

# AUDITORIUM THEATRE

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The Auditorium Theatre Presents

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE — *Social by Nature* with photographer and filmmaker Ronan Donovan, SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2PM

Features Donovan's images and adventures,  
from covering native wolves in Yosemite to  
wild chimpanzees in Uganda



(CHICAGO, IL) – ***What's a human?*** We are, at our core, social mammals. We build relationships, communicate, reproduce, establish territories, and adapt to shrinking resources. Chimpanzees, wolves, and gorillas are among the most charismatic of the social mammals we know — besides ourselves. We identify with them as species, groups, and even as named individuals. They're also under threat.

The Auditorium Theatre's **National Geographic Live Series** concludes with ***Social by Nature***, featuring National Geographic photographer and filmmaker **Ronan Donovan**, Sunday, April 10, at 2pm.

Biologist-turned-photographer & filmmaker Ronan Donovan shares the incredible similarities we humans share with other social mammals in the animal kingdom, and what we can learn from them.

Donovan has photographed for *National Geographic* magazine while living inside Yellowstone National Park documenting the life of wild wolves. He has covered the human-wildlife conflict between wild chimpanzees and humans in Africa and has hiked volcanoes to photograph mountain gorillas. He has studied the lives of social mammals, their relationship to their ecosystem, and how we can save them.

### **Ronan Donovan Biography**

Growing up in rural Vermont, Donovan always had a love for the natural world. He spent 2011 in the canopy studying wild chimpanzees in Uganda for Harvard University. This inspired him to use visual storytelling as a way to reach greater audiences. For the past 10 years, Donovan has lived in Montana, where he loves to explore the Rocky Mountains around his home in Bozeman. His images have been featured in Natural History Museum in London and the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

"This lively afternoon presentation culminates our 2022 National Geographic Live Series. We hope audiences have enjoyed this wild adventure and the opportunity to learn from top Nat Geo photographers and explorers," said **Rich Regan**, Auditorium Theatre CEO.

The North American Presenting Sponsor of the National Geographic Live Series is **Office Depot**. The Auditorium Theatre National Geographic Live Series Sponsor are **Deborah and Bruce Crown**.

### **EVENT INFORMATION**

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE — *SOCIAL BY NATURE*

Sunday, April 10, 2022 @ 2PM

Tickets are \$56 or \$44 and are available now at [AuditoriumTheatre.org](https://AuditoriumTheatre.org), by calling 312.341.2300, or at the Box Office at 50 E Ida B Wells Drive in Chicago, IL.

The Auditorium Theatre 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 also offers a [Student Savings Club](#) for both college and high school students. The Auditorium Theatre's [ADMIT ONE](#) program offers complimentary tickets to Chicago-area community groups.

The Auditorium Theatre is fully committed to the health and safety of our patrons and our staff. **For this event, patrons 5 and over are REQUIRED to show proof of vaccination at the door. Guests under 5 may gain entry by wearing a mask at all times when not eating and drinking. All guests must wear a mask when not eating or drinking. [Click here for the most current safety protocols.](#)**

### **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 this National Historic Landmark that originally opened in 1889.

The Auditorium Theatre 2021-2022 Season is made possible in part with support from **The Florian Fund, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**, and the **Illinois Arts Council Agency**. The Auditorium's official hotel partner is the **Palmer House Hilton** and their official magazine is **Chicago** magazine.

For a complete listing of events at the Auditorium Theatre, please visit [AuditoriumTheatre.org](https://AuditoriumTheatre.org).

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**The Auditorium Theatre invites members of the press and a guest to attend  
National Geographic Live — *Social by Nature*, Sunday, April 10 @ 2PM.**

**RSVP to [Beth@silvermangroupchicago.com](mailto:Beth@silvermangroupchicago.com) no later than Wednesday, April 6.**