



Science Entertainment

BACK from the BRINK

Zoos of the world have forged new Science to save endangered species, and are on the brink of bringing others back from extinction!

a series of **60:00s**



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In a race against time, the planet's leading scientists at Zoos around the world link hands to save endangered species. Using the most advanced scientific techniques these heroes are close to bringing an extinct species back to life. **BACK from the BRINK** takes us on a journey unlike any you could have imagined. It's reality science fiction. It's action. It's adventure. Come with us behind the scenes and into the laboratories to experience the groundbreaking discoveries that are bringing our most endangered species BACK FROM THE BRINK.

Science is the **petrie dish**, the **cryopreservation tank**, the **DNA test** and the **genetic molecular research** that could virtually stall or stop another animal from leaving this world forever. It's not only

cutting edge, but as dramatic as fiction. The very science that took them to this dangerous precipice could be their saviour.

Led by **Peter Garrett**, our rocker host and shot **verite style**, this series will mix strong human characters, "**living science**" and wild creatures with **leading Zoos** around the world.

Beautiful. Majestic. Awe inspiring. Disappearing. They are the thousands of nearly extinct creatures that make the **IUCN: World Conservation Union's "Red List"**. Almost **10,000 animals** are threatened! By the year 2025, the world could lose one fifth of all known species.



The stories are fascinating, sometimes controversial – and sometimes heart breaking. Watch cutting edge technology in genetic research, breeding techniques and disease control put to the test. Wonder while an attempt is made to resurrect an extinct species of mountain goat by cloning an embryo, then artificially inseminating a surrogate species.

Feel the danger as we trans-locate **Siberian Tigers** in their fire-ravaged habitat in Russia. Follow the bloody trail left by predators of precious **Golden Lion Tamarins** through new forensic science techniques in a Brazilian Rainforest. View the journey of some of the first pre-sexed sperm through a mini-catheter camera during insemination of a **Gorilla**. Celebrate when we catch poachers and save an animal's environment. Laugh as **Panda's** get sex education by watching X rated videos. "Back From the Brink" will be as compelling as it is vital.

Be there when the discoveries are made. Audiences will be brought to the edge where the **wild meets technology**. . . where humans have the opportunity to reverse past mistakes and actually bring them 'back from the brink' of extinction.

For further information on this co-production opportunity

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