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62 films Explore Nature, The Environment and Ourselves on WORLD Channel this August

July 9, 2019 – This August, WGBH Boston’s WORLD Channel explores the complex relationship among nature, our environment, and our activities as caretakers of our planet. More than 60 films this month examine the past, present and future impact of people on the climate, environment, the animal kingdom and on each other.

“The work of scientists, environmentalists and everyday people in this formidable collection of documentaries has unearthed hidden wonders, miracles, and challenges -- uncovering the roles we play in it all,” said Liz Cheng, WGBH and WORLD Channel General Manager. “From understanding animals learning to survive, documenting activists protesting to protect pristine lands and families learning to connect with the past, WORLD Channel hopes to educate and inspire viewers who share the same passion for discovering, protecting and enhancing our beautiful world.”

Our environment, whether untamed lands or high-rise cities, influences our cultures, values and every aspect of our lives. With an original film from our international series, **Doc World: Elephant Path – Njaia Njoku**, and two WORLD Channel exclusive extras of **Family Pictures USA**, the WORLD Channel team invites you to join in uncovering what makes us human and connects us to the greater world.

On August 11th, WORLD Channel will rebroadcast the fascinating profile of a herd of elephants and their three protectors in **Doc World: Elephant Path**, followed by a Facebook Watch Party on August 12th at 3p ET/12p PT in partnership with the conservation group, The Elephant Listening Project and team members Daniela Hedwig and Director Todd McGrain.

On Friday, August 23rd WORLD Channel will air two half-hour exclusive extras of **Family Pictures USA**, a new three-part PBS series that explores American cities, towns and rural communities through the lens of the family photo album, unearthing rich personal stories that expand our understanding of our shared history, diversity and common values.

Film and Episode Descriptions:

- **Doc World: Elephant Path – Njaia Njoku** profiles three passionate guardians of the herd who are united in their commitment to these majestic creatures: Sessely Bernard, a tracker from the local Bayaka tribe; Andrea Turkalo, an American field biologist; and Zephirine Mbele, an eco-guard hired to fight off poachers. **ELEPHANT PATH** is an indelible tale of devotion set against the luminous beauty of the “Village of Elephants” in the heart of the Central African Rainforest.
- **Family Pictures** heads to North Carolina and Southwest Florida for a heartfelt reunion between series host Thomas Allen Harris and the inspiring Carolinians and Floridians

profiled in his new PBS series. Harris sits down with some of the cast members to discover how being part of **Family Pictures USA** has affected their lives and families.

62 films will be featured on WORLD Channel this month that highlight how humans impact nature and how nature impacts us. For a complete list of August schedule highlights on WORLD Channel, [click here](#).

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About WORLD Channel

WORLD Channel tells stories that humanize complex issues. WORLD shares the best of public media in news, documentaries and fact-based informational programming that helps us understand conflicts, movements and cultures that may be distinct from our own. WORLD's original content offers national broadcast, online and social media platforms to makers examining issues too often ignored by mainstream media. These emerging and master filmmakers spotlight a diversity of voices, telling stories not heard elsewhere. WORLD has won a Peabody Award, an Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Award and numerous national honors—including an RTNDA Kaleidoscope Award, a Media for a Just Society Award, two Lesbian & Gay Journalist Awards, a Gracie and an Asian American Journalists Award. Carried by 157 partner stations in markets representing 66% of US TV Households, WORLD can also be experienced via WORLDChannel.org, [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#) Watch. Major funding for WORLD has been provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). Additional funding provided by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Wyncote Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts.