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***National Geographic Live* Speakers Series brings renowned
adventurers to Worcester**



Worcester, Mass. (August 16, 2019) *National Geographic Live*, National Geographic's touring speaker series, and The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts are proud to announce three speakers coming to Worcester, presented in partnership with the EcoTarium. Tickets to the complete, three-part series go on sale to members on Monday, August 19 at 10 am and to the public on Wednesday, August 28 at 10 am.

Paleontologist Nizar Ibrahim brings *Spinosaurus: Lost Giant of the Cretaceous* to Worcester on Monday, March 16 at 7:30pm. Ibrahim, a postdoctoral scholar in vertebrate anatomy and paleontology at the University of Chicago and 2014 National Geographic Emerging Explorer, scours the deserts of North Africa for clues to life in the Cretaceous period, when the area was a large river system teeming with a profusion of diverse life. In addition to unearthing many

huge dinosaur bones, he has discovered fossil footprints and a new species of flying reptile with an 18-foot wingspan that lived 95 million years ago. Ibrahim's remarkable story and the findings of an international team of scientists were published in the journal, "Science," and as a cover story for "National Geographic" magazine. What has been unveiled appears to be the first truly semiaquatic dinosaur, *Spinosaurus aegyptiacus*. In 2014, Ibrahim was named a National Geographic Emerging Explorer, and in 2015, he was named a TED fellow, the first paleontologist in the history of the program.

Dr. Kara Cooney, professor of Egyptology at UCLA, brings *When Women Ruled the World* to Worcester on Thursday, April 9 at 7:30pm. Cooney's academic work focuses on death preparations, afterlife beliefs and gender studies. She has participated in digs with the Metropolitan Museum of New York at the Royal Pyramid complex of Senwosret III and the Theban Necropolis with Johns Hopkins University. Cooney appeared as a lead expert in the popular Discovery Channel special, "The Secrets of Egypt's Lost Queen," and is a recurring team member of the History Channel's "Digging for the Truth." Her book, "The Woman Who Would Be King: Hatshepsut's Ride to Power in Ancient Egypt," was published in 2014, and she also wrote, "When Women Ruled the World: Six Queens of Egypt," which was published by National Geographic in 2018.

Photographer Joel Sartore concludes the speaker series with *Building The Photo Ark* on Thursday, May 14 at 7:30pm. Sartore is the founder of The Photo Ark, a multiyear project to document every species living in captivity. In the first 11 years of the project, Sartore has traveled the world to photograph more than 6,000 animals, many of which are critically endangered or have since gone extinct. Sartore is also the author of "THE PHOTO ARK: One Man's Quest to Document the World's Animals" (National Geographic Books) and his first series on PBS, "Rare: Creatures of the Photo Ark," premiered in July 2017. In addition to Photo Ark, Sartore is a regular contributor to "National Geographic" magazine and has written several books. Sartore and his work regularly appear on National Geographic Channel's "Explorer," "NBC Nightly News" and NPR's "Weekend Edition." He is also a contributor on "CBS Sunday Morning with Charles Osgood."

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.

Tickets for all three of the *National Geographic Live* speakers are \$95, or purchase VIP seats, including a meet and greet with all speakers, for \$175. Single tickets for individual speakers go on sale in December. Tickets are available online at TheHanoverTheatre.org, by phone at 877.571.SHOW (7469) or at The Hanover Theatre box office located at 2 Southbridge Street in

downtown Worcester. For information on student matinees, contact KRourke@thehanovertheatre.org.

Save more the day tickets go on sale!

The *National Geographic Live Speakers Series* joins over 20 new shows on sale throughout the month of August. Save \$5-\$12 on every ticket you buy (from 10am - midnight) the day they go on sale to the public. Handling fees are waived ONLY on the day each show goes on public sale. Sign up online at TheHanoverTheatre.org/AugustMania to receive a reminder when your favorite shows go on sale. Become a member for as little as \$75 and get first access to single tickets plus save 10% off on Member Mondays throughout August. All price levels are available in the orchestra when tickets go on sale. When they're gone, they're gone, so don't delay! Handling fees are not waived on Member Mondays.

About The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts

The Hanover Theatre has entertained more than two million patrons with world-class performances and headlining acts including Broadway hits ("Jersey Boys," "Kinky Boots," "Something Rotten!"), comedians (Dave Chappelle, Jay Leno, Jerry Seinfeld), musical acts (Neil Young, Aretha Franklin, John Legend, Tony Bennett) and everything in between ("A Christmas Carol," Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Alton Brown, Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson). POLLSTAR consistently ranks The Hanover Theatre as one of the top theatres in the world. After 11 seasons, the award-winning, historic theatre continues to establish its place as a world-class performing arts venue, acting as a catalyst for the economic development of downtown Worcester. The Hanover Theatre's facilities at 551 Main Street house function spaces, offices and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory.

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