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PROGRAM SUPPLIER: Image Entertainment

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: **DESTINATION: WORLD II** is the umbrella title for five visually-arresting travel specials, available in both high-definition and standard formats. Series II consists of five stunning episodes, featuring visits to the Alps, the South Pacific, Greece, New Orleans and the Nile. Note: **DESTINATION: WORLD** is the series' umbrella title; there will be no branded logo on any of the specials

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS: Use above description for guide listings. A press release will be posted to PBS Connect and APTonline.org. Color photography will be available via email and will also be posted on APTonline.org.

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BROADCAST HISTORY: U.S. TV Premiere

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RELATED MERCHANDISE:

Viewers: DVD is available via Forest Incentives.

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PRESS RELEASE

Travel to the Most Breathtaking Spots on Earth for the second series of DESTINATION: WORLD

DESTINATION: WORLD II, distributed by American Public Television, is the second series of visually-arresting travel specials that will take viewers to the most spectacular spots on the globe, including visits to the majestic mountains of the Alps, the spectacular coral reefs of the South Pacific, the ancient architecture of Greece, the electrifying culture of New Orleans and the breathtaking scenery of the Nile River. All five specials, available in high-definition and standard-definition, are available for broadcast on public television stations nationwide beginning March 1, 2009 (check local listings). (Note: **DESTINATION: WORLD** is the series' umbrella title; there will be no branded logo on any of the specials.)

THE ALPS brings viewers to the splendor of the world's most famous mountain range to tell a true-life story of extraordinary courage against the backdrop of the overwhelming natural beauty. The episode profiles an American climber about to undertake a harrowing ascent up the rock-and-ice wall known as the Eiger—a place that took his renowned father's life. Narrated by actor Liam Neeson, **CORAL REEF ADVENTURE** explores the dazzling underwater world of the South Pacific's coral reefs,

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against a backdrop of smooth tropical music and songs by Crosby, Stills & Nash.

GREECE: SECRETS OF THE PAST, narrated by actress Nia Vardalos, travels to the birthplace of Western Civilization, traveling to the vistas of the Greek Isles and the land's majestic monuments.

HURRICANE ON THE BAYOU, narrated by actress Meryl Streep and featuring a rousing jazz, blues and gospel-fueled soundtrack, chronicles the haunting affects of Hurricane Katrina on the human population of New Orleans, as well as Louisiana's eclectic culture and extraordinary geography. **MYSTERY OF THE NILE** follows an intrepid team of explorers who set out to navigate the Blue Nile in an epic three thousand-mile journey—facing challenges from crocodile attacks to armed bandits to arrests.

DESTINATION: WORLD II was acquired from Image Entertainment by American Public Television for syndication to public television stations nationwide.

About American Public Television

With more than 10,000 hours of programming in its library, American Public Television (APT) has been a prime source of programming for the nation's public television stations for 47 years, distributing more than 300 new program titles per year. In 2006, APT launched Create – the TV channel featuring the best of public television's lifestyle programming. Known for its leadership in identifying innovative, worthwhile and viewer-friendly programming, APT has established a tradition of providing public television stations with program choices that strengthen and customize their schedules, such as such as *Rick Steves' Europe*, *Worldfocus*, *Sara's Weeknight Meals*, *Globe Trekker*, *America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated*, *Simply Ming*, *Doc Martin*, *Broadway: The Golden Age*, *Lidia's Family Table*, *Rosemary and Thyme*, *P. Allen Smith's Garden Home*, *The Big Comfy Couch*, *Celine Dion: A New Day*, *Queen Rock Montreal*, *Monarchy With David Starkey*, *Spain...on the road Again*, and other prominent documentaries, dramatic series, how-to programs, children's series and classic movies. For more information about APT's programs and services, visit APTonline.org.

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EPISODE GUIDE

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Episode #201 - "The Alps"

In the air above Switzerland, on the sheer rock-and-ice wall known as the Eiger, an American climber is about to embark on the most perilous and meaningful ascent he has ever undertaken: an attempt to scale the legendary mountain that took his renowned father's life. Against a backdrop of overwhelming natural beauty, "The Alps" is a true-life story of extraordinary courage. It's the intensely personal journey of a man who has every reason not to climb the deadly Eiger North Face (the most difficult climb in Europe), yet climb it he must. Featuring spectacular giant screen imagery as well as songs and music by Queen, "The Alps" celebrates the unsurpassed beauty of the region and the indomitable spirit of the people who live there.

Episode #202 - "Coral Reef Adventure"

Actor Liam Neeson narrates this once-in-a-lifetime journey across the South Pacific for a spectacular adventure to explore and access the health of the world's major coral reefs. Ocean explorers Howard and Michele Hall, environmentalist Jean-Michael Cousteau, deep reef scientist Richard Pyle and Fijian diver Rusi Vulakoro investigate the reefs and capture on film a dazzling underwater world that is being threatened by global warming, over-fishing and rainforest destruction. The brilliant underwater scenes are enhanced by unusual aerial footage illustrating how coral reefs are formed and their relationship to volcanic islands. The lilting music of the South Pacific, in a tropical blend with songs from Crosby, Stills & Nash underscores both the beauty of the reefs and irretrievable loss of these fragile worlds.

Episode #203 - "Greece: Secrets of the Past"

This episode travels back to the birthplace of Western Civilization on a quest to uncover the buried secrets of one of the world's most enlightened societies. With stunning aerial photography that captures the breathtaking, azure vistas of the Greek Isles, this is at once a modern detective story and a sweeping archeological journey back in time. State-of-the-art CGI recreates the massive eruption that blew Santorini sky-high and reveals the wonder of the Parthenon before it was reduced to ruins. Narrated by Nia Vardalos (star of *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*) with a musical score that evokes the past and present Greek civilization, this epic journey of discovery reveals a land of beauty and mystery that ultimately changed history.

Episode #204 - "Hurricane on the Bayou"

This episode is narrated by Academy Award®-winning actress Meryl Streep and driven by a rousing jazz, blues and gospel-fueled soundtrack featuring music legends Fats Domino, Aaron Neville, Dr. John and many more. It is both a haunting document of a storm's human effects and a compelling call to restore Louisiana's wetlands, rebuild New Orleans, and honor the place where America's most vibrant home-grown culture was born.

Unfolding against the poignant backdrop of the most costly natural disaster in America's history, the cameras follow a group of four musicians, both legendary and rising, as they explore the electrifying culture of New Orleans: They speed through the beautiful, alligator-filled bayous on airboats, recount their heart-wrenching, personal stories of Katrina, and most importantly, bring the focus to the rapidly disappearing wetlands that are New Orleans' first line of defense against deadly storms.

Episode #205 - "Mystery of the Nile"

A team of explorers sets off to become the first to navigate the Blue Nile from source to sea. The epic 3,260-mile descent down the world's greatest and deadliest river has eluded humankind for centuries — until now. The 16-foot rafts crash through the rapids in Ethiopia's desert canyons and battle through some of the world's most extreme whitewater rapids with renowned kayaker, Gordon Brown. During the arduous, four-month journey, the team faces nearly insurmountable challenges — from crocodile attacks to armed bandits and arrests. Through breathtaking cinematography, "Mystery of the Nile" reveals a region that includes abundant treasures from Tissisat Falls and the wonders of Egypt as well as the forgotten black pyramids of Meroe and 12th century churches that were carved into sheer rock.