

National Geographic Live: Brian Skerry

Ocean Soul

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Brian Skerry **Underwater Photographer**

BIO

Brian Skerry is a photojournalist specializing in marine wildlife and underwater environments. Since 1998 he has been a contract photographer for *National Geographic* magazine covering a wide range of subjects and stories. In 2014 he was one of five photographers named as a National Geographic Photography Fellow. In 2015 he was named a Nikon Ambassador and in June 2017 he was awarded the title of Rolex National Geographic Explorer of the Year.

For *National Geographic* magazine, Brian has covered a wide range of stories, from the harp seal's struggle to survive in frozen waters to the alarming decrease in the world's fisheries to dolphin intelligence, all cover stories. During 2016, the magazine published three consecutive feature stories by Brian about predatory sharks. His cover story in the February 2017 issue of *National Geographic* focuses on protecting special underwater ecosystems in US waters. During his coverage for this story Brian produced the first images of a US President underwater. He is currently at work on his 28th story for *National Geographic* magazine.

Brian's work has also been featured in publications such as *Sports Illustrated*, *The New York Times*, *BBC Wildlife*, *Paris Match*, *GEO*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Smithsonian*, *Esquire*, *Audubon* and *Men's Journal*. He is the author of 10 books, including the acclaimed monograph *Ocean Soul*. His latest book, *SHARK*, was released in June 2017.

Brian is an 11-time award winner in the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. He has also been recognized with awards from Pictures of the Year International, Nature's Best, Communication Arts and is the only photographer to win Award for Excellence in Media. *National Geographic* magazine named one of Brian's images among their 50 Greatest Photographs Of All Time, and he was awarded the 2016 National Geographic Photographer's Photographer Award—an honor bestowed by his colleagues.

He has had solo photography exhibits at Visa Pour l'Image in Perpignan, France, as well as cities such as Geneva, Barcelona, Lisbon, and Shanghai — and at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC.

Brian frequently lectures on photography, exploration, and conservation issues, having presented at venues such as the United Nations General Assembly, The World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, TED Talks, The National Press Club in Washington, DC, The Royal Geographical Society in London, and the Sydney Opera House in Australia. He's a frequent guest on television programs including NBC's *TODAY Show* and CBS's *This Morning*.

Brian is the Explorer-In-Residence and a Trustee at the New England Aquarium, a founding member of the International League of Conservation Photographers, Director of The New England Ocean Odyssey for The Conservation Law Foundation, and a Fellow National of The Explorers Club. He also serves as a Marine Fellow with Conservation International, serves on the World Wildlife Fund's National Council and the WWF's Marine Leadership Council and on the Board of Directors of the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy.

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PROGRAM

Wildlife photographer Brian Skerry has spent more than four decades exploring the world's oceans—capturing “the soul of the sea” for *National Geographic* for more than 20 years. His images celebrate the mystery of the depths and offer portraits of creatures so intimate they sometimes appear to have been shot in a studio. Skerry dives eight months of the year, often in extreme conditions beneath Arctic ice or in predator-infested waters, and has even lived at the bottom of the sea to get close to his subjects.

His book, *Ocean Soul*, is a stunning tribute to our seas. Go beyond its pages to journey with him from the glacial waters of the North Atlantic, where harp seals face the threat of declining sea ice, to the temperate waters of New Zealand, home of the fastest shark in the world — the mako. He'll share a fascinating look at some of the oceans' apex predators, as well as stories of hope from marine reserves where wildlife is protected and thriving. A passionate spokesman for the oceans he loves to photograph, Skerry inspires reverence for the marine realm and powerful motivation to protect it.



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