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David Vassar 10/05/2017 @ 7:30 pm

YOSEMITE AND HETCH **HETCHY: WHY NATIONAL** PARKS?

On the heels of the 2016 Centennial Celebration of the U.S.National Park Service, where did it all begin? Oscar®-nominated and Emmy®-award winning writer and director, David Vassar will present and discuss clips from his films that feature Yosemite as the "Birthplace of the National Park idea" and highlight the loss of the Hetch Hetchy Valley in 1913 as the impetus for the creation of the National Park Service in 1916. He will discuss the historic context of each film clip. Vassar's films focus on the natural world, parks and environmental issues. He also will offer personal and professional insight into the filmmaking process.



David Shoemaker 01/18/2018 @ 7:30 pm **GRAVITATIONAL WAVES- THE NEW COSMIC MESSENGER**



Elisabeth Rosenthal 12/12/2017 @ 7:30 pm

AN AMERICAN SICKNESS: **HEALING OUR HEALTH SYSTEM**

SICKNESS

Why are American health costs 2-3 times AMERICAN more than elsewhere in the developed world? What are the challenges and threats that it faces today?

Elisabeth Rosenthal is the author of the best selling An American Sickness, a penetrating investigation into America's healthcare system. She holds an MD from Harvard Medical, worked as an ER physician and for 22 years was an award-winning reporter at The New York Times – acclaimed for coverage of health and policy issues. Her presentation will show ways that America could make reforms in the delivery and funding of health care and how changes would affect us.

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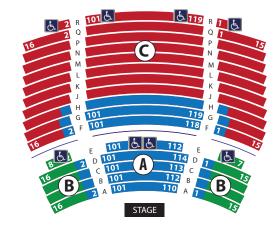
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