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DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE TAKES *STAND* TO SAVE THE PRISTINE WATERWAYS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA'S WEST COAST

Los Angeles, CA – July 21, 2019 – Scientology Network's DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE, the weekly series providing a platform for Independent filmmakers to air films on important social, cultural and environmental issues, presents *Stand*, the dramatic story of grass-roots activism aimed at preserving the culture and beauty of British Columbia, on July 26.

DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE premieres Fridays at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Scientology Network.

Stand presents the story of Norm Hann, a paddleboarder who sets out to thwart a proposed oil pipeline that poses a threat to the pristine waterways and lush rainforests of British Columbia.

Through stunning photography, co-directors Anthony Bonello and Nicolas Teichrob take viewers on a journey along the coastline of western British Columbia, a place of immense beauty, unspoiled ecosystems and a way of life for BC's indigenous people. Through it all, the filmmakers document one man's effort to save the region from being forever lost to Big Oil's attempts to rake in big bucks. *Stand* demonstrates the power of the individual in building a grass-roots protest movement and winning against all odds.

Stand received multiple awards for Best Film in festivals around the world, including Movie of the Year (SUP Magazine Awards) and Best Environmental Conservation Film (CMS Vataravan, New Delhi, India).

ABOUT ANTHONY BONELLO

Filmmaker Anthony Bonello is a passionate skier, climber and surfer who has used these pursuits to challenge himself and explore the world. In 2009, he founded b4apres Media and independently directed and produced the documentary *Azadi: Freedom* and co-directed *Stand*, both of which won numerous awards and screened in over 30 countries. He later joined

Switchback Entertainment as a producer and editor on the feature-length documentary, *Snowman*. Bonello is also a published freelance writer and photographer.

ABOUT NICOLAS TEICHROB

Nicolas Teichrob is an award-winning photographer and filmmaker from British Columbia, Canada. His photos have been published internationally in skiing, biking and surfing media outlets. In addition to co-directing *Stand*, Nicolas is the co-founder of Dendrite Studios, a multi-award-winning film production company focusing on outdoor adventure.

ABOUT DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE

Fundamental to Scientology is a humanitarian mission that extends to some 200 nations with programs for human rights, human decency, literacy, morality, drug prevention and disaster relief. For this reason, the Scientology Network provides a platform for Independent filmmakers who embrace a vision of building a better world.

DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE debuts films weekly from award-winning Independent filmmakers whose goal is to improve society by raising awareness of social, cultural and environmental issues.

For more information, visit scientology.tv/docs.

The Scientology Network debuted on March 12, 2018. Since launching, the Scientology Network has been viewed in 237 countries and territories worldwide in 17 languages. Satisfying the curiosity of people about Scientology, the network takes viewers across six continents, spotlighting the everyday lives of Scientologists; showing the Church as a global organization; and presenting its social betterment programs that have touched the lives of millions worldwide. The network also showcases documentaries by Independent filmmakers who represent a cross section of cultures and faiths, but share a common purpose of uplifting communities.

Broadcast from Scientology Media Productions, the Church's global media center in Los Angeles, the Scientology Network can be streamed at scientology.tv and is available through satellite television, mobile apps and via the Roku, Amazon Fire and Apple TV platforms.

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