

'21st Century Cousteaus' will host BIOS film evening

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Underwater nature lovers are in for a double treat at City Hall Theatre next week.

'A Night at the Movies' will feature not only two multi award-winning documentaries featuring Bermuda's coral reefs, but will also host a discussion panel with its makers Anita and Guy Chaumette — dubbed 'the Cousteaus of the 21st Century' by Paris's *Les Nouvelles De Versailles* newspaper.

'The Reef Series' — inspired by Bermuda's healthy coral reefs — has already won over 20 major international awards from film festivals around the globe and the screening at City Hall will coincide with the official selection of 'The Reef Series' for the forthcoming United Nations Environmental Award in Rome.

Two of the films in the three-film series will be shown at the event — 'The Perfect Reef' and 'The Circle of Life', both of which feature scientists from the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences (BIOS).

BIOS scientists Dr. Samantha De Putron, Dr. Ross Jones and Dr. James Wood who feature in the movies will also join in the discussion panel with the Chaumettes.

The first of the films features the couple's search across the Caribbean region for the 'perfect reef', set against the decline, disease and destruction the world's coral reefs have suffered over recent years and the possibility of their ultimate destruction within the next decade.

The second film, 'The Circle of Life' explores the behaviour and character of the reefs most elusive creatures.

'A Night at the Movies' takes place at City Hall Theatre at 6pm on Tuesday. The programme begins with a cash-bar reception in the foyer of City Hall beginning at 6pm, followed by the first screening at 6.30pm. The second film will follow after a 15-minute break and the panel discussion will take place directly after that.

Tickets are \$10 for BIOS donors, members, and students and \$15 for non-members. Reservations are encouraged, as seating is limited. ■