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Dive Beneath the Waves to Discover the Untold Stories of Sharks with Biologist Jess Cramp at Werklund Centre

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Mysterious and often frightening, sharks have dominated our oceans since before the beginning of human history, yet we're only just discovering many of their secrets. Werklund Centre invites you to swim alongside one of the world's foremost shark researchers under the vibrant waters of the South Pacific and discover what it truly means to save these fascinating predators. **Jess Cramp: The Untold Story of Sharks** takes place on **Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m.** and **Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Jack Singer Concert Hall** at **Werklund Centre**. For more information visit werklundcentre.ca/cramp.



Fifty years after *Jaws* shocked audiences in theatres, National Geographic Live is opening their archives to reveal the true story of 20th-century women leading shark science with cutting-edge conservationist and shark researcher Jess Cramp at the forefront. Dr. Jess Cramp is a National Geographic Explorer who specializes in conservation policy and



engaging communities in the management of their ocean. Jess co-championed a grassroots campaign that resulted in the Cook Islands Shark Sanctuary in 2012, an area exceeding 770,000 square miles. She is also the founder and executive director of Sharks Pacific, a non-profit organization that conducts research, outreach, and advocacy throughout the Pacific Islands region.

“Curiosity and connection are a big part of conservation. Pick a shark in an ocean and see if you can figure out how that shark is connected to you. Think about the waterways near you—eventually they will flow to the sea,” says Jess Cramp. “My passion for sharks really started as a passion for the ocean and sharks are an extension of my love for the ocean.”

Jess Cramp: The Untold Story of Sharks is the second presentation in Werklund Centre’s 2025-26 season of National Geographic Live. After 14 seasons in Calgary, this series continues to bring expansive stories and stunning visuals from the pages of National Geographic magazine to our stage.

“What makes the National Geographic Live series so powerful is its ability to translate rigorous science into storytelling that moves people—and when people are moved, change follows,” says President and CEO Alex Sarian. “That intersection of discovery and artistry is why the series resonates so deeply in Calgary. I’m thrilled to welcome Jess Cramp and the extraordinary stories she’ll bring to our stage.”

National Geographic Live

Jess Cramp: The Untold Story of Sharks

Sunday March 8 and Monday, March 9, 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/cramp.

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