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GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST TAKES AUDIENCES ON A VISUALLY STUNNING JOURNEY TO ONE OF THE LAST WILD PLACES ON EARTH

Narrated by Canadian actor Ryan Reynolds and scored by Academy Award®-winning composer, Hans Zimmer, this giant-screen documentary opens at Whitaker Center's Select Medical Digital Cinema on February 15, 2019

Harrisburg PA (Feb 5) – Audiences will experience one of the planet's most exquisite and secluded wildernesses – Canada's Great Bear Rainforest – when the new giant-screen documentary ***Great Bear Rainforest*** opens at Whitaker Center's Select Medical Digital Cinema on February 15, 2019. Brought to you by MacGillivray Freeman Films and Spirit Bear Entertainment, ***Great Bear Rainforest*** is narrated by Canadian actor Ryan Reynolds with music composed and arranged by the legendary Academy Award-winning composer, Hans Zimmer, and Anže Rozman.

Hidden from the outside world, the Great Bear Rainforest is home to an immense array of wildlife, including the fabled all-white spirit bear – the rarest bear on Earth—and the indigenous First Nations people, who have provided stewardship of the forest for millennia. It is the largest temperate coastal rainforest in the world and has remained relatively unchanged for more than 10,000 years. ***Great Bear Rainforest*** is the first time this pristine, wildlife-rich world will be experienced in IMAX® and giant screen theaters.

Director Ian McAllister and his crew spent three years filming throughout the remote reaches of the Great Bear Rainforest. From the underwater ocean world, through the salmon river valleys to the ice-capped peaks of the Coast Mountains, their unprecedented close-up footage of the spirit bear, along with stunning shots of the forest's coastal wolves, grizzlies, sea otters, humpback whales, sea lions, salmon and the annual herring spawn will thrill audiences who may not even know such a world exists.

"The Great Bear Rainforest is one of the last truly wild places left on Earth, and has immense value both ecologically and culturally," says director Ian McAllister. "Many people don't know about this ancient rainforest and the indigenous people who have helped protect it for thousands of years, and we hope audiences will leave theatres inspired that an extraordinary world of such natural wonder and splendor still exists."

"***Great Bear Rainforest*** is phenomenal – it truly takes viewers on an adventure to places they might not even know existed. In addition to being visually breathtaking, the film is also a great educational opportunity for children and adults alike," said Joe Easton, Exhibits and Cinema Manager at Whitaker Center.

Great Bear Rainforest is a Spirit Bear Entertainment film presented by Seaspan in association with Destination British Columbia and distributed by MacGillivray Freeman Films.

Great Bear Rainforest will be released in Whitaker Center's Select Medical Digital Cinema on February 15, 2019. The film will be accompanied by a companion book written by Ian McAllister and Alex Van Tol, *Great Bear Rainforest: A Giant Screen Adventure in the Land of the Spirit Bear*, from Orca Book Publishers.

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Whitaker Center is located at 222 Market St. in Harrisburg, PA. For information on tickets and showtimes, please call the Box Office at 717.214.2787 or visit whitakercenter.org.

This film is family friendly and has a run time of 40 minutes. For more information on the film, please visit <http://greatbearrainforestfilm.com>

About Spirit Bear Entertainment

Based in Parksville, British Columbia, Spirit Bear Entertainment Inc. is a film production company focused on natural history documentaries. As part of making the Great Bear Rainforest, Spirit Bear Entertainment executed protocol agreements with Gitga'at, Kitasoo Xai'xais and Heltsuk First Nations in whose traditional territories we filmed the Great Bear Rainforest.

About Seaspan

Seaspan is an association of Canadian Companies primarily involved in coastal marine transportation, shipdocking/ship escort, ship repair and shipbuilding services in Western North America. In addition to the marine transportation services offered directly through Seaspan, commercial ferry, shipyard and bunkering services are provided via affiliate companies: Marine Petrobulk, Seaspan Ferries, Vancouver Drydock, Vancouver Shipyards and Victoria Shipyards. Seaspan has a long and proud tradition working with First Nations on the coast of British Columbia.

About MacGillivray Freeman Films

MacGillivray Freeman Films is the world's foremost independent producer and distributor of giant-screen 70mm films with 40 films for IMAX and giant-screen theatres to its credit. Throughout the company's 50-year history, its films have won numerous international awards including two Academy Award® nominations and three films inducted into the IMAX Hall of Fame. MacGillivray Freeman's films are known for their artistry and celebration of science and the natural world. It is the first documentary film company to reach the one-billion-dollar benchmark for worldwide box office.

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts is a non-profit center for the arts, education, entertainment and cultural enrichment located in the heart of Harrisburg's vibrant downtown. Whitaker Center is home to Sunoco Performance Theater, Harsco Science Center and Select Medical Digital Cinema featuring a four story premium large format theater with a recently upgraded 4K digital projection system. Visit whitakercenter.org for a full list of events, shows, hours of operation, and ticket rates.

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