

**FROM INDIA
WITH LOVE**

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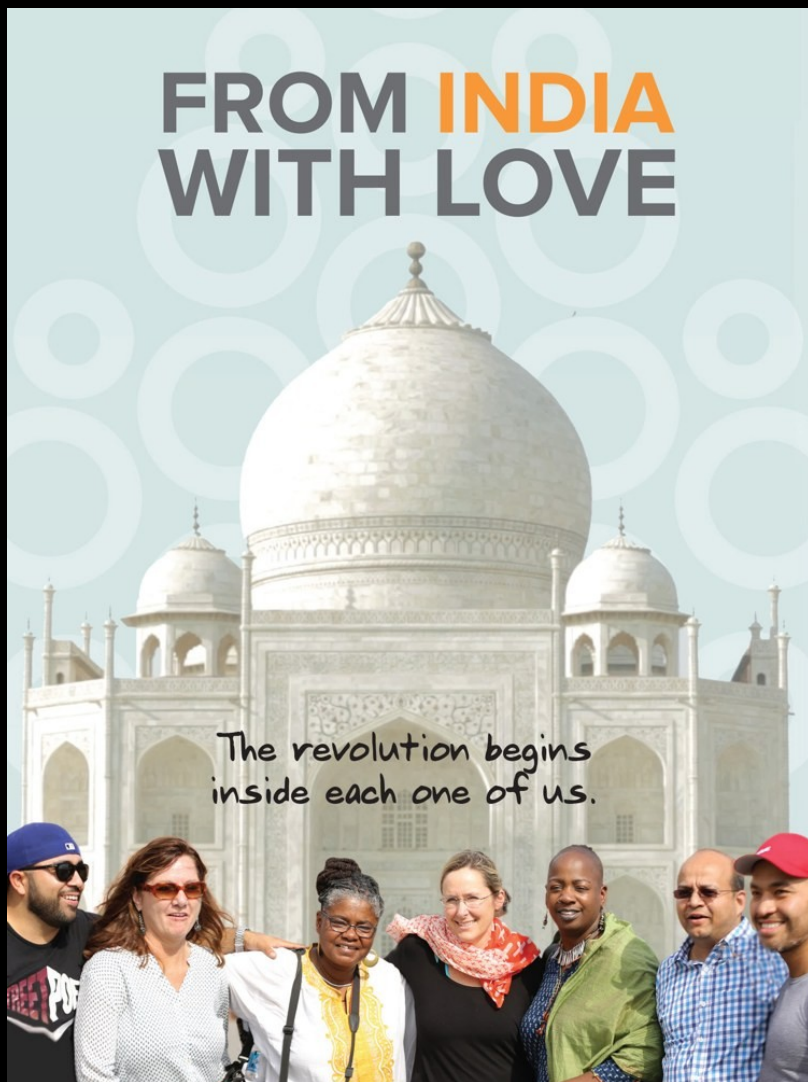


If the whole world is a home, India is its prayer room.

Mandar Apte

Series Director & Producer, From India With Love

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WHERE IT BEGAN

Our journey began with one film.

Six Americans touched by violence travelled to India together.

For two weeks they journeyed across India, *learning from its culture and wisdom traditions.*



Jason Quesada
Former gang member
Los Angeles



Scarlett Lewis
Lost her son Jesse
at Sandy Hook
Newtown



Ashara Ekundayo
Social entrepreneur
Activist for Black Lives
Oakland



Linda Couch
Scarlett's best friend
Atlanta



Dr. Angela Wellman
Music scholar
Activist for Black Lives
Oakland



Dr. Sonn Sam
Educator
Newark

IN THEIR WORDS

They came carrying grief. They went home carrying hope.

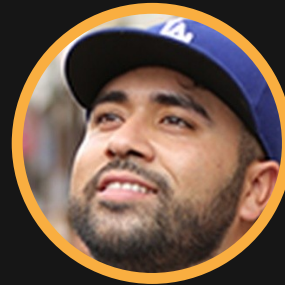


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India has truly grounded me. During the trip, I felt the most hope since my personal tragedy, because there was so much love that I received here.

