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[.@Nasa](#) astronaut @AstroTerry shares some of the 300,000 photos he captured in space during #NationalGeographicLive View From Above at the @KimmelCenter 1/17. More info @ Kimmelcenter.org

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**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE! SPEAKER SERIES
CONTINUES WITH NASA ASTRONAUT
TERRY VIRTS AND *VIEW FROM ABOVE*
ON THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS
JANUARY 17, 2019**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, November 15, 2018) – The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is thrilled to welcome NASA astronaut and former International Space Station Commander **Terry Virts** as he shares breathtaking photos and videos taken during his seven months in space. Part of the new *National Geographic Live!* speaker series, Terry Virts' ***View from Above*** will transport audiences from the Kimmel Center's Merriam Theater to outer space on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. Experience some of the magnificent images that are featured in the *National Geographic* book *View From Above* and the IMAX film *A Beautiful Planet*.

"Our brand new *National Geographic Live* speaker series gives audiences the opportunity to view stunning images from our planet and beyond while hearing the stories from behind the camera with some of *National Geographic's* groundbreaking photographers," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Terry Virts literally takes us out of this world and onto the International Space Station to take a different look at our beautiful planet – a once-in-a-lifetime experience!"

Terry Virts is a veteran of two spaceflights, a two-week mission on board the Space Shuttle Endeavour in 2010 and a 200-day flight to the Space Station in 2014-2015. His seven months in space included three

spacewalks, piloting the Space Shuttle, performing science experiments, and working closely with multiple international partners, including Russian Space Agency cosmonauts during some of the most stressful US-Russian relations since the Cold War. While Terry was in space he took over 300,000 still images and was an integral part of filming and starring in the recent IMAX film *A Beautiful Planet*.

His desire is to have a global impact on people through speaking, combining the awesome experiences of launch and landing and spacewalks with the sublime views and surprising perspectives he gained on our planet's environment and global health. His speaking topics include risk and crisis management, the importance of strategy and vision, innovation, and intercultural leadership. Terry speaks French and Russian and has lived and worked extensively abroad, bringing a unique and powerful perspective on today's global environment.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***An Evening with Bob Woodward*** (January 10, 2019, Merriam Theater); ***Professor Brian Cox: Universal Adventures in Space & Time*** (April 28, 2019, Verizon Hall), and ***National Geographic Live! Standing at the Water's Edge with Marine Biologist and Photographer, Cristina Mittermeier*** (May 16, 2019, Merriam Theater).

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE! VIEW FROM ABOVE WITH NASA ASTRONAUT, TERRY VIRTS
Merriam Theater

January 17, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$31.50. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at www.kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling 215-790-5883. See www.kimmelcenter.org for more information.

The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2018-2019 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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