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WOMAN

A FILM BY ANASTASIA MIKOVA AND YANN ARTHUS-BERTRAND

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RAISING VOICES IN MEDIA AS
A WEAPON OF POWER

The film WOMAN is a worldwide project giving voice to 2000 women in 50 different countries in an attempt to understand women's lives and to measure how far they have come and how far they still have to go. It is an opportunity to shed light on the injustices suffered by women all over the world, but what WOMAN would like to underline most, is women's inner strength and capacity to change the world despite all the difficulties they are facing. Dealing with such different topics as motherhood, education, marriage or financial independence but also menstruations or the relationship women have with their body, WOMAN will make you discover the voice of women as you have never heard it before. Most of the women interviewed were anonymous heroines for everything they do in the shadow, but the film also give a voice to symbolic women what women are capable of when they have responsibilities on national and international scale. Women such as the former Irish President, Mary Robinson, the French woman astronaut Claudie Haigneré or the Bielorussian Nobel Prize for Literature Svetlana Aleksievitch



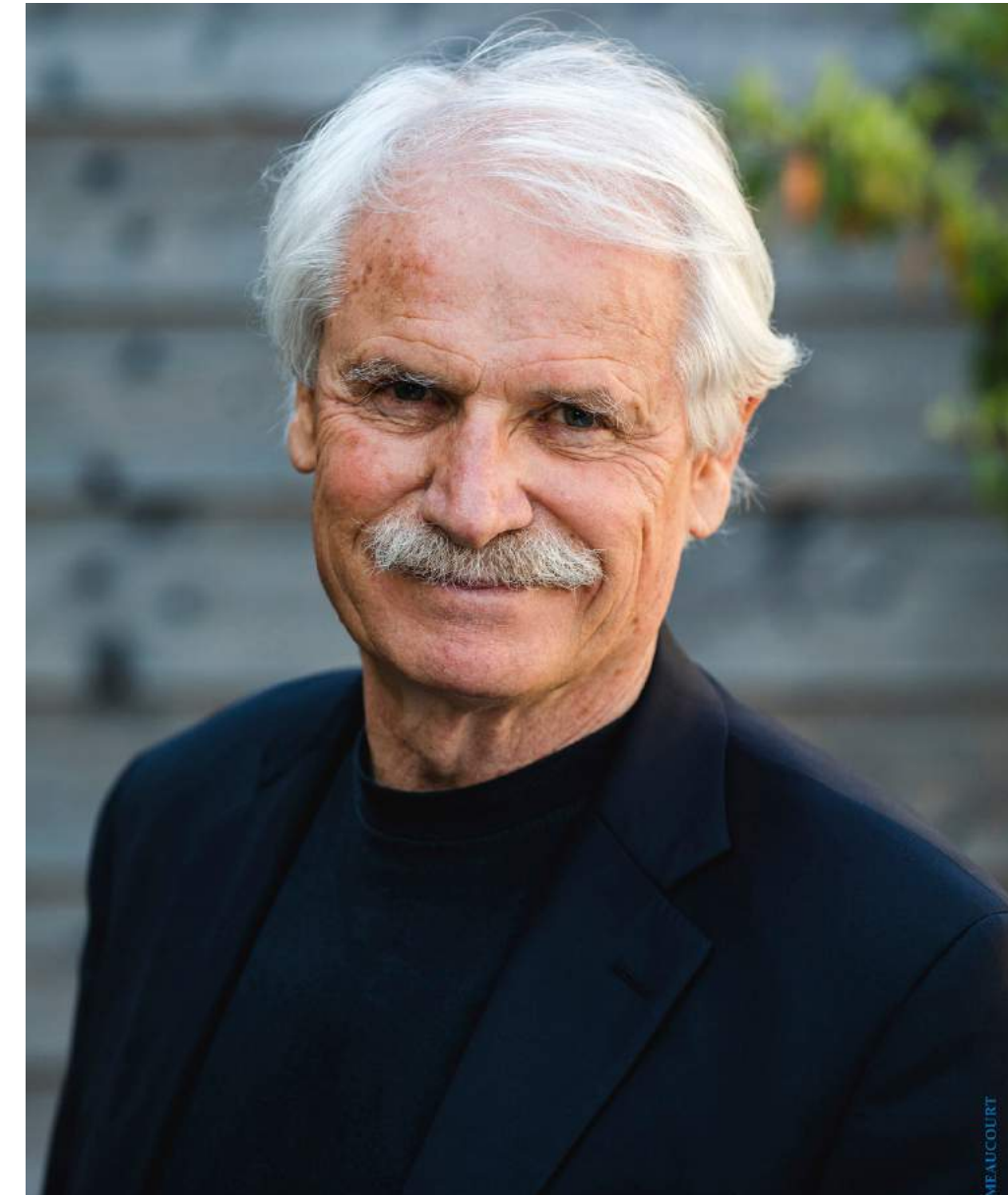
A FILM ON AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE
2000 INTERVIEWS DONE IN 50 COUNTRIES

