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### AUDITORIUM THEATRE'S *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE* 2018-19 SEASON CONCLUDES WITH POINT OF NO RETURN, FEATURING MOUNTAINEER HILAREE NELSON

2018-19 *National Geographic Live Series* – Curated by the  
Auditorium Theatre – Highlights Stories of Inspirational Women

[National Geographic Live – Point of No Return on May 7, 2019 at 7PM](#)



Press photos and video are available [here](#).

(CHICAGO, IL) The Auditorium Theatre's *National Geographic Live* 2018-19 speaker series, highlighting the stories of inspirational women, concludes on Tuesday, May 7, with **Point of No Return**, featuring the mountaineer **Hilaree Nelson**.

In *Point of No Return*, Nelson recounts the National Geographic team's expedition to the top of Burma's Hkakabo Razi mountain, a 5,881-meter peak. The team knew that the journey would be harrowing, but what they didn't realize was that the greatest obstacle wouldn't be their dwindling rations, the grueling jungle hikes, or the life-threatening hypothermia – it would be the conflicting personalities between team members that threatened to unravel the journey. Nelson shares insight into the difficult decisions she had to make as team leader, accompanied by stunning photos by **Cory Richards** and clips from **Renan Ozturk's** documentary *Down to Nothing*.

"We are honored to have Hilaree Nelson on our landmark stage to share her story with us to conclude our inaugural *National Geographic Live Series*, which has focused on the stories of inspirational women throughout our season," says **C.J. Dillon**, Auditorium Theatre Chief Programming Officer. "Her story and her insights into collaboration and decision-making will resonate with anyone who has ever been a part of any team."



Nelson, named one of the most adventurous women in the world of sports by Outside Magazine, is the first woman to climb both Mt. Everest and its neighboring peak, Mt. Lhotse, in a single 24-hour period. In September 2018, she was part of a two-person team that completed the first-ever ski descent of Lhotse, an 8,000-meter peak. She was named one of National Geographic's [Adventurers of the Year](#) in 2018.

### **Event Information**

#### [National Geographic Live – Point of No Return](#)

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 | 7PM

Tickets are \$42 and \$54 and are available online at [AuditoriumTheatre.org](#), by phone at 312.341.2300, or in person at the [Auditorium Theatre Box Office](#) (50 E Ida B Wells Dr).

The Auditorium Theatre also offers \$15 [student rush tickets](#) to full-time college students and \$5 tickets to young people ages 13-19 with Urban Gateways' [Teen Arts Pass](#) program. The Auditorium Theatre's [ADMIT ONE](#) program offers complimentary tickets to Chicago-area community groups.

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### **About National Geographic Live**

National Geographic Live is the live events division of National Geographic. 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 a variety of cities around the world, including Chicago, Seattle, Tampa, Los Angeles, and Calgary. In each of these cities, speakers share behind-the-scenes stories from the front lines of exploration onstage alongside stunning imagery and gripping footage. For more information, visit [NatGeoLive.com](#).

### **About National Geographic Partners LLC**

National Geographic Partners LLC (NGP), a joint venture between National Geographic and 21st Century Fox, is committed to bringing the world premium science, adventure and exploration content across an unrivaled portfolio of media assets. NGP combines the global National Geographic television channels (National Geographic Channel, Nat Geo WILD, Nat Geo MUNDO, Nat Geo PEOPLE) with National Geographic's media and consumer-oriented assets, including National Geographic magazines; National Geographic studios; related digital and social media platforms; books; maps; children's media; and ancillary activities that include travel, global experiences and events, archival sales, licensing and e-commerce businesses. Furthering knowledge and understanding of our world has been the core purpose of National Geographic for 130 years, and now we are committed to going deeper, pushing boundaries, going further for our consumers ... and reaching millions of people around the world in 172 countries and 43 languages every month as we do it. NGP returns 27 percent of our proceeds to the nonprofit National Geographic Society to fund work in the areas of science, exploration, conservation and education. For more information, visit [NatGeoTV.com](#) or [NationalGeographic.com](#). For general press inquiries about National Geographic, please contact Meg Calnan at [meg.calnan@natgeo.com](mailto:meg.calnan@natgeo.com) or 202.912.6703.

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### **About The Auditorium Theatre**

The Auditorium Theatre, located at 50 E Ida B Wells Dr at Roosevelt University in Chicago, is an Illinois, not-for-profit organization committed to presenting the finest in international, cultural, community, and educational programming to all of Chicago and beyond as **The Theatre for the**

**People.** The organization also is committed to the continued restoration and preservation of the **National Historic Landmark.**

The Auditorium Theatre 2018-19 Season is made possible in part with support from the **John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**, the **Illinois Arts Council**, **The Chicago Community Trust**, and the **Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel**. **Michigan Avenue Magazine** is the official magazine sponsor. For more information about programming, volunteer, and donor opportunities or theatre tours, please call 312.341.2310 or visit [AuditoriumTheatre.org](http://AuditoriumTheatre.org). For a complete listing of events at the Auditorium Theatre, please click [here](#).



Hilaree Nelson, photo by Cory Richards. | Hilaree Nelson, photo by Brett Schreckengost. | Auditorium Theatre, photo by Arturo Gonzalez.



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