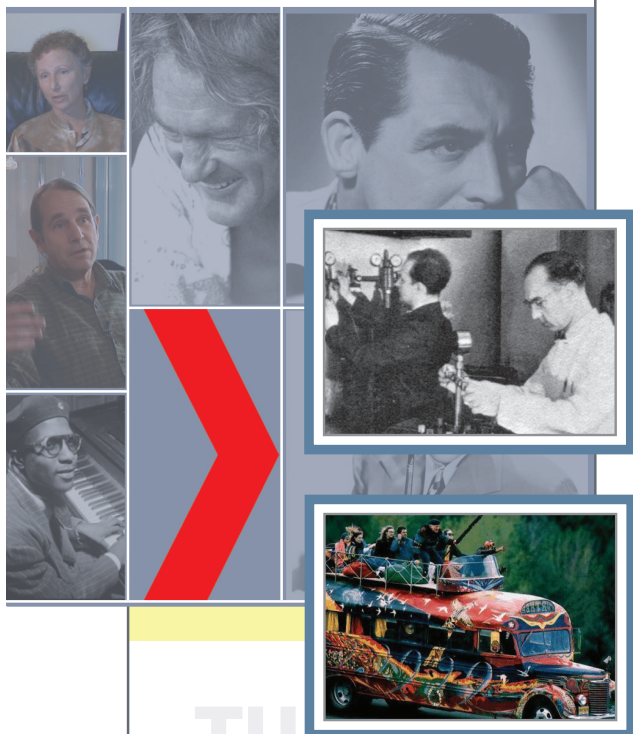


# THE ACID CHRONICLES:

## THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF LSD

A NEW SERIES FROM  
THE PRODUCER OF THE ACCLAIMED PBS  
DOCUMENTARY "INVENTING L.A.:  
THE CHANDLERS AND THEIR TIMES"

DURATION: 5 x 52' or 10 x 26'



TURN ON  
TUNE IN  
DROP OUT

**The outlawed miracle elixir that once cured alcoholism, drug addiction and mental illness and may yet do so again in the 21st century. . .**

A sweeping saga of discovery, disillusion, and renewed hope, **The Acid Chronicles** spans half a century of psychedelic revelation, ranging from the post-World War II explosion in hallucinogen research and experimentation among scientists, intellectuals, spiritual seekers and the CIA, the reckless recreational use in the '60s that led to its prohibition, to today's renaissance as physicians test psychedelics to heal serious psychiatric afflictions.

### THE PRODUCERS HAVE OBTAINED:

- **Exclusive access** to the archives of the late Dr. Oscar Janiger, a Beverly Hills psychiatrist who turned on scores of artists, intellectuals and celebrities, like Jack Nicholson, Cary Grant, Aldous Huxley and Rita Moreno, and treated Marilyn Monroe and Daniel Ellsberg of Pentagon Papers fame. A seminal figure in the LSD vanguard, he kept meticulous records of his encounters with Acid High Priests like Timothy Leary and Albert Hofmann, and shot perhaps the only film footage of the legendary "Captain Trips"—Al Hubbard.
- **Exclusive footage** of current psychedelic researchers, including leading scientists at UCLA, Johns Hopkins and Harvard, as well as interviews with patients in these ground-breaking studies.
- **Exclusive interviews** with the only known survivor of the CIA's notorious MK-Ultra experiments, former U.S. Marshall Wayne Ritchie.
- **Never before seen** archival footage of LSD mind-control and chemical warfare experiments at the U.S. Army's Edgewood Arsenal, and interviews with former Army psychiatrist and LSD researcher Dr. James Ketchum.

### OUR STORY IS TOLD IN 5 ONE-HOUR OR 10 HALF-HOUR EPISODES:

**Lucid in the Sky with Diamonds:** Beginning in 1943 with Albert Hofmann and the accidental discovery of the mind-altering capabilities of LSD. After World War II, psychiatrists achieved remarkable cures using LSD to combat alcoholism, addiction and other mental scourges in Czechoslovakia, Canada, Great Britain and the United States. During this period, Al Hubbard, a flamboyant rogue CIA agent, dispensed LSD to intellectuals, corporate titans and the glitterati in a one-man crusade to enlighten the power elite.

Cary Grant, Ethel Kennedy, Andy Williams and Bing Crosby participated in medically supervised LSD sessions while musicians, artists and scientists—Thelonius Monk, Maynard Ferguson, Willem de Kooning, Sir Francis Crick and Nobel Laureate Richard Feynman—were tantalized by its' mind expanding possibilities.

