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Welcome back to BroadStage, and thank you for joining us this month!

This May, we are excited to present two unforgettable performances that will leave you feeling moved and inspired. Your presence means the world to us, and we are honored you have chosen to spend your time with us.

First up is the final **National Geographic Live** presentation in our 2024/25 Season—**Earth After Dark (May 8)** with photojournalist, cinematographer, and National Geographic Explorer **Babak Tafreshi**. Babak has devoted his career to capturing the stunning beauty of the night sky, and connecting people around the world through the shared experience of looking up. This exquisite visual journey explores the wonders of wildlife, humanity, and the cosmos after dark.

Then, just two days later, the GRAMMY® Award-winning ensemble **Chanticleer (May 10)**, graces our Main Stage with a breathtaking choral performance. Renowned for their wide-ranging repertoire and dazzling virtuosity, Chanticleer's performance in our acoustically rich venue promises to be a truly transcendent experience.

As we move through the final stretch of our current season, June brings a powerful lineup from three of our beloved series. We hope you will join us:

- Future Sounds of Jazz, curated by our Artist in Residence Stanley Clarke welcomes **Julius Rodriguez (June 7)**
- Celebrity Opera returns with the remarkable **Gerald Finley (June 11)**
- blackbox, curated by The Reverend Shawn Amos closes out the month with **Sing The Story: Celebrating Black Artistry from Gospel to Soul (June 21)**

And this is only the beginning. Looking ahead, we are brimming with excitement as we prepare to reveal what is next—including the announcement of our extraordinary 2025/26 Season! The best is yet to come, and we cannot wait to share it with you.

Thank you for being part of the BroadStage family. Your support fuels everything we do, and we are grateful to have you with us. We are here to uplift, inspire, and connect—and we are beyond excited for what lies ahead.



Rob Bailis

Artistic and Executive Director



LIVE

Earth After Dark

Thursday

May 8

7:30 p.m.

Main Stage

Babak Tafreshi,

Photojournalist,

Cinematographer, and

National Geographic

Explorer



Photo by Babak Tafreshi

*This performance is 75-90 minutes
with no intermission, followed
by a Q&A.*

National Geographic Live: *Earth After Dark*

About the Artist

About Babak Tafreshi

National Geographic Explorer Babak Tafreshi is a photographer and cinematographer who merges art and science through visual stories. Tafreshi created The World At Night program in 2007 with the message of One People One Sky and has been directing its team of photographers in approximately 30 countries. He received the 2009 Lennart Nilsson Award, the world's most recognized scientific imaging award at the time, for his effort to reconnect humanity with the natural world using night sky images. He has been a National Geographic contributor since 2012, and he is a 2022 National Geographic Society Wayfinder Award recipient.

About National Geographic Live

National Geographic Live is the live events division of National Geographic. Its broad roster of talent, including renowned photographers, scientists, authors, filmmakers, and adventurers, share their behind-the-scenes stories from the front lines of exploration alongside stunning imagery and gripping footage to audiences throughout the United States and abroad. For more information on National Geographic Live and other National Geographic events, please visit natgeo.org/live.

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