



## THE FLOWER GARDEN BANKS

### Documentary on Texas Coral Reef to Air in Houston

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*Window in the Waves*, the story of the Flower Garden Banks, is a documentary by Director of Photography Todd Richard of Synergy Productions. The first showing of *Window in the Waves* will be on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 7 p.m. on KUHT TV 8 Houston Public Media. The documentary will repeat Friday, October 24 at 1:30 a.m. and Saturday, October 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Located 110 miles off the Texas/Louisiana coast, the corals of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary rank among the healthiest in the world. *Window in the Waves* tells the intriguing story of how these reefs were formed and why they are crucial to the global environment.

“It’s really interesting that so many Texas residents aren’t aware of these world-class coral reefs. They’re in our backyard and thrive in the middle of one of the busiest oil and gas production areas on earth. *Window in the Waves* allows us to learn and care about a miraculous place that is like no other in the world,” Richard shared.

The 2014 Blue Ocean International Film Competition named Richard and *Window in the Waves* as a finalist in the Emerging Filmmaker category. The documentary also received an honorable mention in the Cinematography category. In all, 350 films from 45 countries were judged for the 2014 competition.

Richard has been a frequent visitor to Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary since 2000. Over the course of hundreds of dives, he has gathered stunning high-definition footage of one of nature’s most amazing treasures and the diverse creatures that call it home.

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Synergy Productions is located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and specializes in high-definition cinematography and underwater imaging. KUHT TV 8 Houston Public Media is focused on delivering high quality local, regional and national content in the areas of news and information, arts and culture, and education.

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Photo 1: Narrator Penny Hammer observes one of the many manta rays often seen gliding over the reefs of the Flower Garden Banks.



Photo 2: Photographer Todd Richard on one of the hundreds of dives necessary to gather footage for the documentary.



Photo 3: Narrator Penny Hammer observes a pair of juvenile drum fish protected by a large brain coral.