YANN ARTHUS BERTRAND

A French photographer, journalist, reporter and environmentalist. He is the President of the GoodPlanet Foundation which he created in 2005. He started his career shooting lions in the Masai Mara in Kenya in the 1980's whilst studying their behavior. In 1994 he started a thorough study on the state of the Earth sponsored by UNESCO. As part of this study, he published a best-selling book "Earth from above" : an inventory of the world's most beautiful landscapes, taken from helicopters and hot-air balloons. Following from this success, he took to the air again and released his first movie, "Home" produced by Luc Besson. "Home" has now been seen by 600 million people around the globe.

Considered an environmentalist as much as a director and photographer, he became a goodwill ambassador for the United Nation's Environment Program in 2009.

In 2015, he released the film HUMAN, which premiered at the United Nation and the Venise Film Festival. He is currently preparing the realease of his new film WOMAN co directed with Anastasia Mikova



A N A S T A S I A M I K O V A

A Ukrainian-born film director and journalist whose work has always focused on social and humanist topics. Among other things, she worked as a journalist for documentaries broadcast on French TV Channels, dealing with issues such as illegal immigration, organ trafficking, or surrogate mothers.

She became then editor-in-chief of the series of documentaries «Earth from Above», which marked the beginning of her collaboration with Yann Arthus-Bertrand. Then, acting as first assistant director and co-author, she continued her collaboration with mr. Arthus-Bertrand on the documentary film HUMAN, managing the editorial team and making herself more than 600 interviews of the film. This collaboration is ongoing as she is now co-directing their new film WOMAN, dedicated to women from all over the world.



JOSINA MACHEL

As the daughter of Graça and Samora Machel, and stepdaughter of Nelson Mandela, Josina Z Machel was born into a legacy of activism, and is fiercely passionate in her life's calling to advance women's rights.

In October 2015, Machel was physically assaulted by her then-partner, which led to her tragically losing sight in one eye. As a result of this horrific experience, her activism took on new meaning and she felt propelled to vigorously fight for the rights of abused women, realising that there are many like her who have faced brutality without being able to speak out. For this she launched the Kuhluka Movement, a non-profit initiative that empowers women survivors of gender based and domestic abuse to find their voice and their feet to walk away from abusive relationships. Machel is also a co-founder of the Her-Life project to provide services and support for women in emergency situations.



NORMA BASTIDAS

Norma Bastidas is a celebrated ultra-marathoner and a survivor of sexual violence and human trafficking. Born in Mexico, she was victim of sexual violence by a member of her family and later was caught up by a human trafficking network in Japan. It was running that allowed her to pull herself out of despair, and that has also served as a platform for her to advocate for human rights and raise funds for a cure for her son's rare eye disease.

On July 11, 2009, Norma ran 7 of the planet's most unforgiving environments on all 7 continents in 7 months. And in 2014, Norma Bastidas broke the Guinness World Record for Longest Triathlon after swimming, biking and running 3,762 miles (6,054 km) along a known human trafficking route from Cancún, Mexico to Washington, D.C. She views these experiences as a metaphor for the incredible trials faced every day by the survivors of human trafficking and sexual violence.



