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**National Geographic Live presents Spinosaurus  
Paleontologist Nizar Ibrahim  
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**Mesa, AZ** – The 2015-16 National Geographic Live Arizona Speaker Series at Mesa Arts Center will continue on February 10 with paleontologist Nizar Ibrahim and stories of the largest predatory dinosaur yet discovered – Spinosaurus. Ibrahim will share how he scoured the deserts of North Africa for clues to life in the Cretaceous period, when the area was a large river system teeming with a profusion of diverse life years ago. Tickets are on sale now at

[mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com) or by calling 480-644-6500.

Discovered more than half a century ago in Morocco by the great German paleontologist Ernst Stromer, Spinosaurus' fossil remains were lost in the Allied bombing of Germany during World War II. With the help of recent fossil discoveries in the desert, and Stromer's own data and drawings, contemporary scientists including German/Moroccan paleontologist and National Geographic Emerging Explorer Nizar Ibrahim have reconstructed a full skeletal model of Spinosaurus, which has been featured on the National Geographic Channel and presented in the National Geographic Museum.

With amazing video recreating the lost world of the Cretaceous-era Sahara, Ibrahim will tell the story of Spinosaurus' discovery, loss, and rediscovery, and explain what—other than its size—makes this ancient monster unique.

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**About Mesa Arts Center**

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](http://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](http://www.nglive.org).