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**explore TO SHOWCASE SIX FILMS AT**  
**THE 2009 MAUI FILM FESTIVAL**  
**Wailea, HI June 17-21, 2009**

***Wild Dolphin Project, India's Song, Gorillas...98.6% Human, Guardians of the Sea,  
The Arctic: Change at the Top of the World and No Child Is Born A Terrorist***

(May 29, 2009 Los Angeles, CA) **explore**, a multimedia organization that documents leaders around the world who have devoted their lives to extraordinary causes, will be prominently featured in this year's 2009 Maui Film Festival, to be held June 17-21, 2009 in Wailea and at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center.

"We are honored to have six **explore** films in this year's Maui Film Festival including the debut of three new documentaries," said Charles Annenberg Weingarten, founder of **explore**. "What better way to screen our work than under the stars in Hawaii at one of the most prestigious film festivals in the country."

**explore** features a wide range of topics—from animal rights, health and human services and poverty to the environment, education and spirituality. Both educational and inspirational, **explore** creates a portal into the soul of humanity by championing the selfless acts of others. Individuals and organizations featured in many **explore** films receive **explore** funding in the form of Annenberg Foundation grants. To date, over \$25 million has been awarded to over 100 non-profit organizations worldwide.

**Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm** - Charles Annenberg Weingarten will host a special complimentary screening of the **explore** films for the children of Camp Nalu at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center (One Cameron Way Kahului, HI 96732) in Kahului.

**Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm** – Free public screening of six **explore** films at the SandDance Theater at Wailea Beach (below the Four Seasons).

**Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am** - Charles Annenberg Weingarten will participate in the Film Maker Panel Program at Mei Court at the Wailea Beach Marriott Resort and Spa (3700 Wailea Alanui Dr., Kihei, HI 96753).

Films in the Maui Film Festival include the following:

**Wild Dolphin Project (8:25) WORLD PREMIERE**

Guided by the principle of "in their world, on their terms," Denise Herzing and her team of researchers track and observe a pod of wild Atlantic spotted dolphins in the Bahamas. Using non-invasive techniques to build trust, they can see how the dolphins behave in the most natural setting: their own home. Charles Annenberg

Weingarten and the **explore** team get a firsthand look into the underwater world of these highly social and intelligent creatures.

**India's Song (21:15) *WORLD PREMIERE***

Thanks to the extraordinary people who have mastered the art of listening and who have dedicated their lives to preserving India's ancient traditions, the captivating melodies of Indian culture can be successfully preserved, celebrated and shared.

**Gorillas...98.6% Human (22:07) *WORLD PREMIERE***

On a trip to Rwanda, **explore** had the opportunity to visit four families of wild mountain gorillas, a species with only 720 remaining members. Their guide is Craig Sholley, who has been intimately involved in the preservation of African wildlife for more than 30 years. The team's thrilling interaction with these peaceful animals - who share 98.6% of their genetic makeup with humans - is a startling reminder of their own humanity.

**Guardians of the Sea (Encore Presentation) (11:25) *2008 MAUI FILM FESTIVAL WINNER***

**explore** traces the rich history of life guarding, going back to the legendary Duke Kahanamoku and Eddi Aikau, in this moving tribute to Hawaii's "guardians of the sea." The team then jumps to modern day Pipeline, where highly skilled lifeguard protect surfers from the ocean's powerful swells.

**The Arctic: Change at the Top of the World (37:56)**

Philanthropist and filmmaker Charles Annenberg Weingarten and the **explore** team set out on a philanthropic fact-finding mission to the Arctic. Steeped in history and tradition, the Arctic is a cold, vast and astonishing expanse of land and sea at the top of the planet. Join Charlie and Iqaluit Mayor Elisapee Sheutiapik as they meet the region's people, learn about Inuit culture and explore how their fragile ecosystem and time-honored way of life are faring in the face of global warming.

**No Child Is Born A Terrorist (21:00)**

What happens when Palestinian youth are given an alternative to a life of violence and martyrdom? Deep inside the most radicalized refugee camp in the Palestinian Occupied Territories, The Freedom Theatre is an outlet for feelings of anger and frustration, where expressions of violence can transform into expressions of art.

Never stop learning™. Come **explore**.

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