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NGL Explorer Anand Varma (right) © Will Young



NGL Explorer Kobie Boykins (left) © Will Young

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For almost 130 years, National Geographic has funded groundbreaking scientists and explorers and shared their findings with the world. It sponsored Explorer-in-Residence Dr. Sylvia Earle throughout her career spent expanding our knowledge of the world’s fragile oceans, documented Robert Ballard’s quest to find the Titanic, and supported Jane Goodall’s groundbreaking study of chimpanzees.

On the Cover: (Top) NGL Explorer Terry Virts. (Centred-right) NGL Explorer Dr. Lee Berger. (Below) © Mark Thiessen

“I really appreciate the opportunity to meet the Explorers and receive beautiful souvenir gifts, but more than anything, we are very passionate about this program and want to ensure it continues.

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NGL Explorer David Doubilet (centre)



NGL Explorer Kenny Broad (centered right)



NGL Explorer Carsten Peter (right) © Will Young

“The opportunity to meet the *National Geographic Live* Explorers is so incredible.”

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To date, National Geographic has given out more than 12,000 grants to ventures that are making a real difference in the world—projects like the Big Cat’s Initiative, which is working to stop the decline in populations of big cats in the wild; and the Pristine Seas project, which has helped protect 3 million square kilometers of the ocean’s last wild places.

And with our planet’s future at stake, National Geographic is focused on the guardians of that future: our children. Its education programs give teachers the tools they need to engage kids of

all ages, revealing our interconnected world, and inspiring new generations of citizens and explorers.

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1ST RECEPTION

Speaker: **Mireya Mayor** - Explorer, Primatologist & TV Correspondent
Pink Boots and A Machete

Reception: Arts Commons, Founders Room
Monday, November 6, 2017 - 5:30pm

"Animals on the brink of extinction will depend on this generation... Only by seeing how amazing these creatures are, will kids want to protect them." - **Mireya Mayor**

Dr. Mireya Mayor's adventures have taken her armed with little more than a backpack, notebooks, and hiking boots to some of the wildest and most remote places on earth. She's survived poisonous insect bites, been charged by gorillas and chased by elephants. She's also drunk cow blood in Tanzania, shared a raw goat kidney with the Maasai warriors of Africa and ingested leaves to calm down an angry 400-pound silverback gorilla in Congo.

On expedition in Madagascar, Mayor co-discovered a rare new species of mouse lemur, believed to be the world's smallest primate. Her discovery inspired the prime minister of Madagascar to establish a national park to help protect the new species, conserving the 10 percent that remains of the African island nation's once vast forest.

2ND RECEPTION

Speaker: **Terry Virts** - Explorer, NASA Astronaut & Photographer
View from Above

Reception: Arts Commons, Founders Room
Monday, January 22, 2018 - 5:30pm

"I think that 100 years from now, 500 years from now, people will look back on this as the initial baby steps that we took going into the solar system. In the same way that we look back on Columbus and the other explorers 500 years ago..." - **Terry Virts**

Sometimes, a little distance is all you need to see things in a brand new way. For astronaut Terry Virts, his newfound perspective was from the International Space Station (ISS), where he installed the Cupola module, granting an unprecedented 360-degree view from the station. When he later became the commander of the ISS, he made good use of the Cupola, taking more photographs than any astronaut who came before him. Many of those images were later used in the National Geographic book *View From Above* and IMAX film *A Beautiful Planet*, but to hear Virts tell it, no photo can capture the perfect shade of blue from a sunrise viewed from outer space.



NGL Explorer Mireya Mayor © Brent Stirton



NGL Explorer Terry Virts

© Terry Virts



"I know that my contribution to the program makes a difference, and is appreciated."

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© Bertie Gregory



NGL Explorer Bertie Gregory

NGL Explorer Cristina Mittermeier © Paul Nicklen



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3RD RECEPTION

Speaker: **Bertie Gregory** - Explorer, Photographer & Filmmaker
A Wild Life

Reception: Arts Commons, Founders Room
Monday, March 5, 2018 - 5:30pm

“The most special wildlife encounters are the ones when the Animal knows you’re there. It’s accepting of you, totally on its terms, in its environment.” - Bertie Gregory

Bertie Gregory is a 23-year-old wildlife filmmaker, photographer, and presenter who graduated in Zoology with First Class Honours from the University of Bristol in 2014. The next day, he boarded a plane to begin assisting Steve Winter in South Africa on assignment for National Geographic Magazine.

In 2015, he was named the Scientific Exploration Society Zenith Explorer of the year and a National Geographic Young Explorer. With these grants, he tracked down and filmed the illusive coastal wolf on the west coast of Vancouver Island, Canada. After some very sweaty pitches, this project then became his first solo assignment for National Geographic as they commissioned it to become their first online wildlife series.

4TH RECEPTION

Speaker: **Cristina Mittermeier** - Explorer, Marine Biologist & Photographer
Standing at the Water’s Edge

Reception: Arts Commons, Founders Room
Monday, April 23, 2018 - 5:30pm

“My work is about building a greater awareness of the responsibility of what it means to be a human... It is about the ethical imperative—the urgent reminder that we are inextricably linked to all other species on this planet and that we have a duty to act as the keepers of our fellow life forms.” - Cristina Mittermeier

Cristina Mittermeier is one of conservation photography’s strongest proponents and experienced practitioners. As founder and former President of the International League of Conservation Photographers, and currently one of only seven Sony Global Artisans of Imagery, Cristina focuses on the delicate relationship between nature’s most spectacular and endangered wildlife and Earth’s vanishing traditional human cultures. This unique view of people and nature lies at the heart of her work and is the key to understanding why her images are so poignant and beautiful. Her ultimate mission is to reconnect people’s lives to nature through the use of photography.

For Cristina, photography did not come as a first career choice. She was trained as a marine biologist and through the years became a biodiversity conservation consultant. The need to pick up a camera came after she had already published a number of scientific papers dealing with the loss of biodiversity and human cultures and she found herself short of words to express her emotional connection to the issues in which she was involved.

All Explorers Circle events (special guests, dates, times and locations) are subject to change.

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