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**2021-2022 National Geographic Live Speaker Series
Season Subscriptions On Sale Now
Oct 13, 2021 – April 13, 2022**

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March 29, 2021 (Mesa, AZ) – Mesa Arts Center is thrilled to announce the **2021-2022 National Geographic Live Speaker Series**. The series will offer audiences stunning imagery and stories from National Geographic's world-renowned photographers, scientists, authors, filmmakers, conservationists and adventurers. Season subscriptions to the series are on sale now at mesaartscenter.com/natgeolive. Mesa Arts Center will announce the full Performing Live season later this spring/summer. Mesa Arts Center's theaters have been closed to the public since March 2020 but are anticipated to open in fall 2021.

"The National Geographic Live speaker series is a favorite with our audience," said Randy Vogel, Assistant Director of Mesa Arts Center. "National Geographic Live continues to make the world around us more accessible with leading explorers and storytellers sharing their experiences of resilience, bravery, and ingenuity. We look forward to welcoming back the National Geographic Live speaker series and audiences to the Mesa Arts Center campus this fall."

National Geographic Live is the live events division of National Geographic. Its broad roster of talent, including renowned photographers, scientists, authors, filmmakers and adventurers, share their behind-the-scenes stories from the front lines of exploration alongside stunning imagery and gripping footage to audiences throughout the United States and abroad. For more information on National Geographic Live and other National Geographic events, please visit nationalgeographic.com/events.

Life on the Vertical

Mark Synnott | Climber

Wed, Oct 13, 2021 | 7:30 PM

Mark Synnott is a man ever on the brink of new discovery. A big wall rock-climber of the highest order, he's made legendary first ascents of some of the world's tallest, most forbidding walls, from Baffin Island to Pakistan. Today, he uses his skills to break scientific ground, reaching incredibly inaccessible environments in search of rare species. It's all in the

spirit of adventure and exploration in order to educate about these sites of strange, remote beauty.

Secrets of the Whales

Brian Skerry | Underwater Photographer

Wed, Nov 3, 2021 | 7:30 PM

Celebrated National Geographic photographer Brian Skerry has spent nearly four decades exploring and documenting Earth's oceans. For his latest project, he turns his lens to one of the world's most beloved animals to illuminate startling new insights into their lives and culture. Discover the extraordinary communication skills and intricate social structures among four different species of whales—from the international cuisines of orcas to families of beluga whales playing at their “summer resort”—and learn what these majestic creatures can teach us about ourselves and our planet.

Greenwood: A Century of Resilience

Alicia Odewale | African Diaspora Archaeologist

Wed, Jan 19, 2022 | 7:30 PM

A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, archaeologist Alicia Odewale is uncovering stories of resilience in the hundred years since the attack on Black Wall Street in the city's vibrant Greenwood district. Considered one of the worst episodes of racial violence committed against Black people in American history, the Tulsa Race Massacre left a devastating toll on generations of survivors and their descendants and impacted the very footprint of the district itself. Join her to discover how archaeology can be used as a tool for recovering lost stories, reclaiming a narrative, and pursuing restorative justice.

The Secret Life of Bears

Rae Wynn- Grant | Carnivore Ecologist

Wed, Feb 23, 2022 | 7:30 PM

Rae Wynn-Grant has dedicated her life to ecological research and conservation. As a scientist with National Geographic Society's Last Wild Places Initiative, she works to protect and restore iconic wildlife populations, including North American black and grizzly bears. But when the wild lands of their habitat are crisscrossed by roads, fences, and ranches, how can bears and humans coexist peacefully? Dr. Wynn-Grant intends to find the answer.

How to Clone A Mammoth

Beth Shapiro | Evolutionary Biologist

Wed, Apr 13, 2022 | 7:30 PM

Could extinct species, like mammoths and passenger pigeons, be brought back to life? National Geographic Emerging Explorer Beth Shapiro is one of the scientists investigating this intriguing possibility. From deciding which species should be restored to anticipating how revived populations might be overseen in the wild, the technical challenges and ethical considerations of de-extinction are substantial. Join Shapiro for a vivid exploration into the

extraordinary cutting-edge—and controversial—science that is being used today to resurrect the past.

Mesa Arts Center is located at One East Main Street in downtown Mesa.

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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. Mesa Arts Center's mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. For more information, visit [mesaartscenter.com](https://www.mesaartscenter.com).