jungle tribe never before experienced.

EPISODE 4: "ANCIENT HEALING"

Shamans and medicine men have spiritually and ritualistically guided healing practices in the Amazon for thousands of years. We explore the healing plant medicines that are yet unknown to the Western modern medicine.



EPISODE CONCEPTS

EPISODE 5: "EXTINCTION"

As the rainforest continues to be destroyed, more species face extinction. We look at the plant, animal, and insect extinctions and how that is affecting the ecosystem of both the Amazon and Earth.

EPISODE 6: "GUARDIANS OF THE RAINFOREST"

We get an in-depth look at the spiritual traditions and practices of the indigenous tribes and their relation to the mysteries and protections of the Amazon. Here, we begin to understand the reason why 18 different jungle tribes are considered the 'Guardians of the Rainforest.'

EPISODE 7: "PARE BELO MONTE"

In this episode, we cover the controversial construction of the Belo Monte dam and its effect on the region and its indigenous inhabitants.

EPISODE 8: "THE STRANGLEHOLD"

We take one final look at the impact of the Amazon's continued destruction and scientific projections on the ecological impact for our planet. How will this affect our food? Our water? Even, our oxygen supply is at stake.



OUR TEAM



Executive Producer Peter Antico

Antico is an avid student of macro-economics and has a deep understanding of the rapidly changing velocity of capital and its effects on the global marketplace. He has three passions, the environment, finance and film. He attended California Lutheran University and UCLA's Screenwriting program.

Lionsgate is currently releasing an Antico produced documentary film, "Ronda Rousey Story: Through My Father's Eyes," chronicling former Olympic Judo bronze medalist, female MMA Strikeforce champion and UFC champion, Ronda "Rowdy" Rousey.

Additionally, Antico penned and is producing the feature film, "A War Within," being directed by Ron Yuan (*Step up China*, for Lionsgate). Based on a true story, it recounts the life of a boy with a rare neurological disorder overcoming seemingly insurmountable odds to become one of the most respected stuntmen in Hollywood, working for stars like Robert DeNiro, Al Pacino, Sylvester Stallone, and Don Johnson.

Executive Producer

JONATHAN SHAW



Jonathan Shaw, the son of legendary Swing-era bandleader Artie
Shaw and Oscar winning actress Doris Dowling, is a
Brazilian/American dual citizen. A widely published international
author, fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, and English, Shaw is
considered a celebrity in many latin-American countries. As a
seasoned practitioner of the Brazilian Umbanda and Santo Daime
religions, he is an experienced liaison to many native indigenous
shamans. He is also well connected within the Brazilian film
community

Shaw is currently the subject of an autobiographical documentary to be released in 2020. With his long standing relationships with the most qualified production crews in Brazil, he is well acquainted with and trusted by many native shamans and forest communities, and most importantly - offers our team access to some of the largest indigenous tribes of the Amazon, who, collectively occupy and control millions of acres of Amazon rainforest.

DIRECTOR JAMES BAMFORD

Working with Warner Brothers Television for over 8 years, James has spent the last 3 as Producer/Director on WB's "ARROW" series. He is currently on as Co-Executive Producer in the show's final season.

James has been given the task of being WB's go-to director for critical episodes having completed 4 season premieres, 3 season finales (including 1 series finale and 3 of the annual intra-show crossovers).

In addition James has been utilized as the all-around troubleshooter across the various 'Berlantiverse' shows.





Our Scientific Consultant HARTMUT NEVEN

World renowned scientist and environmentalist, Hartmut Neven has joined our team to provide scientific and technological support throughout the series.

Neven studied physics and economics across Europe and in the Middle East, finishing his Master's at the Max Planck Institute of Biological Cybernetics. After receiving his Ph.D for a thesis on "Dynamics for vision-guided autonomous mobile robots," Neven and his team created the most advanced face and object recognition capabilities in the world.

Currently, he continues his groundbreaking work with Google as the Director of the Google Quantum Artificial Intelligence Lab.

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