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Calgary's Beloved National Geographic Live Series Returns to Arts Commons Presents with Andy Mann: From Summit to Sea

October 19, 2023 - CALGARY – This fall, National Geographic Live is celebrating its 13th season in Calgary as one of Arts Commons Presents' most popular series with award-winning adventure film and conservation photographer Andy Mann. Using powerful images to share the impact of humans on the natural world, Andy Mann goes to extreme lengths – from the highest highs to the lowest lows - to get the perfect shot. Join Arts Commons Presents as we open the National Geographic Live season with **Andy Mann: *From Summit to Sea*** on **Sunday, November 19 at 2 p.m. and Monday, November 20 at 7 p.m.** in the **Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons**. Tickets are available now at artscommons.ca/summittosea.

Andy Mann is an Emmy-nominated and 12-time Telly-Award winning director, National Geographic photographer, and marine conservationist whose imagery transports the viewer to extreme environments and locations across the globe. For over a decade, Andy Mann has been a forerunner in adventure film and conservation photography. He is an experienced climber, diver, arctic explorer, and filmmaker who focuses on using the power of images to tell the story of our rapidly changing planet. He has taken his work to the extreme on all seven continents, swimming alongside alligators and white-tipped sharks, climbing sheer rock faces, and braving extreme frostbite in some of our planet's most inhospitable environments.

"The importance of those behind the lens cannot be underestimated," says Andy Mann. "Whenever we cast our cameras upon the voiceless, allowing beauty and grace to speak on their behalf, someone, somewhere in the world, who would otherwise never journey to a place as wild as the open ocean, will now dream of it."

Starting his career as a passionate climber, he was drawn to National Geographic Magazine through his love of exploration and storytelling. His work has supported the designation of conservation spaces globally including the world largest Arctic National Park in Franz Josef Land, Russia and the declaration of 150,000 square kilometers of new Marine Protected Areas in the Azorean Sea. In 2022, Andy co-founded SeaLegacy, an organization that focuses on giving a relatable perspective to marine environments to assist in their protection worldwide.

"When I was a kid, I used to wonder how the camera got so close to those beautiful images. Andy Mann is a genius, and I am so stoked that he is launching our season with National Geographic." says Sarah Garton Stanely, VP of programming at Arts Commons. "If you haven't yet had the chance to experience a National Geographic Live presentation, please join me, in the comfort of our beautiful theatre, to discover what has been wowing kids and adults alike for 13 years!"

National Geographic Live has captured the imagination of Calgarians, inspiring a love for science and the natural world since its launch in 2012. The 2023-24 features four Explorers at the forefront of their fields, spanning the planet with stunning video and photography projected on the high-resolution screen spanning the Jack Singer Concert Hall stage. From the frozen poles and ocean depths, to jungles and mountain peaks of India, and even millions of years in the past, these Explorers share their personal stories of discovery, expanding what we know about our planet, and those who call it home. Join Arts Commons Presents for **Andy Mann: *From Summit to Sea*** on **November 19 & 20**, **Sandesh Kadur: *Wild Cats Revealed*** on **January 28 & 29**, **Lindsay Zanno: *T. rex Rises*** on **March 10 & 11**, and **Kiliii Yüyan: *Life on Thin Ice*** on **May 26 & 27, 2024**, details at artscommons.ca/ngl. Also,

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discover the special presentation of *Secrets of the Whales: A Film in Concert*, April 21 – 23, 2024 in the Jack Singer Concert Hall. To learn about all the shows in the 2023-24 season of Arts Commons Presents, visit acpresents.ca.

What: Arts Commons Presents – Andy Mann: *From Summit to Sea*
When: Sunday, November 19 at 2 p.m. and Monday, November 20 at 7 p.m.
Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall, Arts Commons
Tickets: 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca/summittosea

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