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**SPECIAL WEST COAST PREVIEW OF**  
**THE REAL EVE**

**DOCUMENTARY ON THE PREHISTORIC AFRICAN WOMAN**  
**FROM WHOM WE ARE ALL DESCENDED**

*-- Scientists reveal new findings about the mother of humankind, and the route our ancestors took out of Africa 80,000 years ago --*

A groundbreaking documentary that traces the origin of all human races back to one woman who lived in East Africa 150,000 years ago will receive a preview screening on Wednesday, April 17, in San Francisco, coinciding with a companion preview in Washington D.C. the same night. The two-hour documentary, titled "**THE REAL EVE**", will air globally on the Discovery Channel on Sunday, April 21, taking viewers to nine countries on five continents, as it vividly recreates the ancient world in which modern humans reached and populated every corner of the globe.

Narrated by actor and African activist Danny Glover, **THE REAL EVE** reveals that our shared genetic heritage links every living person on earth. The program also traces the expansion of modern humans throughout the world, from our fragile beginnings in Africa to our exodus through South Asia, down to Australia, up into Europe, and finally into the Americas. Unfolding like a scientific detective story, the film enlists top scientists and cutting-edge research to explain that everyone on the planet today can trace a specific part of his or her genetic heritage back to one woman through a unique part of our genetic makeup, mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA). The mtDNA of "mitochondrial Eve" has been passed down through the centuries from mother to daughter (men are carriers but don't pass it on) and exists within all people living today. "Mitochondrial Eve" had the one successful mtDNA type -- it was the only strain to survive. Genetic evidence, combined with recent findings in archaeology and oceanography, indicate that a small group of modern human ancestors, including later female descendants of this "Eve" left Africa 80,000 years ago (earlier than was originally thought) -- and that from this exodus, the rest of the world was populated. After sojourning in Yemen, southern Arabia, and India, our ancestors journeyed down to Malaysia, and then across 100 miles of shark-infested waters to Australia. Once they reached the Middle East from the Arabian Gulf, descendants of the African group ultimately moved north into Europe (where they displaced the Neanderthals). They also

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spread north into Central Asia and China, enjoying the temperate climate until the Ice Age pushed them off the Central Asian plateau and further eastward. As the film makes clear, although it took more than 7,000 generations for *Homo sapiens* to penetrate every corner of the globe, our common genetic past lives on today.

The film was shot on location amidst the sweeping vistas of Africa, and the exotic settings of Australia and Malaysia where modern man's development actually took place. Hundreds of indigenous peoples were used in the filming. It was produced for the Discovery Channel by Granada Productions in association with Libra Films. Paul Ashton and Amanda Theunissen are producers. Andrew Piddington is director. **Discovery Channel** is one of the United States' two largest cable television networks, serving 85.9 million households across the nation with the finest in informative entertainment.

The Women's Intercultural Network (WIN) invites you to the second in our **Women's Intercultural Film Screenings** - a special preview of the **THE REAL EVE** that tells us how closely related we all are, regardless of race, color, creed or national origin. Special guests at the screening will include Danny Glover; Dr. Raye Richardson, Marcus Books; Yuri Kochiyama, Human Rights Activist; Aileen C. Hernandez, State Chair California Women's Agenda; and Charlie Toledo, Director, Suscol Intertribal Council.

The **Women's Intercultural Network, Inc. (WIN)** is a non-profit organization based in San Francisco, California, U.S.A. that links women and girls across cultures globally and in U.S. communities. WIN creates opportunities for women to come together to exchange skills in professional, economic and political leadership and to foster better understanding for cross-cultural activities. We invite all people of good will to our gatherings and our work.

### **TIME DATE & LOCATION**

Wednesday, April 17 at African American Art and Cultural Complex, 762 Fulton, San Francisco. Screening from 6:30 - 8:30 PM, followed by conversation with the special guests and audience.

### **REGISTRATION at 6:00 PM**

Suggested minimum donation of \$10 per person at the door (no one will be turned away for lack of funds). Proceeds from the screening will be used to benefit WIN's Uganda Circle project to link Ugandan and US women for social, political and economic exchange ([visit http://www.videodocument.org/uganda](http://www.videodocument.org/uganda) for details).

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