Rarely Seen: Photographs of the Extraordinary Opens at Berkshire Museum Friday, October 5

See an array of visual wonders depicted in exceptional photographs from National Geographic

[PITTSFIELD, MA] — The National Geographic exhibition Rarely Seen: Photographs of the Extraordinary opens at the Berkshire Museum on Friday, October 5, 2018, offering the Museum’s visitors an exhibition of visual wonders revealing a world that few ever have a chance to witness. Rarely Seen is organized and traveled by National Geographic Society. Rarely Seen is generously sponsored by Greylock Federal Credit Union.

The exhibition is inspired by the book National Geographic Rarely Seen: Photographs of the Extraordinary. It features 50 striking images made by some of the world’s finest photographers of places, events, natural phenomena, and man-made heirlooms seldom seen by human eyes. With an introduction by National Geographic photographer Stephen Alvarez, whose work has taken him from the Peruvian Andes to the deepest caves of Papua New Guinea, this exhibition captures unbelievable moments, natural wonders, and extraordinary objects from the far reaches of the globe. The exhibition will be on view at the Museum through Sunday, January 6, 2019.

“Rarely Seen is a great example of National Geographic’s rich history of sharing places, moments, and objects that astonish and inspire,” said Kathryn Keane, vice president, public programming and director, National Geographic Museum.

The 50 stunning photographs that make up the exhibition are divided into categories: Phenomena, Life, Places, Objects, and Moments. Among the images that visitors will explore are depictions of thousands of king penguins congregating in the Antarctic; a
mysterious temple complex in Cambodia; the amazing Hundred Dragons Elevator in China’s Hunan Province; and a hummingbird in flight facing off against a tiny green snake.

“We are proud to present Rarely Seen at the Berkshire Museum,” says Craig Langlois, the Museum’s chief experience officer. “With this exhibition, we are able to offer Museum visitors the excellent photography that is National Geographic’s hallmark, in a way that highlights the Museum’s strength in connecting art, science, and history.”

About the National Geographic Society
The National Geographic Society is a leading nonprofit that invests in bold people and transformative ideas in the fields of exploration, scientific research, storytelling, and education. The Society aspires to create a community of change, advancing key insights about the planet and probing some of the most pressing scientific questions of our time, all while ensuring that the next generation is armed with geographic knowledge and global understanding. Its goal is measurable impact: furthering exploration and educating people around the world to inspire solutions for the greater good. For more information, visit www.nationalgeographic.org.

About the Berkshire Museum
Located in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts, at 39 South St., the Berkshire Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $13 adult, $6 child; Museum members and children age 3 and under enjoy free admission. For more information, visit www.berkshiremuseum.org or call 413.443.7171.

Established by Zenas Crane in 1903, Berkshire Museum integrates art, history, and natural science in a wide range of programs and exhibitions that inspire educational connections between the disciplines. Josh Simpson: Galactic Landscapes is on view through January 6, 2019. Festival of Trees 2018: Often Heard will be on view November 17, 2018, through January 6, 2019. Curiosity Incubator is on view. Little Cinema is open
year-round. Lab 102, Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation, Animals of the World in Miniature, Aquarium, and other exhibits are ongoing.

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