

Deep Space LIVE

'Round-the-World Run: Desert Madness!

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(Linz, March 21, 2011) For two years, a camera crew accompanied Austrian ultra-long-distance runner Christian Schiester through four deserts and as many continents—1,000 kilometers across the most extreme regions on Earth. The result is a breathtaking documentary that will be screened Thursday, March 24 in Deep Space LIVE at the Ars Electronica Center.

Across four Deserts and Continents...

This 52-minute RED BULL-produced film takes viewers on a trek through the Gobi, Sahara, Kimberly and Atacama deserts. The focus is on athletes exploring the physical and mental limits of what a human being is capable of, as well as magnificent natural landscapes and exotic cultures. And above all the question of just what drives some people to run through sandy wastelands where temperatures exceed 120° Fahrenheit.

... with Christian Schiester

At the age of 20, Christian Schiester weighed more than 220 pounds and was smoking two packs a day. But then a visit to the doctor initiated a radical change in his lifestyle. A mere 18 months later, Schiester completed his first New York Marathon in about three hours. In the years that followed, his runs took him through some of the world's least hospitable and simultaneously most breathtaking regions—the Himalayan highlands, the Amazon basin, the Antarctic, and deserts of all kinds.

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The Ars Electronica Center is now hosting a Deep Space LIVE event every Thursday (except holidays) at 8 PM. Each presentation will feature ultra-high-definition imagery in 16x9-meter format and will be accompanied by expert commentary, entertaining stand-up repartee, and musical improvisation. Whether great works from the history of art, space travel, journeys of discovery in the Nanoworld, or a live concert is what you've come to behold, Deep Space LIVE stands for enlightening entertainment amidst breathtaking worlds of imagery. Admission (including an accompanying person) is €2. Holders of a valid Museum ticket are admitted free of charge.

Christian Schiester: <http://www.christian-schiester.com/>

Ars Electronica Center: <http://new.aec.at/center/about/>

Servus TV: <http://www.servustv.com/>

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=og68-skejCs6feature=related>

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