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TV48 SERIES ON CHARLES DARWIN

In January of 1980, WCET-TV48 will present THE VOYAGE OF CHARLES DARWIN on public television stations across the country. The 7-part documentary series will portray the life and work of naturalist Charles Darwin, whose biological studies culminated in his controversial theories of evolution.

Each program in the special series, which will air on Sunday evenings at 8 p.m., will include an introduction and remarks by Professor Neil Armstrong. Universally known for historic first steps on the moon's surface, Armstrong is Professor of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Cincinnati, involved in both teaching and research.

As spacecraft commander for Apollo 16, the first manned lunar landing mission, Professor Armstrong gained the distinction of being the first man to land a craft on the moon and set foot on its surface.

THE VOYAGE OF CHARLES DARWIN focuses on the naturalist's five-year scientific journey aboard the H.M.S. Beagle, a journey which culminated in his controversial theories of evolution. The tale of a great adventure, the series combines biography and history with wildlife studies.

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The seven episodes of THE VOYAGE OF CHARLES DARWIN were filmed during a year on location in England and South America. The sea portions were filmed aboard a replica of the H.M.S. Beagle.

Although it took Darwin another twenty years to work out his extraordinary theory of natural selection, his conclusions were largely based on the collections and observations he had made as a young man on the Beagle.

Starring Malcolm Stoddard as Charles Darwin and Andrew Burt as Captain FitzRoy, commander of the Beagle, THE VOYAGE OF CHARLES DARWIN was written for television by Robert Reid. Closely based on Darwin's own letters and journals, the series is a co-production of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and Time-Life Films.

The series is recommended for viewing by the National Education Association (NEA), and is made possible by grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Hoffman-La Roche Inc.