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## **WORLD Channel Announces Season 6 of *Doc World* Series**

### **New Season Will Premiere Three Films on Global Democracy Beginning April 9, 2023**

Boston, MA (March 21, 2023) – [WORLD Channel](https://www.worldeurope.com/), public media’s platform for diverse independent film, has announced three documentaries to premiere as part of Season 6 of its [Doc World](https://www.worldeurope.com/docworld/) series.

*Keep It a Secret*, the unsung history of Ireland’s surfing pioneers who transcended political conflict; *Ganden: A Joyful Land*, an intimate look at the lives of the last remaining generation of Tibetan Buddhist monks who studied at Ganden Monastery in Tibet; and *The Accused*, a profile of the powerful cleric Khadim Rizvi, whose one mission is to preserve Pakistan’s blasphemy laws. Additional films for *Doc World* Season 6 will be announced in the spring. *Doc World* airs weekly, Sundays at 10pm ET on WORLD Channel.



Hosted by award-winning voice actor Andia Winslow, *Doc World* showcases the best international documentaries that dive deep into the heart of an issue, giving American viewers a chance to understand the lives and concerns of people from around the world.

"Struggles for democracy, unity and freedom of speech have played out in so many ways around the world. While Americans may have heard of these conflicts in passing or on the news, a deeper understanding of these histories can be achieved by listening to the people that lived through them," said Chris Hastings, executive producer for WORLD Channel at GBH in Boston. "This season of *Doc World* is curated to bring more intimate portraits of global efforts for peace and representation to our viewers, who I hope will be as inspired as I am by the stories and the filmmakers untangling complex issues for the screen."

### **Doc World Season 6: International Documentary Features**

#### ***Keep It a Secret***

**Sunday, April 9 at 10pm ET**

*Keep It A Secret* recounts the inspiring true story of the dawn of Irish surfing and how the sport's brave pioneers found peace in the surf during the most violent years of The Troubles, a 30-year ethno-nationalist conflict. In 1972, every international sporting event in Ireland was canceled, except for one. Teams from around the world refused to travel to Ireland amid the height of the Troubles. Amidst the conflict, surf pioneers in both Dublin and Belfast transcended political hostilities to host the 1972 Eurosurf Championship. *Keep It A Secret* is a chronicle of boundless idealism in the midst of a violent conflict. The film will take you on a stunningly beautiful ride to reveal how surfing gave an exceptional collection of young people hope at a time of despair; how the sport would forever change their lives; and how the tight-knit, rebellious community they formed would leave a lasting impression upon Ireland.

#### ***Ganden: A Joyful Land***

**Sunday, May 14 at 10pm ET**

*Ganden: A Joyful Land* takes a revealing and intimate look at the lives and remembrances of the last remaining generation of Tibetan Buddhist monks to have studied at the renowned Ganden Monastery in Tibet. Ganden is considered the most influential monastery of Tibetan Buddhism, likened by Buddhists to the Vatican City. It is here where the Dalai Lama's lineage began. For more than 500 years, monks lived in Ganden in simplicity and contentment, before a brutal invasion drove them from their sacred home to start anew in India. Embodying the strength and joy their faith teaches, survivors of the forced exodus tell of their lives in the old and new Ganden, in Ngawang Choephel's moving film.

#### ***The Accused***

**Sunday, May 21 at 10pm ET**



Cleric Khadim Hussain Rizvi has one mission: to preserve Pakistan’s blasphemy laws, which prescribe a mandatory death sentence for disrespecting the Prophet Muhammad and life imprisonment for desecrating the Holy Quran. With millions sympathetic to his goal, Rizvi holds the state under his spell and silences anyone attempting to change the law by condemning them to death. But there’s more to Rizvi’s mission than just maintaining the sanctity of his faith: he’s running for the highest office in the country in the upcoming elections where everyone – those that oppose him, the country’s minorities and even his followers are just pawns in his quest for absolute power.

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WORLD shares the best of public media in news, documentaries and programming. WORLD’s original series examine the issues and amplify the voices of those often ignored by mainstream media. The multicast 24/7 channel helps audiences understand conflicts, movements and cultures from around the globe. Its original work has won a Peabody Award, an Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Award, an International Documentary Association Award, a National News and Documentary Emmy Award, two Webby Awards and many others honoring diversity of content and makers. WORLD is carried by 193 member stations in markets representing 75% of US TV households. Funding for WORLD Channel is provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Wyncote Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts and Artworks. WORLD is produced by GBH in partnership with WNET and is distributed by American Public Television (APT). Find out more at [WORLDChannel.org](http://WORLDChannel.org).