

VERVE ENTERTAINMENT INTERNATIONAL CULTURE CATALOGUE...

A Life Among Whales (1 x 1hr)

Environment - Factual - Culture - History

Weaving together natural history and biography, 'A Life Among Whales' is a fascinating exploration into the life and work of whale biologist and MacArthur Fellowship winner Dr. Roger Payne. Beginning with his controversial and pioneering work on whale songs in the 1970's, to his study of ocean pollution today, Payne has, for four decades, advanced the boundaries of science and activism and helped ignite the modern day environmental movement.

With beautiful and haunting images, 'A Life Among Whales' follows one scientist's dedication to save the whales and forces us to question our stewardship of the Earth and our co-existence with some of its most intriguing creatures.

Winner *Earth Watch Film Award 2006* and many other prestigious awards. Full list available.

A Bill Haney Film

Worldwide terrestrial rights (excluding USA) with Verve on behalf of Watch This Space

Big Gay Issues (9 x 1 hr)

Culture – Entertainment – Gay

9 x 1 hour documentary series tackling the major social & political topics impacting gay and mainstream society. Filmed on location around the world BIG GAY ISSUES includes celebrity comment, everyday lives and compelling human interest interviews from marriage to adoption to transgender rights, BIG GAY ISSUES, features in depth interviews with those most passionate about the issues from both sides of the fence.

Hosted by Tennis legend Martina Navratilova, this compelling series places a human face on the laws, legislation and attitudes that shape the lives of millions around the world.

These BIG GAY ISSUES deserve analysis and debate as they reshape the social landscape across the globe.

A Demon Angel production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Bruce Lee: The Path of the Dragon (1 x 1 hr)

Entertainment - Culture

Bruce Lee: The Path of the Dragon, narrated by Bruce Lee's daughter, examines how one man changed martial arts forever. With appearances by Jackie Chan, Jean Claude Van Damme and Chuck Norris, you will see how Bruce Lee influenced and set the precedent for today's action-heroes. Enjoy the rare out-take footage from his movies, and some of Bruce Lee's private tapes of his training at home – including his famous one-inch punch.

A Becker Entertainment Production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Bruce Lee: The Intercepting Fist (1 x 1 hr)

Entertainment - Culture

Bruce Lee: The Intercepting Fist brings us the story of Bruce Lee's life, particularly as it related to television and film. Featuring rare footage of Bruce Lee's training and teaching, never before seen extracts from his unfinished work and out-take footage, this film offers unique insights into how one man's spectacular talent broke racial barriers in Hollywood. Take a behind the scene looks at Bruce Lee's greatest movies.

A Becker Entertainment Production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Bruce Lee's Jeet Kune Do (1 x 1 hr)

Entertainment - Culture

Bruce Lee's Jeet Kune Do, narrated by Bruce Lee himself is an instructional guide to martial arts, this unique documentary focuses on mastering techniques used in Bruce Lee's movies and personal practice.

A Becker Entertainment Production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Children of the Golden Horse (1 x ½ hr)

Culture – Factual – Family - HDV

A unique documentary of faith, conflict and dreams...

Ten-year old Jattae is a "Hilltriber", one of the ethnic minorities living in poverty in the mountains of Northern Thailand. Without Thai citizenship Jattae and those like him have no right to a school education or public health care. Many of the inhabitants of these villages escape poverty through drug dealing or prostitution, but young Jittae dreams of escape by moving to a nearby Buddhist Temple run by a famous Monk, Phra Khru Ba – a local hero who actively campaigns for the rights of the Hilltribers.

The Temple has over 100 horses who help advertise the temple; encourage visitors to donate money and attract more young boys to the school. As the monk Phra Khru Ba finds himself unable to give all the children the time and attention they deserve, the horses also serve to provide an emotional bond to the boys as well.

Join Jattae during a very important month in his life. A unique testament of faith and dreams.

A Marta Polo Media Production

Worldwide rights (excluding German) available with Verve

China in a Box (over 500 clips)

Culture – Travel – Factual - Interstitials

A compilation of pre-cleared stock footage clips at your fingertips.

