

LAVALINE – World Record in Times of the Pandemic

Balancing act over active volcano: Extreme sport athletes set world record during production of the documentary film *LavaLine* in the jungle of Vanuatu.

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Guinness World Record Over Lava

During filming of the as yet unreleased documentary *LavaLine* under production by One Inch Dreams, Alexander Schulz and Rafael Bridi succeed in setting a new Guinness World Record. The two athletes crossed the crater of the Yasur volcano on Tanna Island (Vanuatu) mid of April on a strip of webbing only 2.5 cm wide. The volcano is among the most active of its kind and is considered unpredictable due to its frequent eruptions and lava bombs.

Quarantine in the Jungle of Vanuatu

In early March this year, the team around the production company One Inch Dreams accompanied Alexander Schulz and his father to the other end of the world: the volcanic island of Tanna in the South Pacific state of Vanuatu. The expedition was built around a lifelong dream of Alexander's: To balance over lava on one last journey together to the volcano – a passion that the son has shared with his father since childhood. Despite many obstacles and unexpected developments, the project was ultimately successful. The lava bombs – 400m high and several hundred degrees hot - as well as the sulfuric acid, which threatened to damage the slackline material were the greatest difficulties during the stunt itself. The surrounding production was greatly impacted by the Corona crisis and cyclone Harold. Vanuatu declared a state of emergency that led to Tanna being cut off from trade and the team quarantining itself in a jungle village for an unforeseeable amount of time.

Johannes Olszewski, director and producer of *LavaLine*, was deeply impressed by the remoteness he experienced in the Pacific island state: "I was not aware that untouched places like this still exist today. The incredible hospitality and rich culture. What a blessing to be stranded in such a paradise in times of global crisis and uncertainty".

The 45-minute documentary about the expedition is currently in post-production and is scheduled to premiere in autumn 2020.

PRESS RELEASE



Health Campaign for Vanuatu

Seeing the urgent need for preventive measures in the face of a possible Corona outbreak in Vanuatu, producer Johannes Olszewski, together with the NDMO (National Disaster Management Office) launched the campaign #staysafeTAFEA: A national health campaign to educate the population of Vanuatu - especially the remote regions of the province of Tafea - about the virus and to communicate specific hygiene measures. The resulting clips were broadcast on national television and can be streamed online.

The project was produced with the support of:

Natural Extremo, Quadratkollektiv, Blackmagic Design, Casio, Stubai, EVOC, Fujifilm, Cooke Optics, LaCie, Michael Radeck - flyingshots, Ledlenser, Balance Community, Bebob, Archiware

Press materials

More information and pictures about the expedition are available online at:
<https://www.oneinchdreams.com/press-releases/lavaline>

The clips of the #staysafeTAFEA initiative are available online at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aE-DoWcVq1w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYytLUmvkGk>

A detailed report on the expedition is available soon at:

<https://www.oneinchdreams.com/lavaline>

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