

Expect the Unexpected! Executive Film Producer in Edmonton to Open *Amazon Adventure* in the IMAX Theatre

Edmonton, AB – Friday, January 12, 2018 – On Monday, prior to opening to the public TELUS World of Science - Edmonton Members will be previewing *Amazon Adventure* along with enjoying an opportunity to hear from the film's Executive Producer Jonathan Barker.

The award-winning IMAX film *Amazon Adventure* was filmed on location in the lush Amazon region, it plunges audiences into a wild world of breathtaking beauty and captivating animal behavior. Things are not always as they seem in the jungle and audiences will be mesmerized by an array of nature's masters of mimicry.

The film traces the extraordinary journey of naturalist and explorer Henry Walter Bates - the most influential scientist you've never heard of – who provided “the beautiful proof” to Charles Darwin for his then controversial theory of natural selection, the scientific explanation for the development of life on Earth. As a young man, Bates risked his life for science during his 11-year expedition into the Amazon rainforest. *Amazon Adventure* is a compelling detective story of peril, perseverance and, ultimately, success, drawing audiences into the fascinating world of animal mimicry, the astonishing phenomenon where one animal adopts the look of another, gaining an advantage to survive.

Amazon Adventure recently won top honors at the Giant Screen Industry Awards in Chicago. Taking home five prestigious awards for:

- Best Film
- Best Film for Lifelong Learning
- Best Cinematography
- Best Sound Design
- Best Original Score

Schedule:

January 15 – *Amazon Adventure* science centre Members & pass holder screening
2:00 p.m. Jonathan Barker available at the science centre for media
5:00 p.m. *Amazon Adventure* related science activities
7:00 p.m. Jonathan Barker introduces the film
7:15 p.m. Screening of *Amazon Adventure*
8:30 p.m. Second screening of *Amazon Adventure* for pass holders

January 19 – *Amazon Adventure* opens to the public

Members of the Media:

Media interviews, clips from the film or passes to see *Amazon Adventure* can be arranged through the contact information below.

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About Jonathan Barker

Jonathan Barker, Executive Producer, with over three decades of award-winning film and television experience, is a world leader in 3D film production and distribution. He specializes in IMAX®/Giant Screen films that combine human drama and natural history discoveries, such as his most recent multi award-winning release, *Amazon Adventure* and the internationally acclaimed, *Flight of the Butterflies*, starring Gordon Pinsent (*Away from Her*). In addition to *Amazon Adventure* – taking home five of six possible awards from the Giant Screen Cinema Association and the Lumiere Award for Best 3D Large Format Documentary at Stereopsia in Brussels. *Flight of the Butterflies* was awarded Best Immersive 3D/Large Format film at the Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival – some of his outstanding productions include the Oscar® shortlisted IMAX® film, *Bugs!*, one of the most successful Giant Screen films of the past dozen years. Jonathan successfully ran the film and distribution arms of IMAX Corporation before starting up his own company, SK Films and has produced films in of the deep ocean and in outer space.

About TELUS World of Science – Edmonton

TELUS World of Science - Edmonton is a world-class, broad-based science centre that inspires and motivates people to learn about and contribute to science and technology. TELUS World of Science - Edmonton is a leader in providing high quality, interactive programs and exhibits that provide an avenue for both learning and entertainment, and which spark the imagination of people of all ages. The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates TELUS World of Science - Edmonton.