China today is one of the world's most dynamic economies and is experiencing profound social and cultural change. The Beijing Olympic Games in August 2008 will focus the world's media on a country that has evolved faster than our perceptions.

China In A Box is a compilation of stock footage clips covering all aspects of contemporary China, encompassing its geographic, cultural and demographic richness with a focus on the topics most likely to be in the media spot-light

From World Stock Footage

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Death (1 x 1 hr)

Culture

Taking an intimate and personal approach to the subject, DEATH is an exploration of people's deepest experiences and perceptions of the ultimate taboo. This riveting documentary combines interviews with 'ordinary people' as well as those involved with death on a daily basis: near death survivors, a funeral director, a San Shaman, an executioner, a pathologist and even a stand up comedian. Experience a harrowing autopsy, visit the ancestors in a San trance dance and take a glimpse into a past life. Embark on a journey of mystery, fear and enlightenment. Share the most universal experience we must all face.

Underdog's acclaimed documentary series for SABC3, Death was screened to the highest audience rating of any local documentary in the channel's history at the time. It won 3 prestigious 1998 Avanti Awards (including a documentary Gold).

An Underdog Production for SABC 3 South Africa

Rights available with Verve

Guinness Entertainment Catalogue (9 hrs)

Culture – Factual

Prolific Australian Filmmaker Martin Guinness award winning documentary films including:

- A Glorious Way to Die (1 x 1 hr)
- Peacemaker/Peacekeeper (1 x 1hr)
- The Art of Ken Done (1 x 1hr)
- Fire & Ice (1 x 1hr)
- Strung Out (1 x 1hr)
- The Things We Do (6 x ½ hours)

Guinness Entertainment Productions

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Horse Sense for People (1 x 1hr)

Environment - Factual – Culture – Family

Using methods of developing trust through communication, Monty Roberts "The Man Who Listens to Horses" helps troubled youths to get a handle on their lives and become successful adults.

Monty Roberts, horse gentler and New York Times best selling author, gained international fame by developing a method of communicating with horses using their natural body language, a technique he calls Join UP. Founded on a consistent set of principles, communication and trust, Monty's methods assert that violence is never the answer. When Monty learns that the lives of the wild horses of Palm Island are being threatened by local youths, he flies to Australia to help save them.

A victim of child abuse himself, Monty sees an opportunity to share a message of hope, learned from horses, with these children who have been raised in one of the most violent places on earth. Witness the positive changes that come over these troubled youth of Palm Island as they work with Monty and the horses to create a bond of trust.

www.montyroberts.com

A Monty and Pat Roberts Inc Production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Kanyini – Interconnectedness (1 x 1 hr)

Factual – Culture – History

A celebration of land, spirit and wisdom that connects us all

Kanyini is a sacred principle of unconditional love and responsibility to all things. It is a principle that underpins Aboriginal Indigenous life, linking four main areas of responsibility:

ƒjukurpa (philosophy, Law and religion), **ngura** (country -land), **waltytja** (family and kinship) **kurunpa** (spirit, soul and psyche).

A necessary and beautiful film, Kanyini looks at the worlds oldest living culture in a way that has never been seen before.

Respected Aboriginal leader "Uncle" Bob Randall, a beautiful and generous man who lives beside the greatest monolith in the world, Uluru in Central Australia tells his personal story to 'whitefella' filmmaker Melanie Hogan.

A tale of Indigenous wisdom clashing against materialist notions of progress.... The story of an Indigenous community's struggle to become part of the modern world .

Told with passion, political insight, dignity and warmth. This is not only a story of one man and his people but the story of the human race.

"The Earth is Our Mother .. that makes you and me brother and sister"... Bob Randall

It is only through understanding the way our past has shaped our present, that we can create a better future allowing Indigenous and non indigenous cultures to truly come together and re-connect to the land

www.kanyini.com

A Reverb Film

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Living Coffee – Series 1 (13 x ½ hr)

Lifestyle – Culture – Travel - Food

The culture of coffee brings people together...

