

Perot Museum of Nature and Science to Host National Geographic Live Speaker Series

*Tickets On Sale Now for Three-part Speaker Series Detailing Breakthrough Discoveries about the Rise of *T. rex*, the Origins of Humanity, and Our Universe*

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DALLAS (January 17, 2024) - The Perot Museum of Nature and Science is announcing the return of its [National Geographic Live](#) Speaker Series with three exciting events scheduled in 2024. The series, which brings to life the remarkable stories of National Geographic Explorers through in-person live events, begins in February with revered paleoanthropologist Lee Berger, who's known for some of the most important archaeological discoveries in history. His enthralling deep cave research has identified two new species of early human relatives, enabling him to recreate the astonishing lives of our ancestors. In May, Aerospace engineer Tracy Drain will focus on the forefront of space exploration where complex robots are rewriting our understanding of the universe. The series closes in October when acclaimed Paleontologist, Dr. Lindsay Zanno, reveals how *T. rex* became the iconic apex predator of North America more than 60 million years ago.

All three speaking events will be held in the Hogle Foundation Theater and tickets are on sale now on the [Museum's website](#).

"The amazing discoveries brought to life through this series bring inspiring tales of next-level scientific achievement from the far reaches of the globe right here to Dallas' doorstep," said Dr. Linda Silver, Eugene McDermott Chief Executive Officer of the Perot Museum. "We are honored to host these three extraordinary explorers and to share their adventures with our community, allowing us to continue a tradition of connecting the power of STEM to people, places and ideas."

Paleoanthropologist and National Geographic Explorer in Residence, Lee Berger will lead the series on February 21 sharing his story of the "**Cave of Bones**." His explorations into human origins have taken him to the African continent, Asia, and Micronesia over three decades. His many discoveries, including two new species of ancient human ancestors, help clarify (and complicate) the origins of modern humanity.

Aerospace engineer Tracy Drain works at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory peering into the cosmos through the eyes of the robotic spacecraft sent out to explore the universe. She develops, tests, and operates the complex machines that uncover some of the countless mysteries within and beyond our solar system. With infectious enthusiasm in her presentation called "**Cosmic Adventures**," Drain will shine a light on the darkness and vastness of space on May 17.

Dr. Lindsay Zanno, one of the world's leading experts on the evolution of theropod dinosaurs, is the series' final speaker, with a live event entitled "**Rise of *T. rex***" on October 2. Each year, Dr. Zanno spends several months on expedition, scouring the badlands of western North America. While unearthing several new species, she's also digging up answers determining how apex predators like *T. rex* came to dominate North America 66 million years ago.

Members of the Perot Museum are able to purchase single-event [tickets](#) for \$35 or complete series packages for \$100. Non-members will pay \$40 per speaker or \$115 for

the entire series.

For more information on National Geographic Live and other National Geographic events, please visit www.natgeolive.com.

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About the Perot Museum of Nature and Science:

Located in the heart of Dallas, Texas, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science is a nonprofit educational and research organization dedicated to inspiring minds through nature and science. Visitors will find everything from dinosaurs to diamonds and space to sports, packed into five levels of hands-on discovery and adventure. Through its state-of-the-art exhibits, educational programming and community outreach, the Museum offers exciting and innovative experiences for learners of all ages. For more information, visit perotmuseum.org.

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