



STANDING AT THE WATER'S EDGE

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Cristina Mittermeier, *marine biologist/photographer*



Photo credit: Cristina Mittermeier

There will be no intermission.

After the presentation, please join us for a Q & A session with the speaker.

ABOUT STANDING AT THE WATER'S EDGE

Photojournalist Cristina Mittermeier knows the power of water: the power to give life when it is respected, and the power to destroy when it is misused. During her time with the Kayapó people in the Amazon, she documented a society that relied on their local waterway to survive – and found their way of life threatened by a massive new dam. In British Columbia, she found First Nations protecting their sacred headwaters, and in Hawaii, a new community of indigenous peoples seeking to reclaim their connection to the sea. She learned that one concept bound these three disparate communities together: “Enoughness,” or taking only that which you need.

ABOUT NAT GEO LIVE

Nat Geo Live is a robust and widely acclaimed program of public events that presents onstage National Geographic’s top explorers, scientists, photographers, filmmakers, journalists and adventurers. Through personal appearances in select communities across North America, these dynamic individuals share their captivating stories from the frontlines of exploration. Each performance features the speaker’s live personal narrative illustrated on-screen with award-winning imagery, followed by a Q & A session and a book signing. *Nat Geo Live* is distinctive in that it creates a close connection between speaker and audience members. The series offers both public and student matinee audiences powerfully immediate and personal National Geographic experiences that patrons praise consistently as entertaining, enlightening and inspiring.

“My work is about building a greater awareness of the responsibility of what it means to be a human. It is about understanding that the history of every living thing that has ever existed on this planet also lives within us. It is about the ethical imperative – the urgent reminder that we are inextricably linked to all other species on this planet and that we have a duty to act as the keepers of our fellow life forms.”

– *Cristina Mittermeier*

BIO

CRISTINA MITTERMEIER is a Mexican-born marine biologist and photographer specializing in conservation issues surrounding the ocean and indigenous cultures. As a writer and a photographer for the past 25 years, her work centers on the delicate balance between human well-being and healthy ecosystems. Cristina has edited 24 coffee-table books on conservation issues and her work has been published in prestigious publications including *Science* and *Nature*. She is one of Sony’s Artisans of Imagery, was recently recognized as one of the world’s top 40 Most Influential Outdoor Photographers by *Outdoor Magazine*, is a past recipient of the Nature’s Best Conservation Photographer of the Year award and the North American Nature Photographer’s Association Mission Award. Cristina is president and co-founder of SeaLegacy.