



**Unique and Exciting New Film Tour in the UK**  
**The International Ocean Film Festival is set to make a splash!**  
**4 September to 30 October 2014**

UK audiences will be able to immerse themselves in the wonders of the ocean without getting their feet wet as the International Ocean Film Festival hits theatres for the first time this autumn. The festival, which originates in Australia, will feature a selection of the world's most captivating ocean-themed short films and will be shown in 17 towns and cities across the UK.

Designed to mesmerise and enthrall, the International Ocean Film Festival showcases more than two hours of sublime footage taken above and below the water's surface. The films document the beauty and power of the ocean, and celebrate the divers, surfers, swimmers and oceanographers who live for the sea's salt spray; who chase the crests of waves; and who marvel at the mysteries of the big blue.

Project AWARE, environmental partner of the International Ocean Film Festival, shares the festival's positive vision for the future of our ocean. Each of the festival's films conveys a deep respect and appreciation for the world's oceans and the creatures that call them home.

"We thoroughly enjoyed the Ocean Film Festival Australia earlier this year so we're really excited to have another opportunity to be a conservation partner of this awe-inspiring film festival." says Domino Albert, Project AWARE Manager and New Media Specialist. "We encourage all divers and ocean lovers to book a ticket now. Let the Ocean Film Festival UK Tour inspire you to further explore, respect, enjoy and protect our ocean."

Heart-stopping shots of surfers riding wild waves and jawsome scenes of divers swimming with white sharks will leave audiences on the edges of their seats. The films also encourage viewers to dive head first into ocean culture as the festival is filled with touching interviews and insightful narrations from the characters whose lives are inspired by the ocean.

**A selection of 2014 highlights include:**

**And Then We Swam**

In May 2010, two British friends set off to row across the Indian Ocean in a second hand boat. Having zero rowing experience, they signed up for an organised race - only to find that a lack of entrants meant that there would be no support boat. After 116 grueling days at sea, the duo was within 8km of the finishing line when disaster struck. An incredible story of adventure, foolhardiness and survival.

**Duct tape surfing**

Eighteen years ago, a car accident left Pascale Honore paralysed from the waist down. Fascinated by the ocean, Pascale dreamed of being able to surf. With the help of a roll of duct tape and with the

support of her sons' friend Tyron Swan, a big wave surfer and professional diver, Pascale's dream eventually became a reality. Share in her joy.

### **Sportlife Saga: Water**

Follow world champion free-diver Guillaume Néry deep below the water's surface as he transforms the sport of free-diving into an art. Now a world-record holder, Guillaume reaches depths of more than 100m and can stay below the surface for more than seven minutes at a time. His forays into the big blue will leave you breathless

### **2014 UK Tour Dates are as follows:**

- **4 September** **Truro**, Hall for Cornwall
- **6 September** **Porthcawl**, Grand Pavilion
- **13 September** **Whitley Bay**, Playhouse
- **16 September** **London**, Conway Hall
- **17 September** **London**, Conway Hall
- **19 September** **Brighton**, Brighton Dome (Corn Exchange)
- **20 September** **Llandudno**, Venue Cymru (The Hall)
- **23 September** **Portsmouth**, Kings Theatre
- **24 September** **Leeds**, The Carriageworks
- **25 September** **Edinburgh**, The Queen's Hall
- **27 September** **Inverness**, Eden Court (Empire Theatre)
- **1 October** **Exeter**, Corn Exchange
- **2 October** **Bath**, The Komedia
- **3 October** **Poole**, The Lighthouse
- **11 October** **Bristol**, Victoria Rooms (Bristol University)
- **17 October** **Cambridge**, Lady Mitchell Hall (Cambridge University)
- **28 October** **Malvern**, Forum Theatre
- **30 October** **Birmingham**, Crescent Theatre

Project AWARE will be exhibiting at the Bristol venue.

For Tickets and information, go to [www.oceanfilmfestival.co.uk](http://www.oceanfilmfestival.co.uk)

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The 2014 International Ocean Film Festival – UK Tour will donate 25p from every ticket sold to Project AWARE.

[Project AWARE Foundation](http://ProjectAWAREFoundation.org) is a global movement of scuba divers protecting our ocean planet - one dive at a time. Focused on the critical issues of Sharks in Peril and Marine Debris, Project AWARE empowers thousands of divers in more than 180 countries to work together for a clean, healthy and abundant ocean planet. Project AWARE Foundation is a registered non-profit organization.

The International Ocean Film Festival is very pleased to be working in partnership with Project AWARE and hope the Tour will raise awareness of the essential work undertaken by Project AWARE while at the same time, raising valuable funds for the charity.

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