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**“Land of the Jaguars: Wild Wetlands of South America”
—A New Presentation by Frans Lanting and Chris Eckstrom**

SANTA CRUZ, CA—Join renowned photographer Frans Lanting and his partner Chris Eckstrom as they host a new presentation benefitting the Seymour Marine Discovery Center on February 2, 2019 at the Rio Theatre. Capturing their recent work, “Land of the Jaguars: Wild Wetlands of South America” celebrates two wilderness areas in South America—Brazil’s Pantanal and Argentina’s Ibera.



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The greatest cat in the Americas—the jaguar—is a symbol for strength, power, and wilderness. Jaguars thrive in the fabled Pantanal of Brazil, but in the Ibera wetlands of Argentina, they’ve been gone for nearly a century. Now one of the most ambitious wildlife projects in the world is working to bring them back—along with a “Noah’s Ark” of South American wildlife that was lost in a tragic era of exploitation and overhunting. Far-sighted conservationists Doug and Kris Tompkins have a vision of restoring this landscape to its primeval grandeur, and miraculously, it’s working.

Frans and Chris recently returned from a month of travel in this unique part of the world with fresh impressions. They will regale us with their images, stories, and videos about the natural and human history of these spectacular wetlands. Lands that are home to the “giants” of South America: the giant anteater, giant otter, rhino-like tapirs, colorful macaws—the largest parrots in the world, endearing capybaras—Earth’s largest rodent, and of course, the jaguar—largest cat in the Americas. Frans and Chris will share personal observations and highlight conservation successes that inspire hope.

There are two shows on February 2, 2019—3 PM and 7 PM—at the Rio Theatre in Santa Cruz, CA. Tickets are available online: seymourcenter.brownpapertickets.com and at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center, 100 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA. Purchase tickets to the show you wish to attend, afternoon or evening; tickets are not interchangeable.

Proceeds benefit the science and conservation programs of the Seymour Marine Discovery Center at UC Santa Cruz’s Long Marine Lab.

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WHAT: “Land of the Jaguars: Wild Wetlands of South America”—A New Presentation by Frans Lanting and Chris Eckstrom

WHEN: Saturday, February 2, 2019, 3 PM and 7 PM

WHERE: Rio Theatre, 1205 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

INFORMATION: (831) 459-3800 or seymourcenter.ucsc.edu