

THE FLOWER GARDEN BANKS

Documentary on Gulf of Mexico Coral Reef Premieres on LPB

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Window in the Waves, the story of the Flower Garden Banks, is a documentary by Director of Photography Todd Richard of Synergy Productions in association with Louisiana Public Broadcasting. It will premiere on LPB Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Shreveport, Alexandria, Lake Charles and Monroe. The documentary will also air on WLAE in New Orleans on Friday, April 11 at 8:30 p.m.

Located 110 miles off the Louisiana/Texas coast, the corals of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary rank among the healthiest in the world. *Window in the Waves* tells the intriguing story of how these reefs were formed and why they are crucial to the global environment.

“It’s really interesting that so many Gulf Coast residents aren’t aware of these world-class coral reefs. They’re in our own backyard and thrive in the middle of one of the busiest oil and gas production areas on earth. *Window in the Waves* allows us to learn and care about a miraculous place that is like no other in the world,” Richard shared.

A Baton Rouge native, Richard has been a frequent visitor to Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary since 2000. Over the course of hundreds of dives, he has gathered stunning high-definition footage of one of nature’s most amazing treasures and the diverse creatures that call it home.

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Synergy Productions is located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and specializes in high-definition cinematography and underwater imaging. Louisiana Public Broadcasting provides programming that connects the citizens of Louisiana with content that showcases Louisiana’s unique history, people, places and events.

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Photo 1: Narrator Penny Hammer observes one of the many manta rays often seen gliding over the reefs of the Flower Garden Banks. (photo attached)



Photo 2: Photographer Todd Richard on one of the hundreds of dives necessary to gather footage for the documentary. (photo attached)



Photo 3: Narrator Penny Hammer observes a pair of juvenile drum fish protected by a large brain coral. (photo attached)