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RE: Village Children exhibit at the PGMNH
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Event Dates/Times:
Lecture: Saturday, August 19 at 2:00 p.m.
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World-Renowned Speaker Dr. Phil Rasori To Speak at PGMNH



The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History will host coveted guest speaker, Dr. Phil Rasori for a free lecture featuring Village Children: The Stories Behind the Photographs on Saturday, August 19th at 2:00 p.m.

The museum has been featuring this compelling exhibit since July 1st that will run through September 30, 2006. *Village Children: A Celebration* originated at the California Academy of Sciences, and has travelled nationally since its 2001 opening. It features photographs of happy, healthy children from Guinea, Bhutan, Bali, Nepal, Kenya, Brazil, Mexico, Guatemala, Tanzania, Peru, Ecuador, Tibet, Thailand,

Vietnam, Cambodia, and the U.S.

Dr. Rasori is a well known physician and photographer and is best known for his photographs documenting indigenous peoples on six continents over the last twenty years. He currently works as a consultant in the International Health field and for almost 15 years has been teaching students at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine's program. He also holds informative lectures to the family practice residency program at the Santa Rosa Medical Center. Dr. Rasori is also the Director of Global Survival International and the medical director of Village HopeCore, which is a small non-profit currently working in Kenya towards alleviating poverty through innovative education and training.

For several decades, Dr. Rasori has traveled the globe administering medical care to native peoples who struggle to maintain their cultural identity. His stunning and sensitive photographs of his patients--indigenous peoples from six continents--have been widely exhibited at venues including San Francisco's California Academy of Sciences; the San Diego Museum of Man; Stanford University; UC Berkeley; SFSU; Sonoma State University; the Museum of Peoples and Cultures at Brigham Young University; the University of Alabama; and the Everhart Museum of Art in Pennsylvania. His 2002 exhibit, *Endangered Cultures: Portraits from Tribal New Guinea*, was shown locally at the PGMNH. At some of the larger museums that he has held exhibits, he boasts a following of over 300,000 visitors per year.

Dr. Phil Rasori Continued...

For more information about the lecture and associated events, contact Museum Director Paul Finnegan at (831) 648-5716, ext. 12, or e-mail pfinnegan@ci.pg.ca.us

The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History is located at Forest & Central avenues, and is open free to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Call (831) 648-5716 for Museum information, or pgmuseum@mbay.net / www.pgmuseum.org

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