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Forsberg lecture to be simulcast statewide Dec. 6

Acclaimed conservation photographer and Nebraska native Michael Forsberg will reflect on 15 years of documenting the natural environment and the ever-changing water resources found in the Great Plains in a Dec. 6 lecture titled "Pulse of the Plains: A Photographer's Journey Connecting Water, Wildlife and Landscape." The 7 p.m. lecture will be simulcast to audiences gathered in Columbus, Hastings, Kearney, McCook, North Platte, Omaha and Scottsbluff (6 p.m. Mountain Time).

The second program in the 2011-12 E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues series on water and global security, the lecture will originate from the Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Forsberg's work has appeared in Audubon, National Geographic, National Wildlife, Natural History, and NEBRASKAland and was recognized in Pictures of the Year and Wildlife Photographer of the Year competitions. In 2001, his image of a Nebraska tall grass prairie was selected for an international postage stamp. In 2004, he received a Conservation Education Award from The Wildlife Society.

The photographer was featured in the recent PBS documentary "Crane Song" and was the 2009 recipient of the North American Nature Photographer's Association Mission Award. He won a 2010 Great Plains Distinguished Book Prize from the Center for Great Plains Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for "Great Plains: America's Lingering Wild." He is in production with NET on a documentary following his work in the Great Plains, to air next spring.

Forsberg is a charter member of the North American Nature Photographer's Association and a fellow with the International League of Conservation Photographers.

Simulcasts of the lecture followed by community conversation will be at:

- Columbus, Central Community College, Room 205, West Education Center
- Hastings College, the Wilson Center
- Kearney, UNK's Communications Center Building, Room 101
- McCook Community College, McMillen Hall, Room 213
- North Platte, 601 West State Farm Road, South Campus of North Platte Community College
- Omaha, UNO's College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS 132), Collaborating Commons
- Scottsbluff, Western Nebraska Community College, Harms Advanced Technology Center, Room B132

Additional speakers in the series, who present diverse perspectives on water and global security from a variety of backgrounds, are scheduled for Feb. 16 and March 28.

A cooperative project of the Cooper Foundation, the Lied Center for Performing Arts and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues has a mission of promoting better understanding of world events and issues to all Nebraskans.

The simulcasts, sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council and the local college or university, allow more Nebraskans to have the opportunity to benefit from outstanding speakers and community discussion. Details about the E.N. Thompson Forum are available at <http://enthompson.unl.edu>.

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