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National Geographic Live's Joel Sartore shares Triumphs, Setbacks, and Comic Mishaps from his Ground-breaking and Monumental Photo Ark Project

Joel Sartore kicks off the 2021-22 season of Arts Commons Presents' wildly popular National Geographic Live series at the Jack Singer Concert Hall.

January 24, 2022 - CALGARY – A veteran of photography and lifelong animal lover, Joel Sartore embarked on a 25-year mission starting in 2006 to capture the images of every threatened species on our planet – before they disappear. Part memoir, part conservation effort, and part passion project, Joel Sartore has documented over 12 thousand species in zoos and animal care facilities around the globe, many that have since gone extinct. This is your chance to hear his stories of this groundbreaking endeavor, live and in-person at the Jack Singer Concert Hall. **Join Arts Commons Presents for Joel Sartore: *Building the Photo Ark* on Sunday, February 6 & Monday, February 7, 2022.**



Mountain Lion. Photo by Joel Sartore



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Within the scope of his Photo Ark project, he has published *THE PHOTO ARK: One Man's Quest to Document the World's Animals* and premiered his first series on PBS *Rare: Creatures of the Photo Ark*. About the project he says, "It's a bit like climbing a mountain. I don't think you want to look straight up. You just want to look at your feet, take one step at a time. It took several years for me to realize that this was an achievable goal. I just figured it would take a lot of work and that's exactly what it takes. Probably gone to every continent just about, all but Antarctica for the project."

Due to the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic, this presentation will be proceeding with increased health and safety measures. Currently, audience capacity is reduced, food and beverage sales are paused, and masks continue to be mandatory while inside Arts Commons. To read more about the health and safety precautions being taken by Arts Commons, including our vaccination policy, please visit artscommons.ca/healthandsafety.

Arts Commons Presents has been bringing the wildly popular National Geographic Live series to Calgary for 11 seasons, engaging Calgarians young and old in a passion for science, exploration, and the natural world. Speakers share their inspiring and often deeply personal stories of their work in the field, live at Arts Commons, with high-resolution images and video projected on a screen that runs an impressive 48-feet across the width of the Jack Singer stage.

From oceanic depths to uncovering ancient worlds, the 21-22 season of National Geographic Live is ready to engage, excite, and inspire you. Join Arts Commons for Joel Sartore: *Building the Photo Ark* on February 6 & 7, Kara Cooney: *When Women Ruled the World* on March 13 & 14, Rae Wynn-Grant: *The Secret Lives of Bears* on April 10 & 11, and Brian Skerry: *Secrets of the Whales* on May 15 & 16, 2022 as part of National Geographic Live.

What: National Geographic Live, Joel Sartore: *Building the Photo Ark*
When: Sunday, February 6 & Monday, February 7, 2022
Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall, Arts Commons
Who: Arts Commons Presents
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