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**KELLY SLATER: WORLD CHAMPION SURFER AND  
OCEAN WAVE EXPLORER**

*Slater's Influence Extends Beyond Surfing*

Kelly Slater is the most iconic surfing professional of his generation and will soon come to global audiences in the role of ocean advocate and wave instructor as he helps explain the science of waves in the newest IMAX®-format film by Stephen Low, *The Ultimate Wave Tahiti*. As key personalities in the film, Slater and co-host, Tahitian waterman Raimana Von Bastolaer, help to explain where waves come from, why they are important and how communities and people far from the ocean shore are affected by the ocean's interplay within our ecosystem. With the use of advanced animation techniques and science support from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other authorities, Slater's hands-on wave experience is woven together with profound scientific insights.

Few human beings have the skill and courage to surf Teahupo'o, considered by experts and oceanographers as one of the world's more extreme waves. Advanced film techniques now permit theatergoers to experience for the first time, the exhilaration of riding Tahiti's heavy and dramatic plunging breakers. The experience is accompanied by illustrated explanations of the forces at play within the waves themselves.

Slater's impressive resume lends weight to his insights and credibility to his film role as lecturer and ocean authority. Surfers and the global media know of Slater and his meteoric

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THE ULTIMATE WAVE TAHITI is A Stephen Low Film, in Association with K2 Communications and havoc Television. Presented by Suzuki, with supporting sponsorships from Tahiti Tourisme and Quiksilver.

advance from the amateur surfing circuit in Florida to his early professional achievements on the competition circuit. His nine world-championships, the most ever won by any surfer, give Slater an enviable platform from which he frequently influences the sport and surfing lifestyle.

Using The Kelly Slater Foundation as his focus, he is a powerful advocate of ocean protection and ecology. Slater has successfully used his global status as the world's pre-eminent surfer to draw attention to the plight of ocean ecology and consistently champions efforts to promote public and private action to protect the earth's water resources.

*The Ultimate Wave Tahiti* takes full advantage of Slater's unique personality. Known around the world, his influence attracts those sharing a concern for the ocean's ecosystems. Yet, few of these kindred spirits have ever visited or will ever experience the place he knows so well – until now.

In *The Ultimate Wave Tahiti* this globally respected sports celebrity invites the audience to simply enjoy the ocean – as he shares tropical afternoons with friends in warm Tahitian waters. Slater brings the audience with him as he and Raimana Van Bastolaer experience the tranquil beauty of Tahiti, its ocean culture, and above and below sea adventures. Then, as the massive breakers arrive from the depths of the southern ocean, it is Slater alone who paddles out and delivers for a waiting audience a wave riding experience that is unparalleled – a first for IMAX and other giant screen productions.

Viewers will gain a sense of appreciation for surfing –traditional board surfing and stand-up paddle surfing – and witness how high speed watercraft enable skilled surfing experts to be towed-into fast moving waves.

In *The Ultimate Wave Tahiti*, Slater and Van Bastolaer bring the audience into their special environment. Film audiences will learn important educational insights about how waves form and why they are important to the ecosystem. And, they will gain new respect for this surfing icon – and his fellow surfing companions – as he lobbies the planet to raise awareness for better care of our precious ocean systems.