



MEDIA RELEASE

New international television series ***Medicine Woman*** films on Sunshine Coast.

Traditional use of bush tucker and indigenous herbs and medicines of Queensland's South East will feature in a new Australian created and produced 13 part international television series, *The Medicine Woman*, presently being filmed around the Sunshine Coast by Maleny based **VISIONQUEST ENTERTAINMENT**.

Hosted by vivacious Dr Daniele Behn, a young Canadian First Nations doctor, the documentary follows her personal quest across six continents to learn the ancient secrets of the natural world that will help combat the modern diseases afflicting her people.

'This is Daniele's search for natural healing substances and the wisdom, long thought forgotten, of shamans, herbalists, yogis, folk healers and mystics we get to meet the healers, medicine men and women, and indigenous elders who keep these secrets,' said creator and producer Norm Wilkinson.

'Daniele has a strong conviction that modern conventional medicine and natural therapies passed down over thousands of years can complement each other in a true holistic approach to the future of healing.'

'Our filming on the Sunshine Coast will introduce Daniele to the coastal areas and islands of southern Queensland that have been home to the Aboriginal people for over 60 000 years. She will learn how native Australians prepared bush remedies and food found in abundance along the coastline,' he said.

'The series is a race against time because many of the world's plant species known by indigenous peoples to have medicinal healing powers are being driven to extinction or near extinction, especially in the world's forests,' Norm Wilkinson said.

Her journey takes her from the fringes of the Arctic Circle to the ancient homelands of the Incas and Mayans, to lost valleys in Asia, South Pacific islands, the jungles of South America and to the grasslands and deserts of Africa.

The 13 part international documentary series will be filming on the Sunshine Coast over November before moving onto New Zealand, Peru and Guatemala. Filming in Canada, Ireland, Wales, Namibia and Sri Lanka was completed in September.

The Medicine Woman series was developed and produced with the assistance of Queensland's Pacific Film & Television Commission – the PFTC. It is an Australia/Canada co-production and has already been sold to TV networks in both Canada and the USA. It is being distributed internationally by the renowned Parthenon Entertainment of the UK.

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