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Embark on a prehistoric adventure with Paleontologist Lindsay Zanno at Capitol Theater

Madison, Wis. (Dec. 30, 2024) — Embark on a riveting journey through time at [Rise of T. rex with Paleontologist Lindsay Zanno](#) from National Geographic Live on **Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in Capitol Theater**. Join an expedition through the North America's badlands as Paleontologist Zanno searches for clues in the evolutionary mystery of this iconic apex predator,

discovering many new species along the way—including some of the earliest predecessors of T. rex. Tickets (\$25-\$65) are available at overture.org.

How did T. rex become the iconic apex predator of North America 66 million years ago? Paleontologist Dr. Lindsay Zanno is uncovering the answers. Each year she spends several months on expedition, scouring the badlands of western North America to search for clues. Along the way, she has discovered many new species — including some of the earliest predecessors of T. rex.

Dr. Lindsay Zanno is Head of Paleontology at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and an Associate Research Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at North Carolina State University. She is one of the world’s leading experts on the evolution of theropod dinosaurs. Zanno has a soft spot for the American West, where she has discovered more than a dozen new species, including Siats, one of the largest meat-eating dinosaurs on the continent, and Moros, North America’s tiniest tyrannosaur.

“Rise of T. rex with Paleontologist Lindsay Zanno” is the second presentation from the National Geographic Live series in Overture’s 2024/25 season, with the final talk of the series from marine biologist Erika Woolsey (“[Diving the Great Barrier Reef](#)”) on April 15.

About National Geographic Live

National Geographic Live introduces audiences to the awe-inspiring stories of National Geographic Explorers and trailblazers through immersive live events. A dynamic array of speakers, including esteemed photographers, scientists and adventurers, share their firsthand experiences from the front lines of exploration. These engaging narratives, accompanied by unforgettable imagery and compelling footage, come to life on stage at performing arts centers across North America and around the world.

Celebrating 20 years in Madison, Wis., OVERTURE CENTER FOR THE ARTS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization that features seven state-of-the-art performance spaces and five galleries where national and international touring artists, nine resident companies and hundreds of local artists engage people in more than 500,000 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

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