



## **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE AND MESA ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER AND PHOTOGRAPHER ANAND VARMA**

*Tickets for "Beauty and the Bizarre" with Anand Varma on sale now*

**MESA, AZ (OCTOBER 5, 2017)**— *National Geographic Live*, National Geographic's touring speaker series, and **Mesa Arts Center** are proud to announce "Beauty and the Bizarre" with Anand Varma, a National Geographic Emerging Explorer and science photographer. The event will take place at **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 15, 2017**, in Mesa Arts Center's Ikeda Theater.

Varma is a science photographer who works to tell the story behind the science of everything, from primate behavior and hummingbird biomechanics, to amphibian disease and forest ecology. Varma started photographing natural history subjects while studying integrative biology at UC Berkeley, and spent several years assisting other photographers before receiving a National Geographic Young Explorer grant to document the wetlands of Patagonia. He has since become a regular contributor to National Geographic as well as a National Geographic Emerging Explorer.

*National Geographic Live* is the live events division of National Geographic. With a broad roster of talent including renowned photographers, scientists, authors, filmmakers and adventurers, *National Geographic Live's* critically acclaimed programs have connected with audiences worldwide for over a century. Currently, *National Geographic Live* events are held in a variety of cities around the world, including, Seattle, Tampa, Los Angeles, Florence and Calgary. In each of these cities, speakers share behind-the-scenes stories from the front lines of exploration onstage alongside stunning imagery and gripping footage. For more information, visit [natgeolive.com](http://natgeolive.com)

For tickets and information, please call 480-644-6500 or visit [MesaArtsCenter.com](http://MesaArtsCenter.com).

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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).

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