

Aquarium Lecture Series

Aquarium of the Pacific

January 2014

Wednesday, January 9

Jerry Zucker

Portraying Scientists as Geeks and Madmen: Can Hollywood Reverse the Trend it Started?



For decades Hollywood has portrayed scientists in a myriad of ways ranging from socially awkward geeks to sociopathic madmen. Is it possible for Hollywood, the creators of such characters, to dispel the myths they created? Explore this and more with Jerry Zucker at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Zucker has been working in show business for well over 30 years. He and his brother, Jim Abrahams, have written classic movies such as *Airplane!* and *The Naked Gun*. Zucker also directed the box-office hit *Ghost*. More recently he was a producer for movies such as *My Best Friend's Wedding* and *Friends with Benefits*.

Monday, January 13

Barry Sanders

Book Signing

The Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games



The 1984 Olympics were held in Los Angeles and became a beacon of progress for the Olympic Movement. Barry Sanders is an author and an international corporate lawyer, and his latest book entitled *The Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games* showcases how the XXIII Olympiad was the model for the modern Olympic Games. Sanders is chairman of the Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games. This organization is independent from the United States Olympic Committee and has been engaged in promoting the Olympic Movement since 1939. As chairman, he led the effort to bid for the 2016 Olympic Games in Los Angeles and now leads the effort to bring the Games to Los Angeles in 2024.

Thursday, January 23

Leslie Harris

The Wonderful World of Worms

The world of worms is far more complex than one may think. Worms play important roles in many environments. Their biology, despite their structural simplicity, is quite complex. Worms have been found living in some of the most treacherous environments and have been on this planet for about 600 million years. Leslie Harris will be taking guests into the wonderful world of worms.

Thursday, January 30

Dr. Debra Canabal and Dr. Vincent Canabal

Ocean's In Peril: The Plight of the Oceanic Whitetip (shark)

Dr. Vincent Canabal, M.D., and Debra Canabal, Ph.D., will discuss the critical importance of protecting one of the ocean's top predators, the oceanic whitetip shark. The Canabals own and operate Epic Diving, a leading dive operation in Cat Island, Bahamas that focuses on eco-minded shark tourism and photography expeditions. They have been witnessing first-hand the dramatic decline of oceanic whitetip and will discuss the historical background of the shark, debunk the myths of its unfairly garnered negative reputation, and relate their years of interactions with this endangered species.

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Aquarium of the Pacific, Ocean Theater
100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach 90802

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