Scarlett Lewis

Lost her son Jesse at Sandy Hook • Newtown, CT



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The revolution begins inside each one of us.

Jason Quesada

Former gang member • Los Angeles, CA



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The trip to India was a moving experience. It will be inspirational for anyone who wants to move society towards nonviolence and love.

Dr. Angela Wellman

Music scholar • Activist for Black Lives • Oakland

One film became a movement.

From Hollywood to Capitol Hill, and into classrooms and police departments across America, 2017–2026.

SCREENINGS & DIALOGUE		LEADERSHIP SOJOURNS		PEACEBUILDING & TRUST		EDUCATION & WELLBEING	
							
100+	30,000	75	4	1,000	10+	30+	2,000+
screenings & engagements	people reached, including Amazon	US leaders, from mayors to police chiefs	leadership sojourns, 2017–18	Ambassadors of Peace trained	US cities, with LAPD and city partners	schools licensing America250	individual licences

SCREENINGS HOSTED BY



THE FIWL MODEL

One film. A lasting ripple effect.

The documentary is the beginning. Its greatest impact unfolds long after the credits roll.

1 Screenings & dialogue

Stories that bring difficult conversations into communities and institutions.

Proven: 100+ screenings · 30,000 reached

2 Transformative journeys

Leaders experience India's wisdom and return inspired to act.

Proven: 75 leaders · 4 sojourns

3 Peacebuilding & trust

Bringing people across divides into real human connection.

Proven: 1,000 Ambassadors of Peace · 10+ cities

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4 Education & wellbeing

Learning experiences that cultivate compassion, resilience and human connection.

Proven: 30+ institutions · breathwork in a peer-reviewed trial

5 Cultural diplomacy

Building bridges between India and the world through shared human experiences.

Hosted by: US Capitol · State Dept · Europol

6 A living library

Stories that continue to educate, connect and inspire across generations.

Next: country editions · character shorts · curricula · licensing

PEACEBUILDING PROGRAMME CLIENTS

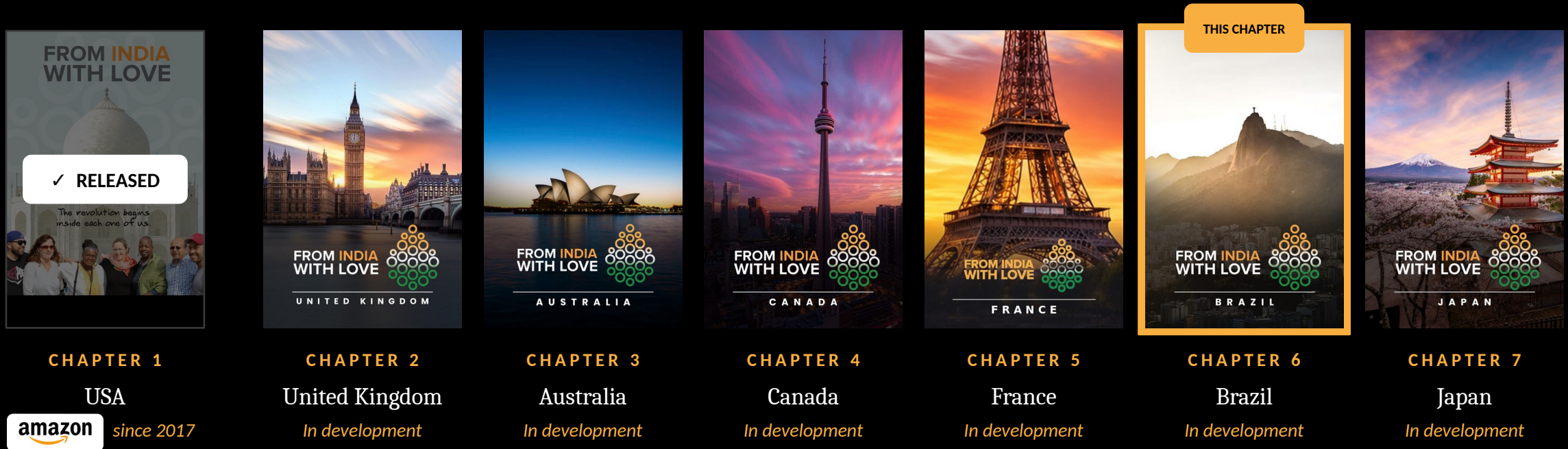


THE ANTHOLOGY • PHASE 1

One film made. Six nations next.

