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"[Being an Explorers Circle Member means] being an engaged member of the arts community and supporting initiatives for a sustainable future."

Jordan & Nyssa Moore, Explorers



NGL Explorer Mireya Mayor (left) © Bree Kennedy



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“[We] look forward to continuing our sponsorship of the *National Geographic Live* program from the perspectives of the quality, and especially the extraordinarily successful effort that Arts Commons continues to make with its student outreach program.”

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“It’s wonderful to be a part of group of people that truly care about conservation and the natural world.”

Antony, Kathleen & Alexander Deakin,
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NGL Explorer Terry Virts (left) © Will Young

To date, National Geographic has given out more than 12,000 grants to ventures that are making a real difference in the world—projects like the Big Cats Initiative, which is working to stop the decline in populations of big cats in the wild; and the Pristine Seas project, which has helped protect 3 million square kilometers of the ocean’s last wild places.

And with our planet’s future at stake, National Geographic is focused on the guardians of that future: our children. Its education programs give teachers the tools they need to engage kids of

all ages, revealing our interconnected world, and inspiring new generations of citizens and explorers.

When you join Explorers Circle, you support Arts Commons public and student matinee presentations of *National Geographic Live* that inspire people to care about the planet; and contribute to National Geographic’s work in conservation, exploration, research, and education.*

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1ST RECEPTION

Speaker: **Ronan Donovan** - Explorer, Filmmaker & Photographer
Social By Nature

Reception: Arts Commons, Founders Room
Monday, November 5, 2018 - 5:30pm

"In the midst of the Anthropocene, I strive to create visual stories that document the plight of our changing world." - **Ronan Donovan**

What's a human? We are, at our core, social mammals. We build relationships, communicate, reproduce, establish territories, and adapt to shrinking resources. In these ways, we're no different than other social mammals. Chimpanzees, wolves, gorillas, and bears are among the most charismatic of the social mammals we know. We identify with them as species, groups, and even as named individuals. They're also under threat. Join biologist turned photographer Ronan Donovan as he talks about his work in documenting these animals and what we, as fellow social mammals, can learn from them.



© Ronan Donovan

2ND RECEPTION

Speaker: **Kevin Hand** - Astrobiologist
The Search for Life Beyond Earth

Reception: Arts Commons, Founders Room
Monday, January 28, 2019 - 5:30pm

"When I think about the desire to connect with life elsewhere in the universe, it gives me an incredible sense of the fragility of life here on Earth and how crucial it is to protect our collective home." - **Kevin Hand**

Working out of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, Astrobiologist Kevin Hand designs instruments that will travel nearly 600 million miles from Earth to explore Europa, Jupiter's fourth largest moon, where a possible subsurface ocean is hypothesized to support life. As Principal Investigator for the NASA Astrobiology Institute's Icy Worlds Team, Hand has journeyed to study life in some of the most awesome corners of this planet, including the glaciers of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the north slope of Alaska, the interior plains of Antarctica, and – on a record-breaking dive in 2012 – the depths of the Mariana Trench. Join Kevin for a firsthand account of being on the frontline of the search for extraterrestrial life.



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"We recommend joining Explorers Circle because it is a wonderful opportunity to meet explorers, while supporting National Geographic and Arts Commons in the work they do to give back to the community."

*Ken Havard & Rosalind Reid,
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“Being an Explorers Circle member means having a backstage pass to meet interesting people doing amazing things.”

Lloyd & Riona Freeman,
Explorers

3RD RECEPTION

Speaker: **Thomas Peschak** - Explorer, Photographer
Wild Seas, Secret Shores

Reception: Arts Commons, Founders Room
Monday, March 11, 2019 - 5:30pm

“The legendary conservationist George Schaller wrote: ‘Pen and Camera are weapons against oblivion; they can create awareness for that which may soon be lost forever’. I spend an average 8 months a year on assignment documenting shark conservation projects all over the world. Schaller’s words are my mantra and especially in times when all hope seems lost they inspire me never to give up.” - Thomas Peschak

To Thomas Peschak, sharks aren’t a reason to get out of the water. They’re a reason to get in. Following his lifelong obsession, he’s found himself paddling kayaks alongside great white sharks in South Africa, swimming among hundreds of one-ton manta rays in the Maldives, and keeping pace with massive whale sharks in the Arabian Sea. Marine biologist-turned-National Geographic Photographer takes audiences around the world with his award-winning images and his engaging take on the ocean’s charismatic creatures.

4TH RECEPTION

Speakers: **Cheryl Knott** - Explorer, Biological Anthropologist
Tim Laman - Explorer, Biologist & Photographer
Adventures Among Orangutans

Reception: Arts Commons, Founders Room
Monday, May 6, 2019 - 5:30pm

“Since orangutans only bear young about once every eight years, they can’t replace their numbers fast enough. With more than 80 percent of the orangutans’ habitat lost, and illegal logging expanding at an ever increasing pace, preservation efforts have become as important as research.” - Cheryl Knott

Solitary animals living in hard-to-reach places, orangutans are one of the most difficult large land animals to study. Since 1992, husband-and-wife team Cheryl Knott and Tim Laman have been using innovative techniques and new technologies to gain a closer look at this intelligent, resourceful—and threatened—species, giving us insights not only into their world, but also our own.

All Explorers Circle events (special guests, dates, times and locations) are subject to change.

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<i>Join Explorers Cheryl Knott and Tim Laman for the Explorers Circle Dinner on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Limited membership available.</i>			✓		

Membership is for a 12-month period; benefits are provided throughout that period.

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NGL Explorer Dr. Lee Berger (left) © Will Young



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