



Beneath the Sea
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International Film Festival

Saturday, March 30, 2019, 8:30 p.m.

Hilton Meadowlands Hotel

Nancy McGee produces, edits and films her own documentaries with a focus on conservation, education in addition to a unique historical spin on culture and the marine ecosystem. Her credits include NBC, Universal Studios and Discovery. She is a frequent contributor to dive journals and is a featured speaker and emcee for national and international shows, film festivals and schools. Nancy is a member of the Ocean Artists Society, Platinum Pro 5000, and was inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame. Nancy has achieved these many goals while working full time in public education, personally touching the lives of thousands of children. She currently serves as the K-12 Director of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for the Grand Prairie Independent School District.



Jonathan was born in Big Spring, Texas in 1969. He earned a BS in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts, and an MS in Ocean Engineering from the University of New Hampshire. He combined his passion for photography with diving and soon became serious about underwater photography. He began speaking in schools to spread his passion for protecting the oceans, and soon his school lectures were so popular that they were getting in the way of his "real" job as an engineer at Raytheon. He began learning underwater video so that he could make a video version of his lecture to reach more schools. Twenty five years later, Jonathan is one of the most influential and well-known ocean educators in the world, with millions of viewers on television and the Internet watching his educational series: **Jonathan Bird's Blue World**. Tonight Jonathan will present: **Abaco Sequence from Ancient Caves**



Cathryn Castle Garcia and Capt. Gui Garcia own C2G2 Productions, specializing in underwater 8k film production. Cathryn has served as executive editor of Dive Training magazine for over 20 years. She has published the memoirs of notable scuba industry authors including Chuck Nicklin and Stan Waterman. In addition to being a photographer and filmmaker, Gui is a yacht captain. The couple recently completed a private yacht expedition from Ft. Lauderdale to Australia, cruising 46,000+ nautical miles. Their new book, *Ocean Metaphor: Unexpected Life Lessons from the Sea*.

Tonight Cathryn and Gui will present: **Transformation**



Annie Crawley has worked around the world with cameras in hand, focusing below the surface of the sea. Annie's work has been published and broadcast world-wide. Born and raised in Chicago, she now lives in the Pacific Northwest. She works as a filmmaker, keynote speaker, photographer, writer, as well as Master Scuba Diving Instructor. She has created a series of illustrated books and programs to entertain, educate and awe children and adults about life within our ocean. The Our Ocean And You campaign launched to create a community to educate and entertain all ages about our Ocean. She travels with a dive team comprised of kids, teens and young adults who explore the sea by free-diving and scuba diving. As a master communicator she runs programs teaching the art of photography, video, and storytelling and helps companies create effective marketing campaigns. In 2018 she graduated from the University of Washington Communication Leadership Program with a Master of Communications, is a member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame Class of 2010, and a member of the Climate Leadership Reality Corps trained by Al Gore. Tonight Annie will present: **A Mother's tale, Humpback Whales of Tonga**

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Howard and Michele Hall are wildlife filmmakers who specialize in marine wildlife films. Working as a team, Howard and Michele have produced and directed many television films including a National Geographic Special, three episodes of the PBS series Nature and the five-hour PBS series Secrets of the Ocean Realm. Their television work has resulted in seven Emmy Awards. The Halls are perhaps best known for their underwater IMAX® films. In 1994 Howard directed the first-ever underwater IMAX 3D feature, Into the Deep, and in 1998 he directed and Michele produced the IMAX film Island of the Sharks. The Halls returned to the IMAX 3D format in 2005 when Michele produced and Howard directed the Warner Bros./IMAX feature Deep Sea 3D. The award-winning sequel Under the Sea 3D followed in 2009. Of the five highest grossing 3D films produced by IMAX Corporation, two were directed by Howard. Into the Deep has earned box office receipts of over \$75 million and Deep Sea 3D has earned over \$97 million. Their film tonight is: ***Moving Art: Underwater***



Richie Kohler is an author and shipwreck explorer whose 40 years of diving experiences have taken him to all corners of the globe. These exploits have been detailed in documentary films and in a NY Times best-selling book, Shadow Divers, by Robert Kurson. Kohler hosted fifty-six episodes of the popular History Channel program “Deep Sea Detectives.” Richie’s focus in underwater exploration has been on the human aspect of shipwreck tragedies, correcting fractured or missing history and in doing so, providing answers and closure to family members. Locating and identifying lost warships such as the USS Murphy, USS Lagarto, U-215 and U-869. Kohler’s recent work on a forgotten WWII submarine battle has directly led to a posthumous recognition to an American Naval Captain in a recent award ceremony at the US Pentagon. He has written numerous magazine articles about shipwrecks, deep diving and diver safety and published his first book. Over the years he has made numerous presentations at schools, libraries, diving conventions and symposiums promoting diving safety, education and awareness. His film tonight is: ***Dark Waters with Richie Kohler***



For 40 years, Amos has pursued his quest to dispel the myth of "dangerous wildlife" and to show harmonious interactions between man and big animals. He is fearless about pioneering new ways to bring people to experience close encounters with anaconda, orca, and leopard seal. Amos aims his camera and expeditions to inspire awareness about the threatened and endangered species to promote their conservation. His film tonight is: ***Diving with a Polar Bear***



Michel and Julie are Explorers Club Fellows, Associate Members of the Boston Sea Rovers, and co-owners of N2Pix. They are frequent expedition leaders and guest speakers at film festivals throughout Canada, the US and Europe, and co-founders of an international underwater film festival. They are a photography/videography/technical diving dynamic duo! Their film this evening is: ***We***



Jim and Pat Stayer are explorers and well-known underwater filmmakers dedicated to sharing shipwrecks and remote dive destinations with audiences across North America. They co-authored 3 books and produced 33 DVDs. The couple has been referred to as two of the best animal behavior videographers, according to Ernie Brooks. Together they ran a dive charter boat in the Great Lakes and discovered 8 shipwrecks. The Stayers were underwater cameramen for History Channel and their footage has appeared on several major networks worldwide. Pat is a member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame and Jim is a Licensed Captain. Tonight they will present their film: ***Planes of PNG***