# THE ACID CHRONICLES: THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF LSD

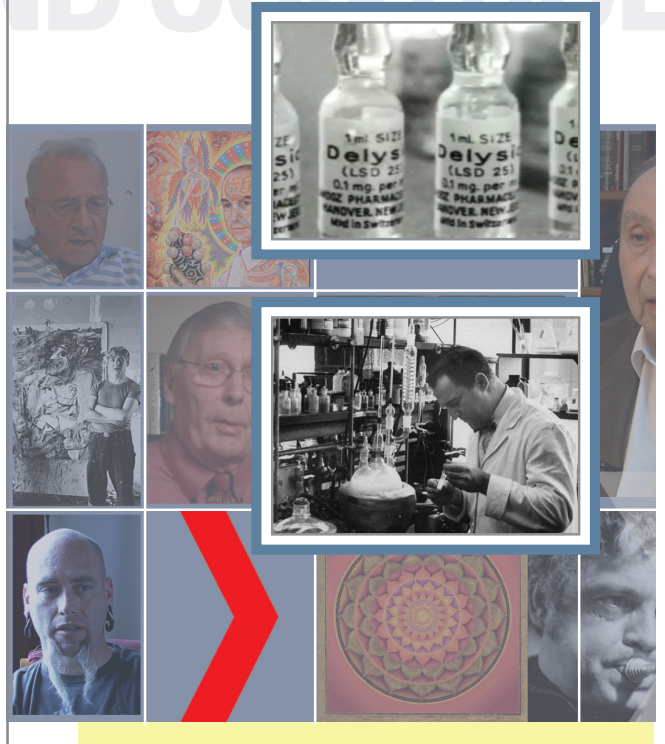
## MIND CONTROL

**Mind Control:** LSD's use and abuse by the CIA and the Pentagon in the years after World War II in the MK-ULTRA brain washing experiments, and at the U.S. Army's Edgewood Arsenal. This section features exclusive interviews with Wayne Ritchie and Dr. James Ketchum.

**Turn on, Tune in and Drop Out:** Harvard psychologist Timothy Leary turned on a generation, triggering the psychedelic explosion of the 1960s. Unhinged people taking bootleg drugs began showing up in emergency rooms on bad acid trips. Psychedelics, and LSD in particular, were held responsible for suicides, permanent brain damage and the thrill killings of the Charles Manson murder cult. In 1966, the drug was outlawed.

**The Big Chill:** For the next four decades, psychedelic medicine was forced underground. Yet illicit LSD trips inspired some of the most pivotal scientific breakthroughs of the 20th century: the Nobel-prize winning discovery of the Double Helix Structure of DNA; the invention of Polymerase Chain Reaction, which netted a Nobel for its creator, Kary Mullis; and midwifing Silicon Valley's personal computer revolution.

**The Psychedelic Renaissance:** After a 40-year hibernation, scientists from Zurich to San Francisco have picked up where psychedelic pioneers left off and are conducting carefully controlled studies using these potent substances to treat obsessive compulsive disorder, anxiety, depression, cluster headaches and post traumatic stress disorder. Researchers are revisiting these powerful mind-altering drugs in hopes of making them part of our therapeutic arsenal.



### > WHO WE ARE:

Producer, director and writer **Dennis McDougal** is a veteran investigative journalist who currently covers film for the *New York Times*. From 1982 through 1993, he was a *Los Angeles Times* staff writer, where he won more than forty awards for his hard-nosed coverage of the entertainment industry. He is the bestselling author of nine books, including *The Last Mogul: Lew Wasserman, MCA & the Hidden History of Hollywood* and *Privileged Son: Otis Chandler and the Rise and Fall of the L.A. Times Dynasty*, which was turned into the recent PBS documentary.

Producer and writer **Linda Marsa** is an award-winning investigative journalist who covers science and medicine for *Discover*, *Mother Jones*, and *Reader's Digest*. A former *Los Angeles Times* staff writer and nationally syndicated medical columnist, she is the author of *Prescription for Profits: How the Pharmaceutical Industry Bankrolled the Unholy Marriage Between Science and Business*.

Producer and editor **Jill D'Agnew** has been working in narrative and documentary film and television since 1994. She produced and edited the independent features *"Ricky and Melinda"*, *"The Cuckold"* and the documentary *"Not Just a House"* about Hurricane Katrina victims. She also edited *"Havana Eva"* and *"Loaner."* Her TV credits include, *"Lost"*, *"Cold Case"*, *"The Division"*, *"Third Watch"* and *"Dirt"*.

### CONTACT US:

LINDA MARSA  
7823 Truxton Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90045  
1-310-645-7955  
[lmarsa@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:lmarsa@sbcbglobal.net)



DENNIS MCDUGAL  
640 Rocky Point Road  
Cordova, Tennessee 38018  
1-901-755-5791  
[dennis@littoral.net](mailto:dennis@littoral.net)

