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THE AUDITORIUM THEATRE'S 2019-20 *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE* SPEAKER SERIES CONCLUDES WITH PHOTOJOURNALIST BRIAN SKERRY ON MAY 5, 2020

SKERRY SPECIALIZES IN MARINE WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY AND HAS SPENT MORE THAN 10,000 HOURS UNDERWATER, CAPTURING STUNNING IMAGES

[National Geographic Live Speaker Series – Ocean Soul on May 5, 2020](#)



(CHICAGO, IL) – The Auditorium Theatre's 2019-20 *National Geographic Live* Speaker Series returns on May 5, 2020 with *Ocean Soul*, featuring National Geographic explorer and photographer **Brian Skerry**.

"We are excited to conclude our fantastic 2019-20 *National Geographic Live* Speaker Series with the award-winning photographer Brian Skerry," says **Rich Regan**, Auditorium Theatre CEO. "Skerry's images of marine wildlife are incredible, and I look forward to hearing his captivating stories about how he captured them."

Skerry has been a National Geographic photographer since 1998, and was named a National Geographic Photography Fellow in 2014. He has covered a wide range of stories for the magazine, from the harp seal's struggle to survive in frozen waters to the alarming decrease in the world's fisheries to dolphin intelligence. He also has covered predatory sharks, the plight of the right whale, and the decline in healthy coral reefs around the world. In 2017, National Geographic Books published *SHARK*, a collection of some of Skerry's most breathtaking images of sharks from throughout his career.

Skerry dives eight months of the year, often in extreme conditions beneath Arctic ice or in predator-infested waters, and has spent more than 10,000 hours underwater, creating images so

vivid that they sometimes appear to have been shot in a studio. He has even lived at the bottom of the sea to get close to his subjects. Skerry has emerged as a leading voice for marine conservation, and his powerful presentations showcase his award-winning imagery and thrilling wildlife encounters while also inspiring reverence for the marine world and offering hope for protecting our oceans.

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Event Information

[National Geographic Live Speaker Series – Ocean Soul](#)

Tuesday, May 5 | 7PM

Each *National Geographic Live* speaker event is approximately 70 minutes long, followed by a Q&A with the speaker.

Tickets are \$42 and \$54 and are available online at AuditoriumTheatre.org, by phone at 312.341.2300, or in person at the [Auditorium Theatre Box Office](#) (50 E Ida B Wells Dr). Ocean Soul is a part of the [National Geographic Live Speaker Series](#), which also includes [Adventures Among Orangutans](#) (March 10) and offers a 15% discount. A family pack is available for a 10% discount (for 4-5 people) or 15% (for 6 or more people), discount automatically applies at checkout. Discounted tickets are also available for [groups](#) of 10 or more people.

The Auditorium Theatre also offers \$15 [student rush tickets](#) to full-time college students and \$5 tickets to young people ages 13-19 with Urban Gateways' [Teen Arts Pass](#) program. The Auditorium Theatre's [ADMIT ONE](#) program offers complimentary tickets to Chicago-area community groups.



Upcoming Events at the Auditorium Theatre

March 5-8: [Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater](#)

March 10: [National Geographic Live Speaker Series – Adventures Among Orangutans](#)

March 14: [Shin Lim](#)

March 19-22: [American Ballet Theatre – Celebrating 80 Years!](#)

March 28: [Varsity Vocals Presents ICCA Great Lakes Semifinal](#)

April 2-5: [Shen Yun](#)

April 22-May 3: [The Joffrey Ballet – Don Quixote](#)

May 5: [National Geographic Live Speaker Series – Ocean Soul](#)

June 6: [Giordano Dance Chicago](#)

June 10-14: [Bolshoi Ballet – Swan Lake](#)

About The Auditorium Theatre

The Auditorium Theatre, located at 50 E Ida B Wells Dr at Roosevelt University in Chicago, is an Illinois, not-for-profit organization committed to presenting the finest in international, cultural, community, and educational programming to all of Chicago and beyond as **The Theatre for the People**. The organization also is committed to the continued restoration and preservation of the **National Historic Landmark**.

The Auditorium Theatre 2019-20 Season is made possible in part with support from the **John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**, the **Illinois Arts Council**, and the **Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel**. **Chicago Magazine** is the official magazine sponsor. For more information about programming, volunteer, and donor opportunities or theatre tours, please call 312.341.2310 or visit AuditoriumTheatre.org. For a complete listing of events at the Auditorium Theatre, please click [here](#).



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