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National Geographic Live! Photography Without Borders
McCallum Theatre
Monday – March 2 – 7:00pm

Palm Desert, CA – The McCallum Theatre and *National Geographic Live*, National Geographic's touring speaker series, are proud to announce "Photography Without Borders" with Annie Griffiths, one of *National Geographic's* most celebrated photographers, whose globetrotting career has taken her from Bedouin campfires to Argentinian horse whisperers. The event will take place on Monday, March 2, at 7:00pm.

One of the first women photographers to work for *National Geographic*, Annie Griffiths has photographed in nearly 150 countries during her illustrious career. She has worked on dozens of magazine and book projects for *National Geographic*, including stories on Lawrence of Arabia, Baja California, Galilee, Petra, Sydney, New Zealand, and Jerusalem.

In addition to her magazine work, Griffiths is deeply committed to photographing for aid organizations around the world. She is the founder and executive director of Ripple Effect Images, a collective of photographers who document the programs that are empowering women and girls in the developing world, especially as they deal with the devastating effects of climate change. In less than five years, Ripple Effect Images' work has helped 24 non-profits raise more than \$1 million.

Griffiths' work has also appeared in LIFE, Geo, Smithsonian, Fortune, Stern, and many other publications. Along with author Barbara Kingsolver, she produced *Last Stand: America's Virgin Lands*, a book celebrating the last pristine wilderness in North America. Proceeds from the book raised more than a quarter-million dollars for grassroots-land conservation.

In 2008, Griffiths published *A Camera, Two Kids and a Camel*, a photo memoir about balance, and the joy of creating a meaningful life. In 2010, Annie authored the book *Simply Beautiful Photographs*, which was named the top photo/art book of the year by both Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Annie is currently at work on two new books.

National Geographic Live is the live events division of National Geographic. With a 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, 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.

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Tickets for this show are priced at \$45, \$35 and \$15. Tickets are available at www.mccallumtheatre.com or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-2787. The McCallum Theatre, located at 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert CA 92260, accepts payment by cash, personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

*The McCallum Theatre Box Office, its phone center and website, are the **only** authorized outlets for tickets to performances presented at the Theatre. Tickets purchased from any other sources, such as brokers or secondary market websites, are purchased at consumer's own risk and cannot be guaranteed as valid.*