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## BRECKENRIDGE CREATIVE ARTS PARTNERS WITH *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE* TO BRING ESTEEMED EXPLORERS TO THE HIGH COUNTRY

### Riverwalk Center in Breckenridge to host three-part speaker series in 2015

Wednesday, September 16, 7:30 pm

Cory Richards and Mike Libeck: "Untamed Antarctica"

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Bryan Smith: "The Lens of Adventure"

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David Doubilet and Jennifer Hayes: "Coral Kingdoms and Empires of Ice"

BRECKENRIDGE, CO (March 25 2015) – *National Geographic Live*, National Geographic’s popular and entertaining speaker series, and **Breckenridge Creative Arts** will showcase the world through the eyes of great explorers, filmmakers, and photographers with a debut season starting September 2015 at the Riverwalk Center in Breckenridge, Colorado. Single event ticket prices range from \$25 to \$45; season subscribers save 15% off single ticket prices when purchasing all three events. Subscription and single-event tickets to the *National Geographic Live* Breckenridge series are on sale now through [breckcreate.org](http://breckcreate.org).

The Breckenridge program, which is the first *National Geographic Live* series in Colorado, will expose rarely seen

perspectives on exploration through the often-daring experiences of National Geographic personalities. In the 2015 season, audience members experience the climb of a 2,000-foot peak in frigid Antarctica with **Mike Libeck and Cory Richards**; peek into the lens of adventure filmmaker **Bryan Smith**; and see “behind-the-camera” adventures with the team of underwater photographer **David Doubilet** and aquatic biologist **Jennifer Hayes**.

"We are delighted to be partnering with Breckenridge Creative Arts to bring our explorers, photographers, and filmmakers to the Rockies and Colorado," said Andy van Duym, Vice President of *National Geographic Live*. "At National Geographic, we believe in the power of science, exploration, and storytelling to change the world. People in Breckenridge love nature and the outdoors. And so I'm sure that the entertaining stories that National Geographic's explorers share through the series will be a hit with the community."

The three-part series opens with climbing photographers and explorers **Cory Richards and Mike Libeck** in a program entitled “**Untamed Antarctica**” on **Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30 pm** at the Riverwalk Center.

No one had set foot on Bertha’s Tower until it was climbed by an expedition supported by *National Geographic*. The team included photographer and filmmaker Cory Richards, and Mike Libeck, a veteran of over 40 expeditions—including first ascents on five continents, plus Oceania. Surrounded by ice, the 2,000-foot spire is battered by winds of near-hurricane force. As reported in the September 2013 *National Geographic*, Richards and Libeck battled extreme cold, furious katabatic winds, and fickle weather in an epic, ten-day climb to the summit.

The second installation of the series features extreme filmmaker **Bryan Smith** in a program entitled “**The Lens of Adventure**” on **Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 pm** at the Riverwalk Center.

An experienced kayaker who had paddled steep rivers in India, Peru, and Russia, Bryan Smith was inspired to take up video photography while protesting a hydroelectric dam project that threatened British Columbian rivers. He quickly developed a knack for creating innovative technical solutions to capture dizzying images—inevitably putting himself and his team at risk to get the shot.

Currently, Smith is traveling the world in search of the world’s monster fish for the popular Nat Geo WILD series *Hooked*. He recently filmed and directed "The Man Who Can Fly", a National Geographic special documenting experiments in human-powered flight. For Bryan Smith, extreme is “whatever is scary for you,” and he repeatedly tests the limits.

The third and final event in the 2015 series features aquatic photographers **David Doubilet and Jennifer Hayes** in a program entitled “**Coral Kingdoms and Empires of Ice**” on **Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 pm** at the Riverwalk Center.

David Doubilet is a legend in underwater photography. Together with his wife and underwater partner, photojournalist Jennifer Hayes, he has explored three unique marine environments for *National Geographic*. Join them to explore the rich and diverse waters of Kimbe Bay, Papua New Guinea, part of the “coral triangle.” Follow them into the world beneath the Antarctic ice, then north to the Gulf of St. Lawrence to see whales, wolfish and harp seals. Together, they’ll go beyond the published stories to share the reality of “behind-the-

camera” adventures

**About National Geographic Live**

*National Geographic Live* is the live events division of the National Geographic Society, featuring live concerts, films, and dynamic presentations by today's leading explorers, scientists, filmmakers, and photographers covering a wide range of topics including: exploration and adventure; wildlife and habitat conservation; natural phenomena; and relevant issues such as climate change. Proceeds from speaker series ticket sales help fund future National Geographic initiatives in field research, exploration, and education. For more information visit [www.nglive.org](http://www.nglive.org).

**About Breckenridge Creative Arts**

Established in 2014, Breckenridge Creative Arts was developed to support and promote arts, culture, and creative experiences throughout Breckenridge. This multidisciplinary nonprofit organization is responsible for the successful management of a series of programs, facilities, and partnerships that collectively animate and populate a cultural corridor in the heart of downtown Breckenridge. From quality performing and visual arts to the development of one of the region’s newest arts districts, Breckenridge Creative Arts is a transformative force for Breckenridge and the greater Summit County community. For more information visit [breckcreate.org](http://breckcreate.org).

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