One global library of stories about healing, compassion and human connection.

One question in every nation: what happens when people divided by their experiences discover what connects them?



Each chapter: one nation, six travellers, one journey through India, and a film that goes home with them.

Phase 1 begins with six nations. The model is built to welcome more.



CHAPTER 6 • BRAZIL

Brazil: what does peace mean today?

Why Brazil

1

Violence in everyday life

In 2024, more than 44,000 people died violently in Brazil. Nearly half were under 30; four in five were Black.

2

Identity under threat

291 LGBT+ people died violently in 2024, while Indigenous communities defend their land and ancestral knowledge under growing pressure.

3

A living India connection

From the telenovela Caminho das Índias to a growing love of yoga and Vedanta, Brazil has long looked to India. Today the two nations are partners in BRICS.



WHAT THIS CHAPTER DELIVERS

- ◆ 75–90-minute feature documentary
- ◆ Six 10-minute character shorts
- ◆ Be The Change educational module
- ◆ Brazil screening tour

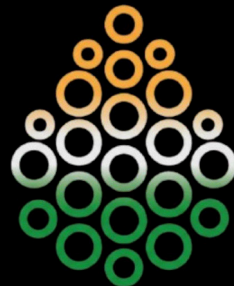
Objective: *Demonstrate a repeatable model for storytelling, education and trust-building across countries.*

PROSPECTIVE SCREENINGS

Brasília: National Congress • Embassy of India

Across Brazil: University of São Paulo • Museu do Amanhã, Rio • favela community centres

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CHAPTER 6 • THE TRAVELLERS

Six strangers. One journey. Two weeks.

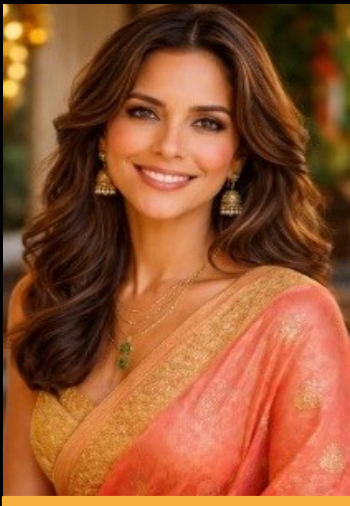
Six Brazilians whose paths might otherwise never cross.

ILLUSTRATIVE CHARACTERS • CASTING NOT YET COMPLETED



Footballer

Loved by millions, he watched boys from his youth team lose their way. Wants young people to find purpose beyond the pitch.



Actress

A household name on screen, she has played many lives but never found her own. Searching for who she is beyond the fame.



Indigenous leader

Leads his people in protecting the rainforest and its ancestral medicine. Wants the world to listen before it's too late.



Queer artist

Paints the colour his country celebrates, yet fears for his safety on its streets. Searching for a place to belong.



Former gang leader

Survived the violence he once led, and still carries its scars. Wants to heal himself and the community he hurt.



Social justice activist

Confronts drug violence in her favela every day. Wants the next generation to grow up without fear.



Guided through India by Mandar Apte, series director of From India With Love, who also appears in the film as the travellers' guide.

Faces are AI-generated, not real participants; uniforms and kit are illustrative. Travellers are selected by the creative team; partners and sponsors may nominate candidates.

Two weeks experiencing India's culture and wisdom traditions.

An illustrative route. The final itinerary will be designed for the deepest healing and transformation.