Join Paul Bassett, the world barista champion for an intimate insight into the international culture of coffee.

This entertaining and informative romp begins in Byron Bay Australia, in local coffee plantations where it all began for Paul. We then travel with him to some of the very best cafés in the world, to reach the ultimate destination – the world barista championship in Trieste Italy, where we experience first hand the glory of victory and the bitter taste of defeat on the biggest stage in the world coffee arena.

The coffee industry is famous for many colorful and eccentric characters who are happy to share their passion for the bean with us – including world famous trumpet player and coffee enthusiast James Morrison who turns coffee into music....

All coffee lovers understand the importance of getting the very best out of their favorite brew. Each episode offers informative and easy tips to making great espresso at home, how to buy and store your coffee, texturing milk, making your favorite drinks – right through to a series of creative signature beverages and the fusion of coffee and food.

Living Coffee: a passionate journey through contemporary coffee culture.

www.paulbasseff.com

An Igloo production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Making Johnny – Burning Man (1 x 1hr)

Art – Music – Culture – Entertainment

Art, Music, Freedom, Circus, Ritual and Spectacle – a Desert.

A journey to the heat of one of the most unique festivals on the planet – The Burning Man Festival – an art event and temporary community based on radical self-expression and self-reliance, held annually in the Black Rock Desert, Nevada.

In recent years, the festival has become the epicenter of an as yet unnamed art movement and platform for a new wave of artists who's works blossom on the playa of the remote desert for one week and then are no more.

MAKING JOHNNY follows two New York artists and their crew as they confront the challenges of designing, transporting and constructing a giant art installation 'Johnny' in this most unique of settings.

In a place where there are no rules and where anything goes MAKING JOHNNY explores the nature of creativity and the fascinating, revealing and sometimes radically divergent perceptions artists can have from the audience for whom the work has been created.

An About 3 Minutes Production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Metamorphosis (1 x 1 hr)

Culture - Gay

Leonard Du Plooy was born to a mixed race ("coloured") family in 1908, and spent the first part of his life teaching at the Christian Brothers' College in his hometown of Kimberley. Then he changed his mind. Metamorphosis is a fascinating exploration of the life of South Africa's most notorious "drag disco granny" of the 70s and 80s. This was a cross-media project incorporating a CD soundtrack compilation and an interactive website (www.grannylee.co.za). The documentary won four Avanti Craft Awards, has been screened at festivals across the world and was recently broadcast on Canadian television. Metamorphosis was selected as one of the world's best television documentaries for presentation at the prestigious INPUT 2001 international conference.

An Underdog Production

Rights available with Verve

Mixing with the Best (13 x ½ hr)

Lifestyle – Culture – Travel - Food

Cocktail Culture.... The color, the passion, the music, the elegance

Life's like a cocktail it's all about getting the mix right. From the friends we have, the clothes we wear, the music we listen to, the places we go and of course the cocktails we love to drink.

Join sultry, sexy, international barman, Manuel Terron on this world first journey through the sophisticated glamour of contemporary cocktail culture. Look behind the scenes at the colorful personalities that run some of the world's best bars, the underground subcultures that visit them and the interior designers that create the ambience and the DJ's that control the sound. You'll learn top tips of throwing a great cocktail party and what it takes to mix a first class drink, just like the best of them.

Mixing with the Best: a vibrant journey that delivers cocktail cool to people around the globe.

www.mixingwiththebest.com

An Igloo production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Mixing with Best – Series 2 (13 x ½ hrs)

High Definition

Lifestyle - Culture – Travel - Food

Style, Locations, Fashion, Music and Class. Mixing with the Best is an unashamedly elitist program that takes the viewer on a fantastic journey through the world of cocktail culture.

