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2023–2024 National Geographic Live Speaker Series Season Subscriptions on Sale Now



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Mesa, AZ — Mesa Arts Center is excited to announce the 2023–2024 **National Geographic Live speaker series**. This season will take audiences on extraordinary journeys guided by expert explorers as they uncover the hidden marvels of our planet. From the lesser-known felines of India in “Wild Cats Revealed” to the geological wonders beneath Earth’s surface in “Hunt for Sleeping Giants,” each show promises to deliver awe-inspiring visuals, compelling first-person stories and groundbreaking insights.

“Mesa Arts Center is delighted to welcome back the National Geographic Live speaker series and our renewed partnership with the National Geographic Society,” said Randy

Vogel, director of theaters at Mesa Arts Center. “For over 15 years, the series has captivated our audience with their exceptional explorers and storytellers continuing to make the world around us more accessible and inspiring us all.”

“We’re thrilled to be bringing National Geographic Explorers to Mesa Arts Center for the upcoming season,” said Emily Dunham, head of campus planning and operations at the National Geographic Society. “This series brings audiences the behind-the-scenes stories from our explorers live on stage, inspiring attendees to learn about, care for and protect our world.”

Season subscription package pricing starts at \$119. Renewals and new subscriptions to the series are on sale now at mesaartscenter.com/natgeolive or by calling the box office during regular business hours at 480-644-6500.

Wild Cats Revealed

Sandesh Kadur | Photographer and filmmaker

Oct. 11, 2023 | 7:30 p.m.

Journey with photographer and filmmaker Sandesh Kadur through the diverse landscapes of India to discover its lesser-known felines — from the tiny, grumpy-faced Pallas’s cat to the elusive clouded leopard.

Hunt for Sleeping Giants

Andrés Ruzo | Explorer

Nov. 1, 2023 | 7:30 p.m.

Andrés Ruzo will explore the fiery portals to Earth’s core and reveal how smoking peaks have shaped civilizations across the globe, from Iceland to the deep Amazon. Journey to far-off lava fields and hidden boiling rivers.

Diving the Great Barrier Reef

Erika Woolsey | Marine biologist, divemaster and virtual reality filmmaker

Jan. 17, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

Discover thousands of species that live in the underwater jungles of coral reefs with marine biologist Dr. Erika Woolsey, and find out how scientists and citizens are fighting to protect the reefs of the world.

Wild Wolves of Yellowstone

Doug Smith | Explorer and wildlife biologist

Feb. 21, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

Join Doug Smith on a behind-the-scenes look at the Yellowstone ecosystem and his decades-long quest to reintroduce wolves to the world’s first national park. Return to the wild and witness the beauty, wonder and science behind America’s greatest wilderness.

Life on Thin Ice

Kiliii Yüyan | Photographer

March 20, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

Photographer Kiliii Yüyan illuminates the stories of the Arctic and human communities connected to the land. Informed by ancestry that is both Nanai and Chinese American, he has traveled across the polar regions working with Indigenous cultures and wildlife.

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).

About National Geographic Live

National Geographic Live delivers immersive stories with unforgettable visuals from the National Geographic Society's world-renowned explorers, photographers, scientists, writers and filmmakers.

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