1

Tamil Nadu Days 1-6

From Chennai to the great temple towns of Madurai and Thanjavur: dawn rituals, Carnatic music, Bharatanatyam and village life.

2

Goa Days 7-10

Breathwork, yoga and the sea, in a place where four centuries of Portuguese heritage echo Brazil's own.

3

Rajasthan Days 11-14

Desert villages and folk music, and a fire-lit final evening of music, reflection and storytelling.

BEFORE THE JOURNEY

Document participants' back stories, build trust within the group, and set intentions for the journey ahead.

DURING • 2 WEEKS

Through yoga, meditation, breathwork and dialogue, participants experience the magic of India, then design service projects to carry their learning home.

AFTER THE JOURNEY

Follow participants as they translate their experience into acts of compassion, service and trust-building in their chosen spaces.

FIWL BRAZIL • THE JOURNEY

An inner journey and an outer one.

In India, strangers discover connection through service, shared experiences and looking within.



Stills from From India With Love (USA), filmed in India in 2016.

This journey needs a village. *Join hands, leave a legacy.*

DONATE

Fund the journey

- ◆ Donations planned via charitable partners in the US, UK, India and Brazil, subject to final agreements.
- ◆ Gifts support the film, education and community-impact work.
- ◆ Eligible gifts may qualify for tax relief under applicable laws.

IN RETURN

Lasting social impact and screen credit, aligned with your CSR and philanthropic goals.

INVEST

Share in the film's returns

- ◆ Invest in a proposed single-purpose Brazil chapter company, with Choose Love Media as producer.
- ◆ Funds support pre-production, production and post-production.
- ◆ Open to qualifying investors, subject to applicable regulations.

IN RETURN

Potential film revenues and social impact, subject to final agreements.

PARTNER

Lend what you do best

- ◆ In kind: flights, hotels, travel and media support.
- ◆ NGO and community partners for the travellers' service projects.
- ◆ Host screenings, or bring the educational module to your school, police force or organisation.

IN RETURN

Partner credit across the film and Brazil tour, and a visible role in its impact.

Trust built into the model.

People who have lived through violence deserve care, consent and honesty at every step.

1 Trauma-informed care

A trauma-informed care specialist travels with the group, with support before, during and after. Sharing personal experiences is always voluntary.

2 Consent and dignity

Informed consent at every stage of filming, and the right to withdraw from further filming.

3 Editorial independence

The creative team (Mandar Apte as series director, with Brazil and India co-directors) selects every traveller. Partners and sponsors never influence content.

4 Honest imagery

AI-generated images are always labelled. No real person is shown as a participant without consent.

5 Follow-through

A participant-engagement coordinator supports every traveller through the eight weeks of service at home.

6 Governance

Gifts will be received through charitable partners, with separate project accounting and regular financial reporting.

FIWL BRAZIL • THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE FILM

The vision is in place. Your support will help build the team.

SERIES DIRECTOR & PRODUCER



Mandar Apte

- ◆ 18 years at Shell, managing GameChanger social innovation and impact investments
- ◆ Founder, Cities4Peace (2018–present)
- ◆ Director, From India With Love (USA, 2017)
- ◆ Fellow, Royal Society of Arts (2023–present)
- ◆ Adjunct Senior Industry Fellow, RMIT University (2024–present)
- ◆ Winner, Ashoka League of Intrapreneurs Award (2012)



“I’ve been enormously impressed by the work [Mandar has] done bringing people from different sectors of society together.”

Sir Mark Moody-Stuart • Former Chairman, Shell and Anglo American

THE TEAM

Once funded, we will hire co-directors and production houses in both countries.

Together, they will deliver an award-calibre film.

BRAZIL

Co-director • Production house

Leads casting interviews and back stories, and shapes the story for Brazilian audiences and the Brazil tour.

INDIA

Co-director • Production house

Designs the transformational experiences, manages local permissions and in-country production, and brings cultural depth to the journey.

If the whole world is a home,
India is its prayer room.

The next chapter begins with you.

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