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## **New Documentary, *Dr MegaVolt: From Geek to Superhero*, to Premiere at Comic-Con International Independent Film Festival 2015**

**July 6, 2015 – Santa Barbara, CA** – Filmmaker Victoria Charters announces the world premiere of her documentary, *Dr MegaVolt: From Geek to Superhero*, on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at Comic-Con International Independent Film Festival (<http://www.comic-con.org/cci/film-festival>). The 1-hour, 12-minute screening will take place in the Grand Ballroom D of the Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place, San Diego, California, from 2:35 pm - 4:05 pm. The independent film features Austin Richards, PhD, aka Dr MegaVolt, a physicist who has been enchanting friends, colleagues, and the media since 1997 with his high-voltage performances employing Tesla coils while he is enclosed in a metal Faraday suit. The result is a spectacular “lightning” show.



The film chronicles Austin Richards' journey from a precocious and curious young boy who loved to play with electricity, to a graduate student at U.C. Berkeley where he built a giant Tesla coil. The movie highlights Dr MegaVolt's escapades as a legendary and popular performing artist at the Burning Man Festival in Nevada, as the guest star on many science-minded TV specials, and when he added a female performer, Victoria Charters, to his performance, delighting the audience with “his and her” high voltage adventures.

According to writer/director/producer Victoria Charters, “This is a story about the spirit of science and the intersection of art and science in Industrial Art. Themes explored include love of extreme experiences, a driving passion to understand the physical world through science, creativity and collaboration, invention, and ultimately the responsibility of “passing the baton” in a world where tactile learning is out and digital is in.”

**Dr MegaVolt: From Geek to Superhero** digital video is now available for pre-order purchase on VHX: <https://drmegavoltfromgeektosuperhero.vhx.tv/buy/dr-megavolt-from-geek-to-superhero> ; the scheduled release date is July 17, 2015.

For more information about Dr MegaVolt, please visit <http://drmegavolt.com/> or his Internet Movie Database (IMDb) page: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3905450>. For additional information about the filmmaker, please go to Victoria Charter's IMDb page: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0153559>.

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