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***National Geographic Live* Presents
Coral, Fire, & Ice: Exploring Secret Underwater Worlds
Photographer David Doubilet and Aquatic Biologist and Photojournalist Jennifer Hayes
Wednesday, November 12**



Mesa, AZ – The 2014-15 *National Geographic Live* Arizona Speaker Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona brings **underwater photographer David Doubilet and aquatic biologist/photojournalist Jennifer Hayes** to Mesa Arts Center on Wednesday, November 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ikeda Theater. This dynamic husband and wife team will lead audiences on a lavishly illustrated

journey to rarely seen undersea worlds, creating a visual voice for the world's oceans.

“Kimbe Bay is a world more alien than the edges of space.” — **David Doubilet**. Tickets are available through the Mesa Arts Center Box Office at MesaArtsCenter.com or by calling 480-644-6500.

This underwater pair's recent National Geographic assignments have found them in the remote corners of the Great Barrier Reef, under oil and gas rigs in the Gulf of Mexico, swimming among congregations of 500-pound goliath grouper, and submerged in the ice with harp seal mother and pups. In their talk, they will go beyond the published stories to share the reality of “behind-the-camera” adventures – from parasites to harp seal bites. Audiences will join them as they explore diverse marine habitats around the world, from the coral paradise of Kimbe Bay, Papua New Guinea, to the austere world beneath Antarctic ice, to the abundance of Canada's Gulf of St. Lawrence

David Doubilet is one of the most prolific living photographers at *National Geographic* magazine, and he is revered as a legend for his groundbreaking work. And Jennifer Hayes is an aquatic biologist and a globally published photojournalist, with images appearing in *Sports Illustrated* and *National Geographic* magazine, among many others.

Also in the *National Geographic Live* Arizona Speaker Series:

**Mike Libecki and Cory Richards, Climber/Explorer and Climber/Photographer
Untamed Antarctica**

Wed, February 4, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Ikeda Theater

Climbers Mike Libecki and Cory Richards, along with two colleagues, battled extreme cold, furious katabatic winds, and fickle weather in an epic, ten-day climb to the summit of Antarctica's remote Wohlthat Range. Audiences will join Libecki and Richards for a humorous but gripping firsthand account of this first ascent at the bottom of the world.

**Pete McBride, Photographer and Filmmaker
Chasing Rivers**

Wed, March 25, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Ikeda Theater

Named a "freshwater hero" by National Geographic for his work photographing and filming great rivers, Pete McBride's talk offers unforgettable journeys down two of them. The Colorado, featured in his award-winning film *Chasing Water*, flows through majestic landscapes but no longer reaches the sea. And the Ganges, India's sacred waterway, is revered as a god, but polluted by the people who worship it.

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About Mesa Arts Center

The Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona's largest arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment and performances, world-class visual art exhibitions, and outstanding arts education classes. The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.

About *National Geographic Live*

National Geographic Live is the live events division of the National Geographic Society, featuring live concerts, films and dynamic presentations by today's leading explorers, scientists, filmmakers and photographers, covering a wide range of topics including exploration and adventure, wildlife and habitat conservation, natural phenomena and relevant issues such as climate change. Proceeds from speaker series ticket sales help fund future National Geographic initiatives in field research, exploration and education. For more information, visit www.nglive.org.