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**Temple Grandin to Return as Special Guest on Autism Live, May 7, 2013**

*Temple Grandin, an award-winning author and speaker with autism, will appear on the widely popular web show Autism Live, Tuesday, May 7, 2013.*

**NATIONWIDE – MAY 7, 2013** Temple Grandin, considered one of the most popular and accomplished adult living with autism, will return to Autism-Live.com Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 10:00 am (PDT). Grandin will join host Shannon Penrod on the widely popular web show and answer viewers' questions concerning all things related to autism.

The May 7<sup>th</sup> show will be packed with thought provoking discussions, including addressing sensory issues with individuals on the spectrum, overcoming challenging behavior, bullying in the teen years, coping with anxiety, and combining medication and behavioral interventions. Grandin will also share her thoughts on how the autistic brain works and her new book "The Autistic Brain."

"We are honored to have Temple Grandin return to Autism Live. For our viewers, she is definitely someone they can identify with and also turn to for answers to many of their more pressing concerns as both parents of individuals on the spectrum and professionals treating individuals on the spectrum," says Penrod.



Grandin appeared on Autism Live last month and plans to be a recurring guest on the web show.

Grandin, who received her Ph.D. in animal science, is a professor at Colorado State University, bestselling author, autism activist, and consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior. She has published her insights on autism and animal rights in several books, including *Animals in Translation*, *Animals Make Us Human* and a memoir entitled *Thinking in Pictures*.

To view previous Autism-Live.com shows featuring Grandin, visit:

[http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzpc1IUvttW\\_tBQV3u\\_wthGs6MCNgFvov](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzpc1IUvttW_tBQV3u_wthGs6MCNgFvov).

**About Temple Grandin:**

Dr. Grandin didn't talk until she was three and a half years old, communicating her frustration instead by screaming, peeping, and humming. In 1950, she was diagnosed with autism and her parents were told she should be institutionalized. She tells her story of "groping her way from the far side of darkness" in her book *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, a book which stunned the world because, until its publication, most professionals and parents assumed that an autism diagnosis was virtually a death sentence to achievement or productivity in life.

Dr. Grandin has become a prominent author and speaker on the subject of autism because "I have read enough to know that there are still many parents, and yes, professionals too, who believe that 'once autistic, always autistic.' This dictum has meant sad and sorry lives for many children diagnosed, as I was in early life, as autistic. To these people, it is incomprehensible that the characteristics of autism can be modified and controlled. However, I feel strongly that I am living proof that they can" (from *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*).

Even though she was considered "weird" in her early school years, she eventually found a mentor, who recognized her interests and abilities. Dr. Grandin later developed her talents into a successful career as livestock-handling equipment designer, one of very few in the world. She has now designed the facilities in which half of the cattle in the United States are

handled, consulting for firms such as Burger King, McDonald's, Swift, and others.

Temple Grandin, Ph.D., is now the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world. Her fascinating life, with all of its challenges and successes has been brought to the screen. She has been featured on NPR (National Public Radio), major television programs, such as the BBC special "The Woman Who Thinks Like a Cow", ABC's *Primetime Live*, *The Today Show*, *Larry King Live*, *48 Hours* and *20/20*, and has been written about in many national publications, such as *Time* magazine, *People* magazine, *Forbes*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *New York Times*. Among numerous other recognitions by media, Bravo Cable did a half-hour show on her life, and she was featured in the best-selling book, *Anthropologist from Mars*.

Dr. Grandin presently works as a professor of animal science at Colorado State University. She also speaks around the world on both autism and cattle handling. At every Future Horizons conference on autism, the audience rates her presentation as 10+.

#### About Autism Live:

Autism Live is an interactive web show providing support, resources, information, facts, entertainment and inspiration to parents, teachers and practitioners working with children on the Autism Spectrum. Viewers are encouraged to participate by asking question of experts, offering suggestions for topics to be discussed and sharing progress that their children have made.

#### About Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. (CARD):

CARD treats individuals of all ages who are diagnosed with ASD, with 23 treatment centers around the globe and a staff of nearly 1,000. CARD was founded in 1990 by leading autism expert and clinical psychologist Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D. CARD treats individuals with ASD using the principles and procedures of ABA, which has been empirically proven to be the most effective method for treating individuals with ASD and is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the US Surgeon General. For more information about the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, visit: [www.centerforautism.com](http://www.centerforautism.com) or call (855) 345-2273.

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