

National Geographic Documentary Films Announces New Feature on Dr. Anthony Fauci from Emmy-Winning Directors John Hoffman and Janet Tobias, Oscar and Emmy-Winning Producing Team Dan Cogan and Liz Garbus, and Story Syndicate

National Geographic Documentary Films announced today a new feature documentary about the nation's top infectious disease expert and dedicated public servant, Dr. Anthony Fauci, M.D., from Emmy winners John Hoffman ("The Weight of the Nation," "Sleepless in America") and Janet Tobias ("Unseen Enemy") and Academy Award winner Dan Cogan ("Icarus"), and two-time Academy Award nominee Liz Garbus ("What Happened, Miss Simone?," "The Farm: Angola, USA"). With exclusive access, the film — simply titled **FAUCI** — will deliver a rare glimpse into the long-standing professional career and personal life of this ultimate public servant and American hero, who after a lifetime of public service faced his biggest test: a pandemic whose ferocity is unmatched in modern history.

Dubbed "America's Doctor" by *The New Yorker*, Dr. Fauci has become America's most unlikely cultural icon, with his signature blend of scientific acumen, candor, courage and integrity in the face of COVID-19. He's been affectionately spoofed by Oscar winner Brad Pitt and memorialized by Fauci fans who've put his face on everything from coffee mugs to candles. He's a tireless and effective communicator who has captured hearts and minds across the nation and around the world for his willingness to speak truth to power during an unprecedented pandemic. But less is known about the journey that led him to where he is today.

A world-renowned infectious disease specialist, Dr. Fauci has valiantly led the U.S. fight against every epidemic our country has faced over the past 50 years, from AIDS to SARS to Ebola, and now, COVID-19. The longest-serving public health leader in Washington, Dr. Fauci has worked under seven presidents and is revered on both sides of the aisle. He has testified before Congress — with his trademark Brooklyn accent — more than any other person in American history. Through intimate interviews, Dr. Fauci will take us on a journey through his remarkable career, with a particular focus on HIV/AIDS — from the dark years when there was no treatment and little funding to the advent of triple therapy, and his efforts to bring cutting-edge medications to sub-Saharan Africa through the development of The President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which has saved more than 18 million lives since 2003.

But the man America has come to know and trust over this past year was forged even earlier: during his childhood in Brooklyn working at his father's pharmacy, by his rigorous Jesuit education at Regis High School and College of the Holy Cross that instilled in him a sense of duty to others, and in the endless night shifts during his residency at New York Hospital.

The film will also feature the voices of many of those who have influenced him, and whom he has worked alongside — and for — including President George W. Bush, Bill Gates, Bono, former HHS secretary Sylvia Burwell, former national security advisor Susan Rice, NIH director Dr. Francis Collins, former CDC director Dr. Tom Frieden, key AIDS activists and organizers, and many others,

including his family, friends and former patients.

“There is only one Dr. Fauci, and it is an incredible privilege to bring his inspiring, lifelong quest to cure disease and prevent outbreaks, to viewers around the world,” said Hoffman and Tobias. “This film will be an unprecedented, intimate portrait of our nation’s greatest public servant, whose relentless pursuit of truth and devotion to science has never been more important.”

“Dr. Fauci has become a household name because of COVID-19, but what people may not realize is the heroic and integral role he has played in shaping our national response to serious health crises for more than 50 years,” said Carolyn Bernstein, EVP scripted content and documentary films for National Geographic. “We couldn’t ask for better partners than John, Janet, Dan and Liz to bring audiences this inside look at the man behind the legacy, and we hope his remarkable story will inspire a new generation to pursue public service with the same commitment and verve.”

The film is directed by John Hoffman and Janet Tobias, who have spent their careers telling important and compelling stories about science and public health. Over the past 36 years, Hoffman has made a specialty of communicating to a concerned public about disease, starting with HIV prevention and then addiction, Alzheimer’s, obesity, sleep, and the role of the NIH in leading the way on medical breakthroughs. Tobias’ recent film, “Unseen Enemy,” sounded a warning call about the threat of pandemics, which should not have gone unheeded.

FAUCI is produced by Alexandra Moss (“Not Done: Women Remaking America”) and edited by Amy Foote (“Father, Soldier, Son”). Director of photography is Claudia Raschke (“RBG”). For Story Syndicate, executive producers are Cogan, Garbus and Jon Bardin (“All In: The Fight for Democracy”).

National Geographic Documentary Films previously released the Academy Award, BAFTA and seven-time Emmy Award-winning film **Free Solo** and the Academy Award-nominated film **The Cave**. Other critically acclaimed films under the banner include Ron Howard’s **Rebuilding Paradise**; Sundance Audience Award winners **Science Fair** and **Sea of Shadows**; Emmy winners **LA 92** and **Jane**, both of which were included in the top 15 documentaries considered for an Academy Award in 2017; and Dupont Award winner **Hell on Earth: The Fall of Syria and the Rise of ISIS**.

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