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BRECKENRIDGE CREATIVE ARTS PRESENTS SECOND SEASON OF POPULAR *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE!*

Riverwalk Center in Breckenridge to host three-part speaker series in 2016

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Steve Winter: "On the Trail of Big Cats: Tigers, Cougars, and Snow Leopards"

BRECKENRIDGE, CO (December 15, 2015) – **Breckenridge Creative Arts** is pleased to announce its second season of ***National Geographic Live!***, a three-part speaker series that showcases the world through the eyes of award-winning photographers, filmmakers, and explorers. The 2016 season will run March through May at the Riverwalk Center in Breckenridge, Colorado. Single event tickets are \$25 and \$35, with student and children's tickets priced at \$10; season subscribers save 15% off single ticket prices when purchasing all three events. Subscription and single-event tickets to the *National Geographic Live!* series in Breckenridge are on sale now at the Riverwalk Center Ticket Office, by phone at 970-547-3100 or online at breckcreate.org.

The Breckenridge series features intimate and engaging lectures with some of the most fascinating National Geographic personalities. In the 2016 season, audience members can climb K2 with **Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner**; peek into the lens of Colorado-based filmmaker **Pete McBride**; and experience the adventures of wildlife photographer **Steve Winter**.

"We look forward to bringing a second season of National Geographic's dynamic and entertaining explorers to Breckenridge," said Andy van Duym, Vice President of *National Geographic Live*. "Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner, Pete McBride, and Steve Winter have wowed audiences across North America and around the world with their breathtaking multi-media shows and stories of adventure. The Breckenridge community is in for a treat."

The three-part series opens with mountaineer **Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner** in a program entitled "**K2: Danger and Desire on the Savage Mountain**" on **Friday, March 4 at 7:30 pm** at the Riverwalk Center.

Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner has climbed all fourteen main peaks in the eight thousand series as well as four summits higher than eight thousand meters. By reaching the summit of K2 (8,611m, the second highest peak in the world), she has become the first woman to scale all 8,000m peaks without the use of supplementary oxygen. Her passion, however, is not solely the high mountains of the Himalayas — it's the people, culture, and religion that enchant her.

The achievement earned Kaltenbrunner recognition as one of National Geographic's Adventurers of the Year. Meet this astonishing mountaineer and share the dramatic story of how she prepared for and triumphed on K2, told with breathtaking photos and video from the roof of the world.

The second installation of the series features acclaimed photographer and filmmaker **Pete McBride** in a program entitled "**Chasing Rivers**" on **Friday, April 8 at 7:30 pm** at the Riverwalk Center.

Pete McBride is living proof that in photography, passion, hard work, and guts matter more than the cost of your gear or where you went to school. A child of the Colorado, McBride grew up on a cattle ranch along the river. Now he's an acclaimed photographer and filmmaker with over 15 years of work for National Geographic and an award-winning film, *Chasing Water*, to his credit. Along the way, he's taken pictures from such unusual vantage points as the cockpit of a WWI biplane and the underside of an iceberg.

The stories McBride tells are important. So important that National Geographic has named McBride a "freshwater hero" for his work documenting the world's most beloved rivers. While his perspective on freshwater draws from work in over 70 countries, his most recent big projects have been "source to sea" journeys along two major rivers: the Colorado and the Ganges. For his journey down the "American Nile," McBride paddled the river and also took to the skies with his father, an accomplished pilot, to make images and video of the Colorado's spectacular landscapes. Following the Ganges, India's sacred waterway, he traveled by any means necessary, including rickshaw, helicopter, and elephant.

The third and final event in the 2016 series features intrepid explorer and photographer **Steve Winter** in a program entitled "**On the Trail of Big Cats: Tigers, Cougars, and Snow Leopards**" on **Friday, May 27 at 7:30 pm** at the Riverwalk Center.

Trek into some of the world's most remote locations with Steve Winter as he tracks down big cats. From explorations high in India's Himalaya in search of rare snow leopards to stalking the elusive jaguar through Latin American jungles, this determined explorer ventures far and wide to come face to face with his subjects.

While these felines may be endangered, they're still wild, unpredictable creatures—and tracking them in their own domains can be more dangerous still. Winter has been attacked by rhinos and gotten stuck in quicksand while working in the field. But he's had lighter moments as well: mishaps with remote-controlled cameras and managing to photograph a cougar under the famous "Hollywood" sign. Throughout it all, Winter's mission is to share the beauty of big cats while reinvigorating efforts to save them.

Winter has won the world's top photojournalism awards including BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year. His decade-long project to document the world's disappearing tigers recently culminated in his stunning National Geographic book, *Tigers Forever*.

"We are thrilled to once again be partnering with National Geographic and hope others join in our excitement for the opportunity to see and hear the stories and experiences these incredible people have to share," said Robb Woulfe, President and CEO of Breckenridge Creative Arts. "We look forward to providing our community with another exhilarating season that will inspire and entertain audiences of all ages."

The Breckenridge engagement of *National Geographic Live* is part of a performing arts series entitled BCA Presents, a program of year-round concerts, lectures and special events presented and hosted by Breckenridge Creative Arts. Support for the series is generously provided by the Town of Breckenridge.

About National Geographic Live

National Geographic Live is the live events division of the National Geographic Society, a global nonprofit membership organization driven by a passionate belief in the power of science, exploration and storytelling to change the world. With a broad roster of talent including renowned photographers, scientists, authors, filmmakers and adventurers, *National Geographic Live's* critically acclaimed programs have connected with audiences worldwide for over a century. Currently, *National Geographic Live* events are held in 32 cities around the world, including New York, Seattle, Chicago, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Singapore and Sydney. In each of these cities, speakers share behind-the-scenes stories from the front lines of exploration on stage alongside stunning imagery and gripping footage. In 2014, *National Geographic Live* events were attended by over 150,000 people. For more information, visit nglive.org

About Breckenridge Creative Arts

Established in 2014, Breckenridge Creative Arts was developed by the town 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, properties 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.

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