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Butterfly Chaser and Award-Winning Explorer Jaime Rojo Shares the Incredible Story of One of Nature's Most Iconic Insects

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You've never seen butterflies like this before! National Geographic Explorer, award-winning photographer, and wilderness advocate Jaime Rojo takes audiences into the expansive world of monarch butterflies, their unbelievable migration, and the citizen naturalists stepping in to protect them. Live in Calgary, Jaime Rojo shares up-close high-definition photography and video of these winged wonders, guaranteeing you'll never look at butterflies the same way again. **Jaime Rojo: Chasing Monarchs** takes place on **Sunday, February 1 at 2:00 p.m.** and **Monday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Jack Singer Concert Hall at Werklund Centre**. For more information visit werklundcentre.ca/rojo.



Fifty years after the astounding discovery that monarch butterflies spend their winters in the forests of Mexico, travelling up to 4,500 km each year, National Geographic Explorer Jaime Rojo reveals their incredible journey with never-before-seen visuals. A photographer



and conservationist, Jaime Rojo advocates wilderness preservation and through his work, educates about large-landscape connectivity. His goal is to capture images that can ultimately become tools for creating new protected areas. He is an International League of Conservation Photographers Senior Fellow, a trustee of the WILD Foundation, a [presenter at TED2024](#), and the recipient of honours in competitions such as World Press Photo and Wildlife Photographer of the Year.

"Few insects have captured our imagination like the monarch butterfly. Their migration is one of the most iconic wildlife spectacles in North America, but they are also one of the best environmental indicators we have of the health of our ecosystems," says Jaime Rojo. "They have been in decline for the last 40 years. So, they might be telling us a bigger story. A story about our relationship with the natural world."

Jaime Rojo: Chasing Monarchs marks the 14th season of National Geographic Live at Werklund Centre in the Jack Singer Concert Hall. This series continues to bring expansive stories and stunning visuals from the pages of National Geographic magazine to our stage.

"Werklund Centre is proud to kick off the first of our many National Geographic Live shows this season with Jaime, who will blow people's minds with his photography and storytelling," says President and CEO Alex Sarian. "Calgarians have made it clear that this city lives at the intersection of curiosity, science, and artistry. That's why I can't wait to welcome everyone to witness the magic of Jaime and his work."

National Geographic Live

Jaime Rojo: Chasing Monarchs

Sunday February 1 and Monday, February 2, 2026

Presentation: 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Jack Singer Concert Hall at Werklund Centre

Tickets available by calling 403-294-9494 or visit werklundcentre.ca/rojo.

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