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### **ProjectExplorer.org's Jordan Film Series Debuts Program Focuses on the Middle East Seldom Seen**

**February 23, 2009, New York, NY** - Beginning February 23rd students worldwide have the opportunity to see the Middle East in a different light with ProjectExplorer.org's newest series.

ProjectExplorer.org's Jordan series features a catalogue of short films that serve as a gateway for students to explore and discuss topics as varied as: archaeology, religion, Middle Eastern cuisine, government and politics, chemistry and physics, and arts and culture. Series highlights include:

**Petra:** Following in the footsteps of Indiana Jones. One of the New Wonders of the World, students will recognize Petra's famed Treasury from the film "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"

**The Science of Dead Sea:** Putting a humorous (and practical) spin on science, host Ilana Fayerman demonstrates the formation of the Dead Sea with her chewing gum.

**Royal Botanic Garden:** Here, grazing sheep, environmental scientists, and even a princess share a common goal of environmental protection and preservation. Join Princess Basma bint Ali on a nature hike covering the 2 1/2 hills of the Royal Botanic Garden.

**Jerash:** History comes to life in the ancient city of Gerasa during a live recreation of Caesar's Roman Legionary as they demonstrate warfare techniques.

Other notable figures and locations featured in the series are: Columbia University's Dr. Peter Awn, Wadi Rum, UNRWA Jabal Hussein Refugee Camp, Umm Qais and the Kewar Arab Heritage Collection.

The Jordan series is presented by young, hip hosts Ilana Fayerman and Adam Sewall. Directed and produced by Jenny M Buccos, it is her hope that the Jordan series will become "a springboard for open classroom dialogue on Middle Eastern cultures, religions, and politics. Through our films, we hope to break down stereotypes and misconceptions that many students may have about the region."

#### **About ProjectExplorer.org**

Founded in 2003 by Jenny M. Buccos, ProjectExplorer.org is a nonprofit organization that produces free, online global educational series. Designed for family and classroom use, ProjectExplorer.org hosts over 160 films aimed at fostering the next generation of global citizens, helping students discover the common humanity they share with the cultures and histories of the world. Used in over 40 countries, by nearly 1,000, 000 people; kids in London, Los Angeles, Lusaka, and everywhere in between, have logged on to become more globally aware.

**For more information on the ProjectExplorer.org series:** <http://www.projectexplorer.org/about.php>

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