

LA COMPAGNIE DES TAXI-BROUSSE PRESENT

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**“ THE EARTH’S GREAT RHYTHM PERMEATES EVERYTHING,
AND MAN IS CAUGHT UP IN IT, IN SPIRIT AS MUCH AS IN BODY. ”**

Lama Anagarika Govinda, The Way of the White Clouds

A DOCUMENTARY SERIES - HD - 10 X 52 MINUTES

BROADCASTERS: ARTE FRANCE, RADIO CANADA, DISCOVERY CANADA, TFO AND 12 EUROPEAN CHANNELS

The continents are not eternally fixed in their majesty. Far from being immutable points of reference, they are born, grow, and finally succumb to the effects of time, like living beings. The heart of our planet creates and moves them in a never-ending journey.

The continents come together and separate, victims of collisions and tectonic subduction. Life in the mantle can be perceived through earthquakes and tsunamis. From place to place, volcanic action adds a spectacular, often violent touch to the Earth’s surface.

Around a core as hot as the sun, the Earth’s crust is perpetually evolving and redrawing the map of continents and oceans. This four billion year dynamic is perceptible to people who are trained to see it, people with a third eye: the eye of the geologist.

To understand it, our eyes must be re-educated by looking at some of nature’s lessons offered by the Earth, where we can learn to decipher its grandest creations, in landscapes that are continually being sculpted.

PRODUCTION 2013-2014





THE SERIES

SERIES 1 - 5x52': EUROPE (2 episodes), ASIA (2 episodes), OCEANIA (1 episode)

A series directed by Yanick Rose and Christopher Hooke

Coproduction: Idéacom International Inc. (Canada), Arte France, CRRAV, CNRS Images

Broadcasters: Arte France, Radio Canada, Discovery Canada, TFO and 12 european channels

SERIES 2 - 5x52: NORTH AMERICA (1 episode), CENTRAL AMERICA (1 episode), SOUTH AMERICA (1 episode), AFRICA (2 episodes)

A series directed by Alexis de Favitski

Coproduction: Arte France

Broadcasters: Arte France, Discovery Asia, Ushuaia TV

PRESENTATION

To follow the story of continental drift, we travel over the globe to meet committed scientists carrying out advanced research at the most representative sites for each major geological event. With them and through their work, we see familiar landscapes in a completely new light. They show us how the subtleties of the tectonic process can be read in the relief of the land. At the same time, the voyage is an opportunity to set the development of life against the geological time scale, from the first appearance of living organisms, of aquatic and terrestrial plants, of dinosaurs, mammals, and finally, human beings.

At the end of this voyage, discovery after discovery, as we decipher the jig-saw puzzle of our world map, we have traversed a few billion years in an epic journey, deploying unforeseen means and forces that no scriptwriter could have imagined.



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