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Being Human 2012

March 24, 9am-5pm / Palace of Fine Arts / San Francisco, CA

Being Human 2012 is the event where pioneering thinkers – drawing from the latest advances and insights in cognitive science, evolutionary theory and philosophy – come together to share their perspectives on the nature of human experience.

Join in conversation with some of the world's pioneering scientists and philosophers to

- explore why we experience our lives the way we do
- discover what the latest science reveals about human perception
- experience new perspectives on the human condition

Moderated by **Richard Davidson, Ph.D.**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Symposium Schedule

- Opening: **Welcome + Context**
- Session 1: **Perception • Sensations • Emotions**
- Session 2: **Mental Representations • Self Representations**
- Lunch Break
- Session 3: **Conscious Experience**
- Session 4: **Individual + Society • Morals + Culture**
- Closing: **Reflection + Integration**

Sessions will include 18-minute presentations and facilitated conversations. Multi-media and experiential elements will be integrated into the program.

Confirmed presenters include:

David Eagleman, Ph.D., Author, Educator, Director, Laboratory for Perception and Action, Baylor College of Medicine

Paul Ekman, Ph.D., Pioneering psychologist + Author

Anne Harrington, Ph.D., Professor of the History of Science, Harvard University

Jon Kabat-Zinn, Ph.D., Author, Educator; Founding Director, Stress Reduction Clinic and Center for Mindfulness..., UMass Med School

Beau Lotto, Ph.D., Professor of Neuroscience, University College London, Integrator of Art + Science

Hazel Markus, Ph.D., Professor of Social Psychology, Stanford University

Thomas Metzinger, Ph.D., Philosopher, Director, Theoretical Philosophy Group, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany

VS Ramachandran, M.D., Ph.D., Professor, Psychology Department and Neurosciences Program, UC San Diego

Gelek Rimpoche, Tibetan Buddhist Lama, Author

Laurie Santos, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Yale University

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