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RENOWNED OCEANOGRAPHER SYLVIA EARLE DISCUSSES FATE OF OCEANS, MAY 10

The talk at the Academy of Natural Sciences is free and open to the public

PHILADELPHIA—How we treat the oceans in the next decade may resonate for thousands of years to come, according to renowned oceanographer Dr. Sylvia Earle, who will give a free talk at the Academy of Natural Sciences on Monday, May 10.

In her new book, *The World Is Blue: How Our Fate and the Oceans Are One*, the pioneering marine explorer and conservationist describes how a mere 50 years of swift, dangerous oceanic change threatens the existence of life on earth. Fortunately, Earle writes, there is reason for hope if leaders develop responsible, renewable strategies that safeguard the natural systems that sustain humankind.

Earle will present a short film and talk starting at 7 p.m., followed by a book-signing. The event is free, but reservations are encouraged to ensure a seat in the auditorium. To register, visit annualsilvermanlecture.eventbrite.com/.

Earle, an explorer-in-residence at National Geographic, has led many scientific expeditions and pioneered technologies to advance the study of marine ecosystems. She served on the President's Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere, was the first female chief scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and co-founded Deep Ocean Exploration and Research, a marine engineering consulting firm. She holds several diving records and has logged more 6,000 hours under water.

The author of more than 175 publications, Earle has won numerous national and international awards and honors, including the Academy's own Richard Hopper Day Memorial Medal. She has played a key role in establishing protected marine reserves and is the face behind [Oceans in Google Earth](#).

This program is the Annual Cheryl Beth Silverman Memorial Lecture. It is co-sponsored by the [Academy's Center for Environmental Policy](#) and [The Explorer's Club](#), and is possible through the generous support of the Silverman family. For more information, visit www.ansp.org/adult-programs/lectures.php.

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The Academy of Natural Sciences, founded in 1812, is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.

HOURS: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Saturday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. ADMISSION: \$12 adults; \$10 children 3-12, seniors, college students, and military personnel; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for Butterflies!