New York, London, Paris, Sydney, Melbourne Miami, LA, Turkey, Hong Kong and Taiwan We visit the world's top bars - mix with the world's best bar tenders experiencing their signature cocktails. Live the music, fashion, locations and lifestyle that for most people remain a dream, beyond that velvet rope.

www.mixingwiththebest.com

A Crew Production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Not All Tea & Scones (4 x ½ hrs)

Factual – Culture - Women

A delicious but lemony slice of country life...

Petticoats and pearls. James and chutneys. Scones and tarts. Droughts and deaths. Bankruptcies and auctions. Tractors and tragedies. Mothers and babies. Town and country.

It's the Country Women's Association (these days known to its members as Chicks With Attitude). And it's the bond that binds rural Australian women together through the greatest adversity they've known in their hundred year history.

An affectionate portrait of a life on the land that is fading fast - told through the stories of rural women as they prepare for the annual "The Land Cooking Contest"....

The summer harvest is in... the hot, dry months finally give way to cooler days and nights.. the worries of the time are set aside as 14,000 women across rural New South Wales prepare for the great annual cook-off.

The competition is fierce, the standard is high. But in the finest traditions of sisterhood, there is a pithy sadness mixed with laughter as stories of hardship and triumph over adversity are shared around the mixing bowls and over a cup of tea. With intimate and moving interviews with the women as well as recipes and cooking guides, Not all Tea and Scones will provide a sensory feast as we follow the journey of a small group of women, celebrating their resourcefulness, grit and friendships as they shoulder rural Australia through challenging times

A Purple Pictures Production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Positive Footprints (6 x ½ hrs)

Travel is always exciting, even more so when you have something to contribute. Exploring Nepal, Peru, Kenya, Venezuela and India, Positive Footprints focuses on the impact made by travelers who choose to see more of the world by spending their holidays volunteering to work with less fortunate communities on World Expeditions Community Projects.

From re-building schools, bridges and improving water supply, see our travelers work against the clock, exhaustion and altitude to ensure they leave a positive footprint. Be rewarded with the sights you see, the people you meet and what you can contribute to the communities you visit.

Positive Footprints raises the awareness for a type of travel that is both fascinating and meaningful. As the film evolves the cultural barriers with this remotest community subside and a warm respects and understanding is cemented.

A World Nomads Production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Travel – Lifestyle – Culture - Factual

Refugee Like Me (1 x 1 hr)

They are ordinary people. And they have come from disparate corners of the globe, seeking an elemental need - the need to be safe, the need to feel safe. Their exodus from their homeland is the most painful journey they will ever undertake. If they have made a choice, it is simply the choice to live. In this poignant film, we seek to restore a human face to the word "refugee". Refugee Like Me provides a voice. A voice for six people with six very different stories, from six very different parts of the world yet they all tell a familiar tale. They have all endured the betrayal of their own governments to keep them safe and protected in their homelands. Many have risked their lives in escaping tyranny; all have suffered the loss of loved ones. But in the end, they are all a telling testament to the triumph of the human spirit over repression and injustice.

A Purple Pictures Production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

Factual – Culture – Political

Robert Lovett – Artist & Traveller Series (4 x 1hrs)

Travel with an artist

Robert Lovett having spent most of his life as an international artist makes a great travelling companion.

He will take you on a journey through many countries where he seeks out the unusual and the picturesque. Whether it be bustling cities, fishing harbours or remote desert villages you will watch Robert as he explains his perceptions and methods. You will meet the local people and gain a better insight into their way of life. Be fascinated to see the paint flow onto the canvas and the images form before your eyes. You will see as the artist sees the world. You will travel with a different vision from here on.

Filmed in high definition digital, Robert Lovett-Artist & Traveller India – available now.

China, Dubai, and Oman to be completed in March 2008.

A Lovett-art production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

www.lovetart.com

Travel – Art – Culture

Robert Lovett: Artist & Traveller- India (1 x 1hr)

The colours of the Indian landscape seep onto his canvas

Have you ever watched an international artist paint The Taj Mahal?

See the beauty and colour of India as never before through the eyes of a great artist.