PHUMZILE MLAMBO NGCUKA

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka is United Nations Under Secretary General and Executive Director of UN Women. She was sworn into office on 19 August 2013 and brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this position, having devoted her career to issues of human rights, equality and social justice. Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka has worked in government and civil society, and with the private sector, and was actively involved in the struggle to end apartheid in her home country of South Africa.

From 2005 to 2008, she served as Deputy President of South Africa, overseeing programmes to combat poverty and bring the advantages of a growing economy to the poor, with a particular focus on women. Prior to this, she served as Minister of Minerals and Energy from 1999 to 2005 and Deputy Minister in the Department of Trade and Industry from 1996 to 1999. She was a Member of Parliament from 1994 to 1996 as part of South Africa's first democratic government.

Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka began her career as a teacher and gained international experience as a coordinator at the World YWCA in Geneva, where she established a global programme for young women. She is the founder of the Umlambo Foundation, which supports leadership and education. A longtime champion of women's rights, she is affiliated with several organizations devoted to education, women's empowerment and gender equality.

She has completed her PhD on education and technology at the University of Warwick, United Kingdom.



MARLENE SCHIAPPA

She is currently Secretary of State to the Prime Minister, in charge of the Gender Equality department and the fight against discrimination. Born November 18, 1982 in Paris, Marlène Schiappa is a writer, feminist activist and French politician.

She is the founder and editor of the blog Mom works launched in 2008. It success turns it into an association that brings claims around parental equality, including the reconciliation of professional and personal life.

Deputy mayor of Le Mans and community counselor at Le Mans Métropole from 2014, she is also head of the "gender equality" section of the political movement En marche.

The action of her department is subject of a significant mediatization, as it takes place at the moment of the Harvey Weinstein affair and the movements #MeeToo and # BalanceTonPorc.

In October 2017, Marlène Schiappa announced that she would prepare for 2018 a law that would include verbalizing street harassment, lengthening the prescription of sex crimes against minors and setting an age below which a child could not be considered consenting to sexual intercourse. Known as the "Schiappa Law", the "bill reinforcing the fight against sexual and gender-based violence" is adopted unanimously in the Senate and the National Assembly the 3rd of July and 1st of August 2018.



BATHABILE DLAMINI

Minister Bathabile Dlamini serves as Minister in the Presidency Responsible for Women, as well as the President of the largest women's organisation in South Africa, the African National Congress Women's League (ANCWL).

Minister Dlamini has spent her life fighting for the rights of vulnerable and marginalised groups. She was one of the founders of the Imbali Youth Organisation, affiliated to the Anti-Apartheid Organisation, United Democratic Front, and worked closely with the South African Students Congress, to mobilise a new wave of politically conscious youth fighting against Apartheid.

While an active member of the South African National Students Congress Minister Dlamini graduated from the University of Zululand with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Work, which she passed with Distinction.

Minister Dlamini formed part of the leadership tasked to build the African National Congress Women's League structures in KwaZulu-Natal (A Province, in South Africa). She grew through the ranks and served as ANC Women's League Secretary-General from 1998 to 2008.

Ms Dlamini was elected to the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress as well as the National Working Committee in 2007. She is also a member of the National Executive Committee of the ANCWL.

Minister Dlamini has served as Minister of the Department of Social Development from 2010 to 2019. In February 2019 Minister Dlamini was appointed as Minister in the Presidency Responsible for Women.

Minister Dlamini continues to fight tirelessly for the rights of vulnerable groups, and in particular, for the rights of women to be realised.



FRANCESCA DONNER

Francesca Donner is director of the Gender Initiative at The New York Times.

The initiative aims to lead the public conversation around women's and gender issues globally, amplify diverse women's voices, and engage female readers with The New York Times.

Previously, Francesca was the director of Times Insider, which took readers behind the scenes of Times journalism while elevating a culture of candor and transparency.

Before she joined The Times, Francesca was a deputy editor at The Wall Street Journal, where she covered the business of management and worked on digital newsroom strategy.

Francesca grew up in the UK, is a graduate of Stanford and Brown universities in the U.S. and lives in New York City.

