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## **Overture Center presents ‘Inside Secrets of the Whales’ with Brian Skerry, one of the world’s leading underwater photographers**

*Renowned National Geographic photographer and Disney documentary filmmaker takes the stage on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.*

**Madison, Wis.** (April 8, 2024) — Overture Center for the Arts is thrilled to present renowned underwater photojournalist and 2014 National Geographic Photography Fellow of the Year Brian Skerry presenting [“Inside Secrets of the Whales”](#) at 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 23** in Capitol Theater, as the third and final presentation in Overture’s three-part Changemaker Speakers Series.

After years spent in underwater habitats around the world with all manner of ocean creatures, including sharks and—his first love—whales, Brian Skerry brings offers bold new insight into the lives of the world’s largest mammals, along with their complex societies. Through mesmerizing story, photography

and video, Skerry illustrates how whales share an amazing ability to learn and adapt to opportunities, from specialized feeding strategies to parenting techniques. He explores the deeper, cultural elements of whale identity, including unique dialects, matrilineal societies and organized social customs like singing contests.

Brian has covered a wide range of stories, from the harp seal's struggle to survive in frozen waters, to the alarming decrease in the world's fisheries, to dolphin intelligence, and—most recently—he's taken us deep inside the world of whales. His latest book, "Secrets of the Whales" was released in 2021 by National Geographic as part of a multi-platform project he created that includes a cover story in *National Geographic* magazine and a four-part documentary film series, produced with James Cameron and currently streaming on Disney+. This series won the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Documentary in 2021.

In this evening dedicated to his whales, Brian's exquisite images document these alluring creatures in all their glory—and demonstrate how these majestic creatures can teach us about ourselves and our planet.

**TICKETING INFORMATION:**

Single event tickets are available from \$25 to \$65. For more information and tickets, visit [overture.org](https://overture.org) or contact the ticket office at 608.258.4141.

**About the Changemaker Speaker Series**

The Changemaker Speaker Series is a highly curated touring program of thought leaders, celebrated explorers, award-winning journalists, photographers and filmmakers, innovators, and artists who are actively engaged in creating a better tomorrow. One by one, they are striving to solve big problems, inspire environmental stewardship, document the world around us, and bridge the distance between us. In short, they are changing the world, one story at a time.

**OVERTURE CENTER FOR THE ARTS** in Madison, Wis., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization that features seven state-of-the-art performance spaces and four galleries where national and international touring artists, nine resident companies and hundreds of local artists engage people in nearly 700,000 educational and artistic experiences each year. Overture's mission is to support and elevate our community's creative culture, economy and quality of life through the arts. [overture.org](https://overture.org)

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