Robert Lovett, a painter for 57 years, seeks out the unusual, the spectacular and the colourful. Watch over his shoulder as he paints. You will be entertained on a wonderful journey to ancient cities and forts and colourful festivals. An insight to the simple way of life of the desert people of Rajasthan. Visit the tropical south of Kerala and experience the exotic Kathakali dancers as Robert paints to the drum beats.

You will be enthralled to watch as he paints his stunning water colours, exposing the character of a diverse and colourful country.

A Lovett-art production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

www.lovetart.com

Travel – Art – Culture - HDV

Robert Lovett: Artist & Traveller- China (1 x 1hr)

Travel with an artist.

See China through the eyes of Internationally acclaimed artist Robert Lovett.

Visit some of the most breathtaking scenery in China. From Shanghai travel

south and west. Watch as Robert paints the majestic and mysterious Yellow Mountains, shrouded in mist. Cruise down the most beautiful river in China, Lijang River, as the sun rises and the towering peaks appear through the mist. Go fishing at night with the cormorant fisherman, an ancient practice passed down through the centuries. Robert visits ancient water villages. He paints the 500 year old houses, Old Shanghai and the spectacular rice terraces.

Travel – Art – Culture

Meet the people at work and play, tai chi and swordplay. You will see China as never before, through the eyes of this gifted artist.

A Lovett-art production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

www.lovetart.com

Shaolin Monks: In the Centre of Energy (1 x 1 hr)

Culture

There are few histories as fascinating as that of the Shaolin Monks. Their creation of martial arts has shaped and inspired all forms of this physical defense that exist today. While Kung Fu and its similar disciplines are well known throughout the world, it is the monks' unique breathing and exercise routine which has, until now, remained one of China's best kept secrets. Passed down from the first monks who lived in the mystical Shaolin Monastery 1500 years ago, this documentary shows the routine and way of life of these skillful and brave monks.

Languages: English, Deutsch, Francais, Espanol, Portuges, Nederlands, Italiano

A Hartmann Production ...Worldwide rights available with Verve

Shaolin Monks: Lotus and the Sword (1 x 1 hr)

Culture

While China's Shaolin Monks are revered and honoured for their martial arts, this is the story of the historical struggle faced by the Yongtai Nunnery's female masters for recognition and equality alongside them. For the first time, the Nunnery opens its doors to provide a fascinating insight into the education and art of China's Kung Fu nuns. The Lotus and the Sword reveals the fascinating history behind the first Zen monastery in China, founded 1500 years ago, as a centre of Zen Buddhism for women and a school for female Kung Fu. The majestic and holy Songshan Mountain provides the backdrop for this original documentary.

Languages: English, Deutsch, Francais, Espanol, Portuges, Nederlands, Italiano

A Hartmann Production... Worldwide rights available with Verve

Shaolin Monks: Shami's Way to Shaolin (90 mins)

Culture

Learn the ways of the Shaolin Monks through the eyes of a young boy on his journey to become a monk. The 'shami' (student) is taught through the wisdom and guidance of his old master, and takes the viewer with him as he learns the monks' way of life and the history of the mystical Shaolin Monastery. From the secrets of the monks to the practical Kung Fu exercises that are re-created, this is an extraordinary insight into an ancient culture.

Languages: English, Deutsch, Francais, Espanol, Portuges, Nederlands, Italiano

A Hartmann Production

Worldwide Rights available with Verve

Shaolin Kung Fu (3 x 45 min)

Culture

Grand Master Shi De-Cheng teaches this step by step tutorial in the basic techniques of Shaolin Kung Fu, as created by the Shaolin Monks 1500 years ago. Firstly, the Grand Master gives instruction on the importance of breathing techniques and how they are used alongside fundamental movements, which form the basis of Kung Fu. The viewer then learns how this ancient art can be used for self-defense and unarmed combat. Finally, Shi De-Cheng demonstrates the use of weapons such as swords, spears, sticks and the nine-piece Shaolin whip, as well as historical animal stances.

