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SCAREDSACRED: TRANSFORMING CRISIS FILMMAKER WORKSHOP AND PANEL

Deepak Chopra joins Velcrow Ripper for:

FierceLight: When Spirit Meets Action

Saturday, November 5th, 5:30 pm - 7 pm
Camera, 1028 Queen St. W. Tel: 416-530-0011

The closing panel of the **ScaredSacred** series focuses on the merging of the depth of spirit with the power of action, the theme to be explored in part two of the ScaredSacred Trilogy: **FierceLight**, a feature documentary, podcast, and non-fiction novel based on the quest to discover stories of spiritual activism on the front lines of the planet; contemporary manifestations of what Martin Luther King called 'Love in Action,' and Gandhi called 'Soul Force.' Featuring a dynamic panel of Spiritual Activists, including **Deepak Chopra**, president of the **Alliance for a New Humanity (ANH)** and renowned author of **Peace is the Way**, **Michael Karling**, board member of **ANH** and founder of **Mythic Imagination Institute**, and members of the youth organization **bethesolution**. Panelists will be connected via live multi camera internet video, and simulcast through the ScaredSacred website in conjunction with chattheplanet.com, to a global audience. Hosted by **Velcrow Ripper**.

Log in information and guest updates at: www.scaredsacred.org

The FierceLight panel session is preceded by panels and workshops exploring the themes of the feature documentary, **ScaredSacred**, hosted by the film's director, **Velcrow Ripper**.

Saturday, October 29th, 5:30 pm - 7pm

ScaredSacred: Forgiveness, Justice and Genocide
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What is the interplay between forgiveness and justice? What happens at the juncture of compassion and moral outrage? How does the spirit of a culture survive in exile or under attack? What about the perpetrators? And where is the sacred in all this? Join us for this fascinating discussion with three insightful minds drawing from their experience of the Tibetan exile, the Armenian genocide, and the turmoil of Lebanon and Iraq.

Featuring special guests Tibetan born scholar and Geshe, **Dr. Thutpen Jinpa** (Cambridge University; principle translator for the **Dalai Lama**), Lebanese born author **Hadani Ditmars** (**Dancing in the No-Fly Zone**, a woman's journey through Iraq) and Armenian born Canadian film artist, **Atom Egoyan**, who will be screening clips from his film '**Ararat**', about the Armenian genocide. Moderated by **Velcrow Ripper**.

Sunday, October 30th, 5:30 - 7pm

ScaredSacred: Agents of Change

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A slide show and workshop featuring **Richard Fitoussi** from the Cambodian Land Mine Relief Fund, a campaign Richard has initiated in aid of one of the subjects of **ScaredSacred**, survivor of the Khmer Rouge genocide, **Aki Ra**. As a child soldier, Aki was forced to lay land mines by the Khmer.

Today, he dedicates his life to demining Cambodian, wandering the dangerous fields and jungles with a simple wooden stick, decommissioning hundreds of land mines each year. It's his way of healing both himself, and his broken country. Hosted by **Velcrow Ripper**.

ABOUT SCAREDSACRED

ScaredSacred has been an audience-favourite at festivals all over the world and garnered numerous accolades including the Special Jury Prize at the Toronto International Film Festival. Genie-winning filmmaker **Velcrow Ripper** takes audiences on a visually stunning journey to Earth's Ground Zeros searching for hope and meaning in turmoil. **Ripper's** search takes him to the minefields of Cambodia, war-torn Afghanistan, the toxic wasteland of Bhopal, post-9/11 New York, Bosnia, Hiroshima, Israel and Palestine. While questioning if it's possible for humanity to transform the 'scared' into 'sacred', **Ripper** unearths unforgettable stories of survival, ritual, resilience and recovery. The film deftly weaves together stunning footage with haunting memories, inspirational stories, and an evocative soundscape.

In theatres now, across Canada!

What people are saying about ScaredSacred:

"Provocative... transcendent... mesmerizing... astonishing!"

-- Bruce Kirkland, The Toronto Sun

"Poetic...moving . . .impressive!"

--Dennis Harvey, Variety

"Spectacular... an inspirational message of human compassion."

-- Janis Cole, NOW Magazine

"Important . . .illuminating . . . revelatory.

Can leave an indelible impression."

- Alex Strachan, CanWest

Founded in 2003, Scared Sacred Films Inc. (www.scaredsacred.org) was formed to produce visionary films such as **SCAREDSACRED**.

Veteran producer Cari Green (The Corporation) and award-winning filmmaker Velcrow Ripper are the principals of the company.

ScaredSacred is co-produced by Scared Sacred Films and the National Film Board of Canada in association with VisionTV and ARTE France with the participation of British Columbia Film and Rogers Documentary Fund and with the generous support of the Canada Council and the BC Arts Council.

ABOUT THE NFB: Created in 1939, the National Film Board of Canada has produced more than 11,000 films and won more than 4,500 awards, including 11 Oscars®. As Canada's public film producer, the NFB produces and distributes distinctive, culturally diverse, challenging and relevant audiovisual works that provide Canada and the world with a unique Canadian perspective. For more information, visit www.nfb.ca.

L'ONF en bref

Depuis sa création en 1939, l'Office national du film du Canada a produit plus de 11 000 films et remporté plus de 4 500 prix, dont 11 Oscars. En tant qu'organisme public voué à la production de films au Canada, l'ONF produit et distribue des œuvres audiovisuelles distinctives, audacieuses et pertinentes. Celles-ci reflètent la diversité culturelle du pays et présentent au Canada et au reste du monde un point de vue authentiquement canadien. Pour de plus amples renseignements sur l'ONF ou pour commander des films, allez à www.onf.ca ou appelez au 1 800 267-7710.

INTERVIEWS ARE PRESENTLY BEING CONFIRMED

**For additional information please check the website:
www.scaredsacred.org**

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