



Holland America Line Premieres 'Planet Earth II in Concert' Featuring Breathtaking Footage and Live Music in Partnership with BBC Earth

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New multimedia production takes guests on a musical adventure, revealing the planet from a new perspective with the latest 'BBC Earth' production

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 12, 2018 — Following the success of the highly acclaimed "Frozen Planet in Concert" that was produced in partnership with BBC Earth, Holland America Line is debuting "Planet Earth II in Concert" on nearly all ships in the fleet. Combining live music with a backdrop of breathtaking footage from the new, award-winning BBC Earth television series "Planet Earth II," the exclusive show immerses guests in the most spectacular landscapes and habitats on Earth, bringing them eye-to-eye with the animals on screen.

"Planet Earth II in Concert" is presented through Holland America Line's partnership with BBC Earth, where world-class education and entertainment are brought onboard through behind-the-scenes films and live multimedia shows — in addition to special feature cruises with masterclass presentations from the television teams that work behind scenes on the programs.

"Our partnership with BBC Earth has been an extraordinary journey to all corners of the globe, and we can't wait to take our guests into the world of 'Planet Earth II' with this stunning, new live concert," said Orlando Ashford, president of Holland America Line. "'Frozen Planet in Concert' has been one of our most popular shows, and 'Planet Earth II' will be the perfect encore. No one shows the spectacle of nature like BBC Earth."

During "Planet Earth II in Concert," guests rub shoulders with acrobatic primates in the jungles of Madagascar, race alongside hunting lions in the remote sandy deserts of Namibia, face stormy seas of the Great Southern Ocean with a family of penguins and tap their toes along with dancing grizzly bears — all accompanied by a live orchestra that plays the main theme music by Oscar-winner Hans Zimmer and the original music score by Jacob Shea and Jasha Klebe for Bleeding Fingers Music.

"Planet Earth II in Concert" is rolling out across *Eurodam*, *Koningsdam*, *Maasdam*, *Nieuw Amsterdam*, *Oosterdam*, *Rotterdam*, *Veendam*, *Westerdam* and *Zuiderdam*, and will be on board all of those ships by the end of April 2018.

Alaska-bound ships will revert to showing "Alaska in Concert," developed last season with exclusive Alaska wildlife footage, for the duration of the season. For Holland America Line's 70th anniversary season in Alaska in 2017, BBC Earth launched the "Alaska in Concert" production that combined live music set against backdrop footage from the BBC Earth television series "Wild Alaska," where audiences experience the cycle of four seasons and see this place is as unforgiving as it is beautiful.

In addition to "Planet Earth II in Concert" and "Alaska in Concert," theater screenings of BBC Earth programs are featured on each sailing, and 45- to 60-minute "Inside Earth" films go behind the scenes and explore the making of BBC Earth content. "Frozen Planet in Concert" will continue to show on longer voyages as a second BBC Earth performance for guests.

About BBC Earth

BBC Earth is a global portfolio brand that invites audiences everywhere to engage with the wonders of our universe. We bring amazing premium content, television and experiences to the world, across multiple platforms including branded channels, live events, digital and social media, AR/VR, theatrical releases for cinema and giant screen films, and consumer products. We believe that celebrating and connecting with our world is more important than ever, across nature, science, space and the human race. Along with our partners we are continually innovating to find new stories and experiences to bring insight, enlightenment and fresh perspectives to inspire us to think and feel differently about our world. From the epic to the everyday, BBC Earth brings you face to face with heart-pounding action, mind-blowing ideas and the sheer wonder of being part of this amazing planet we call home. BBC Earth is a commercial and global consumer brand managed by BBC Worldwide outside of the UK.

About Bleeding Fingers Music

Emmy- and BAFTA-nominated Bleeding Fingers Music has assembled an exceptional and sonically diverse roster of composers to create superlative original film and television scores. Co-founded by Hans Zimmer, Extreme Music CEO Russell Emanuel, Steven Kofsky and SonyATV, the company's core belief is that collaboration breeds innovation, and working in an environment where the gifted are empowered to be adventurous, experimental and creatively generous results in extraordinary music. Our 20 state-of-the-art studios based on Zimmer's world-renowned campus and our best-in-class production team allow us the ability to produce music at the very highest standard. Bleeding Fingers has created original music for productions including Fox's "The Simpsons"; BBC's "Blue Planet II," "Planet Earth II" and "Big Cats"; National Geographic's "Diana: In Her Own Words" and "Challenger Disaster: Lost Tapes"; Sony's "Snatch" (TV); Netflix's original "Dope"; and History Channel's "Mountain Men."

About Planet Earth II

This BAFTA and EMMY award-winning BBC TV series premiered on BBC One in the U.K. in November 2016. It was produced as a sequel to "Planet Earth," which was broadcast in 2006. The series immerses audiences in the most spectacular landscapes and habitats on Earth. From the highest mountains to the remotest islands and from the richest jungles to the harshest deserts, "Planet Earth II" focuses on the most iconic habitats on land

and seeks to bring audiences an experience of what it's like to live in these great wildernesses.

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Holland America Line's fleet of 14 ships offers more than 500 cruises to more than 400 ports in 98 countries, territories or dependencies around the world. From shorter getaways to 113-day itineraries, the company's cruises visit all seven continents, with highlights including Antarctica explorations, South America circumnavigations, Cuba cruises and exotic Australia/New Zealand and Asia voyages; four annual Grand Voyages; and popular sailings to the Caribbean, Alaska, Mexico, Canada and New England, Bermuda, Europe and the Panama Canal. The line welcomed *Koningsdam* in 2016 and has a second Pinnacle-class ship, *Nieuw Statendam*, to be delivered in December 2018. A third Pinnacle-class ship, due for delivery in 2021, recently was announced.

The company is undergoing \$300 million in brand enhancements to secure its position as the leader in premium cruising. Fleetwide, the ships feature innovative initiatives and a diverse range of enriching experiences focused on destination immersion and personalized travel. Guests can expand their knowledge through an exclusive partnership with O, The Oprah Magazine; during an America's Test Kitchen show; at Explorations Café presented by The New York Times; and by taking a Digital Workshop powered by Windows. Outstanding entertainment fills each evening at venues including Lincoln Center Stage, Billboard Onboard and B.B. King's Blues Club. The dining experience can be savored at a variety of restaurants with menus that feature selections from Holland America Line's esteemed Culinary Council, comprising world-famous chefs who design dishes exclusively for our guests.

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