

ALL THINGS BAKELITE

The Age of Plastic

Connecticut PREMIERE

Thursday, April 4 at 8 pm on CPTV Spirit

The one-hour film makes its **Connecticut** television debut on Thursday, April 4 at 8 pm on Connecticut Public Broadcasting's Spirit Channel. Check local channels at <https://cptv.org/schedule/cable-channels/> and nationwide (check local listings).

CONNECTICUT BASED PRODUCTION TEAM

DIRECTOR John Maher, JEM Films, Terryville

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER Hugh Karraker, The L.H. Baekeland Project, Redding

EDITOR Craig Mikhitarian, ACM Productions, Ridgefield

ORIGINAL SCORE Marty Fegy, Zethus Productions, Enfield

EXTRA AIRDATES on CPTV SPIRIT
Friday, April 5, 5 pm
Right after Antiques Roadshow
Sunday, April 7, 12 pm

Not a day goes by that we don't use something Leo H. Baekeland made possible, yet most people outside the world of science have never heard of him. In 1907, the Belgian-born American chemist made one of the most transformative discoveries of the 20th century—the first wholly synthetic plastic, which he called Bakelite. His great grandson, Redding resident Hugh Karraker, has produced ***All Things Bakelite: The Age of Plastic***, a joyous and provocative film that introduces viewers to the Father of Modern Plastic and his legacy using re-enactments; rare archival footage and personal diaries; interviews with scientists, historians, and artists; and a highly entertaining original score.

As the film explains, Baekeland's invention ushered in an explosion of new man-made materials that marked the beginnings of our modern industrial age. While Bakelite and its descendent products remain essential to our daily lives, they have also created serious environmental consequences. The film confronts this double-edged sword head-on, exploring the latest research into new, recyclable polymers that still have the desirable properties of Baekeland's original discovery without its lasting impact.

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For more information about Leo Baekeland's life and legacy, and to purchase a two-DVD box set (including a 21-minute educational version and bonus content), visit www.AllThingsBakelite.com.



My great grandfather's story fits nicely on CPTV Spirit. Their mantra is "Life's an adventure," and they embrace "the weirder, wilder, edgier, sometimes nerdier, action-oriented programming available today."
~ Hugh Karraker



Leo H. Baekeland