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KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ANNOUNCES SIXTH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE SEASON

The 2017 season includes five events, including a special engagement presentation and membership opportunity to the Kauffman Center's Adventure Circle

Kansas City, MO – Today, the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts announced that the popular National Geographic Live speaker series will return in 2017. Now in its sixth season, the spring series will feature entertaining and visually spectacular presentations by wildlife photojournalist Charlie Hamilton James, mountaineer Hilaree O'Neill, photographer Anand Varma, ecologist and photographer Zeb Hogan and a special engagement with photojournalist Lyndsey Addario.

National Geographic Live speakers share their journeys of exploration from being on assignment around the world. Illustrated with award-winning photography and video, each evening concludes with a question and answer session and an opportunity to meet the presenter.

Season subscription packages for the five-part series are available starting Wednesday, August 10; single tickets for the five events go on sale Thursday, September 1.

National Geographic Live will present matinee performances specifically geared for students as a part of the Kauffman Center's Open Doors program. Schools can find more information about these matinees at kauffmancenter.org/schoolmatinees.

The National Geographic Live series is generously supported by Teresa and Tom Walsh.

Thanks to our National Geographic Live series hotel sponsor, Hilton President.

ABOUT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts – a major not-for-profit center for music, opera, theater and dance designed by Moshe Safdie – opened in 2011. Serving as a cultural cornerstone for Kansas City and the region, the Kauffman Center delivers extraordinary and diverse performing arts experiences. Honored as one of the World's 15 Most Beautiful Concert Halls, the Kauffman Center attracts some of the world's most renowned performers and entertainers.

Through educational outreach programs and community enrichment, the Kauffman Center supports Kansas City as a cultural destination. More information on the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is available at <u>kauffmancenter.org</u>.

Follow the Kauffman Center on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to get details about upcoming performances and behind-the-scenes access.



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