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Andrés Ruzo Sheds Light on the Mystery of the Boiling River with National Geographic Live and Arts Commons Presents

December 16, 2024 - CALGARY – With an unmatched passion for all things that boil and bubble under the earth’s crust, National Geographic Explorer Andrés Ruzo brings inspiration and expertise to the **Jack Singer Concert Hall** at Arts Commons. Join Arts Commons Presents and National Geographic Live with **Andrés Ruzo: Hunt for Sleeping Giants** on **Sunday, January 26 at 2 p.m. and Monday, January 27 at 7 p.m.** Tickets are available now at artscommons.ca/sleepinggiant.

Andrés Ruzo is a geothermal scientist, educator, and science communicator best known for his work at the Boiling River, or Shanay-timpishka, deep in the Amazon. When he was a child, he heard stories of the Boiling River, and when he discovered it was real, he dedicated his future to uncovering its secrets. The Boiling River is a geothermal marvel and currently the world's largest documented thermal river, even though it is over 430 away from the centre of the nearest active volcanic . He works with local communities and Indigenous groups in the central Peruvian Amazon through educational and sustainable economic initiatives and, through this work, he founded the Boiling River Project, a nonprofit aimed at understanding, protecting, and bringing value to the Boiling River. He has also hosted an award-winning National Geographic Latin America television show [Misterios del Inframundo](#) (*Mysteries of the Underworld*) and a [TED talk](#) sharing his insight into the Boiling River.

"The Boiling River is a testament to the beauty and complexity of the natural world, and it reminds us of how much we still have to learn," says Ruzo. "My work on the Boiling River is not just about scientific discovery; it's also about conservation, education, and honoring the indigenous cultures who call the Amazon home."

As a geothermal scientist, Ruzo has travelled the globe, studying lava flows and searching for the sleeping giants beneath our feet. In his live talk, accompanied by high resolution pictures and video, Ruzo will transport audiences through fiery portals to the Earth’s core.

"There is very little on our planet that is both as mysterious yet unimaginably powerful as volcanoes," says Sarah Garton Stanley, VP of programming at Arts Commons. "By grabbing hold of the image of a sleeping giant that lies beneath the surface, Andrés Ruzo ignites our imagination with wonder and awe. His unbridled enthusiasm and deep respect for the geothermic secrets of our planet is contagious, and I invite you to join us and find out why."

National Geographic Live has captured the imaginations of Calgarians, inspiring a love for science and the natural world since its launch in 2012. The series highlights Explorers at the forefront of their fields, traversing the planet with stunning video and photography projected on the high-resolution screen that spans the Jack Singer Concert Hall stage. Join Arts Commons Presents for the 2024-25 season of National Geographic Live with the upcoming presentation of **Andrés Ruzo: Hunt for Sleeping Giants** on **January 26 & 27, 2025**, followed by **Doug Smith: Wild Wolves of Yellowstone** on **April 27 & 28, 2025**, and **Kakani Katija: Designed by Nature** on **May 25 & 26, 2025**. Learn more at artscommons.ca/ngl.

What: Arts Commons Presents – Andrés Ruzo: *Hunt for Sleeping Giants*
When: Sunday, January 26 at 2 p.m. and Monday, January 27 at 7 p.m.

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Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons
Tickets: 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca/giants

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