Languages: English, Deutsch, Francais, Espanol, Portuges, Nederlands, Italiano

A Hartmann Production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

The Great Italian Café (6 x ½ hrs)

Travel – Lifestyle - Culture – Food - HDV

A coffee lover's celebration of the Great Italian Café.

There are so many wonderful things about Italy. The food, fashion, architecture, beautiful people and the fantastic cars, but for many Italy is all about coffee and the cafés.

Whether it's cappuccino at breakfast or espresso in the afternoon, this mysterious brew seems to somehow fuel Italian culture and drive the people that live there.

The Great Italian Café's are treasures that allow us to experience the history, culture and style of the world's coffee capital.

Enjoy an authentic travel experience as we journey through the best in café culture from Venice, Treviso, Milan, Turin and Bologna celebrating the passion of the country's aficionados, the regional variations in coffee culture and the role the Great Italian Café has played in the development of Italy.

An Igloo production

Worldwide rights available with Verve

The Secret of the Bat: Bacardi - Between Rum and Revolution (1 x 1hr)

Factual – Culture - Political

The Bacardi Family, their rum empire and their bitter battle against the regime.

Relations between the Bacardi family concern and Cuban leader Fidel Castro are characterized by more than forty years of hatred. The Bacardi company founded in Santiago de Cuba in 1862 was dispossessed and driven out of the country after the Cuban Revolution. Since then, the history of the Bacardi rum empire is a story of corruption, of skeletons in the closet, of terror and a powerful and bitter battle against the regime of Cuba.

With surgical precision, authors Marcel Kolvenbach and Ekkehard Sieker dissect the involvement of one of the world's biggest spirits manufacturers in the military operations and acts of sabotage carried out by the CIA and other organizations against socialist Cuba. On the basis of impressive archive material and interviews with family members and their supporters, as well as

with opponents and victims of the conflict, the key position of the Bacardis amongst various right-wing extremist, anti-Cuban, associations becomes clear.

Also revealing the influence the Bacardi's enjoy in the highest political circles in America - the family played a major role in the introduction of a US embargo on Cuba, however it becomes clear that all efforts by the Bacardi family to put an end to socialism in their home country have failed. Even today 'the bat' is still unable to return to Cuba.

*A Kiosque GmbH Production / A Marcel Kolvenbach and Ekkehard Sieker film
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Through A Child's Eyes (1 x 1 hr)

Culture – Factual

Hundreds of millions of people in our world live on less than one dollar a day. The facts and statistics of poverty distress us daily. But what does it mean in human terms to really live in such dire poverty. Through a Child's Eyes presents a true picture of daily life ... told through the eyes of nine year old children.

Moving yet uplifting, human stories of life in poverty told by seven very special children from India, Egypt, New York, Romania, Cambodia, Rwanda and Brazil, who share in earnest their experiences of life in poverty so articulately while retaining their joyous spirit of childhood.

*A Guinness Entertainment Production
Worldwide rights available with Verve*

Two Moms (1 x1 hr)

Culture - Gay

Meet an ordinary family of extraordinary people... *Two Moms* takes an intimate and human look at two exceptional women and their unique family. This documentary explores the people behind the headlines as it charts the daily life of this lesbian couple and their historic struggle to legally adopt children and receive equal treatment under the law. A riveting documentary that will challenge long-standing misconceptions and stereotypes – highlighting the similarities between us all as opposed to our differences.

*An Underdog Production
Worldwide rights available with Verve*

Voices of Iraq (74 min)

Factual - Culture –Political

150 digital video cameras were distributed among the people of Iraq to create the ground breaking, critically acclaimed documentary *Voices of Iraq*. The film offers a unique opportunity to experience the diverse perspective of Iraqis on issues ranging from Saddam to women's rights to everyday life – directly from the streets, home and offices of Iraq with an honest and reality unheard of during Saddam's regime of terror. Including many personal stories and never before seen footage – showing what happens after the car bombs explode, beyond what we see on the news everyday. Silenced for 24 years, this is the first feature to tell the Iraqi stories for the world to see

*www.voicesofiraq.com
A Becker Entertainment Production
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