2010 – 2011 Supper Club Series presents:

“Uniqueness of the Human Brain and the New Era in Rehabilitation”
Featuring V.S. Ramachandran, MD, PhD
Director, UCSD Center for Brain and Cognition

Thursday, February 24th, 2011
5:30 pm, UC San Diego Faculty Club

What does an amputee who still feels a phantom limb have in common with an avant-garde artist, or a schizophrenic who claims to be controlled by alien implants, or an autistic child who can draw a hyperrealistic horse? According to neuroscientist V.S. Ramachandran, named by Newsweek as one of the 100 people to watch in the 21st century, the answer lies deep in the physical configurations of the brain. Ramachandran’s most recent publication and subject of discussion for the evening offers a thought-provoking dialogue on his area of research as well as new therapies he has developed for chronic pain and stroke. “The patients he describes are fascinating” says Nobel Laureate Francis Crick “and his experiments on them...ingenious”. He has also been called “The Marco Polo of neuroscience” by Oxford’s Richard Dawkins.

V.S. Ramachandran is Director of the Center for Brain and Cognition (CBC), Professor with the Psychology Department and Neurosciences Program at the University of California, San Diego, and Adjunct Professor of Biology at the Salk Institute. Ramachandran initially trained as a doctor and subsequently obtained a Ph.D. from Trinity College at the University of Cambridge. His many awards and honors include fellowships at All Souls College, Oxford and the Royal Institution, London, the Henry Dale medal of the Royal Institution and the Ramon Y Cajal award from the International Neuropsychiatry Society. He gave the annual flagship BBC Reith lectures in 2003 and was the first physician/psychologist to give these since the very first, given by Bertrand Russell in 1949. In India he delivered the annual Jawaharlal Nehru lecture and was awarded the Padma Bhushan, the second highest civilian decoration/title in India, by the president of India.

Ramachandran has published over 180 papers in scientific journals (including five invited review articles in the Scientific American). He is author of the acclaimed book “Phantoms in the Brain” that has been translated into nine languages and formed the basis for a two part series on Channel Four TV (UK) and a 1 hour PBS special in the US.

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