



The first man to transmit live television pictures from the summit of Mount Everest, and the first American to reach the summit twice, **David Breashears** is one of America's most distinguished mountaineers, filmmakers and adventure authors. He has led numerous expeditions to the most inhospitable environments on Earth and is passionate about raising awareness of the consequences of climate change in the Greater Himalayan Region. It is for this reason that he founded and is executive director of GlacierWorks, a non-profit organization employing art, science and adventure for the purpose.

Breashears is co-director and co-producer of the first-ever IMAX film to be shot on Mount Everest. Whilst filming, a ferocious blizzard hit which killed eight climbers. As expedition leader, Breashears took the decision to suspend their activities and assist stricken climbers. Having done this, his team regrouped and returned to the summit. Other notable achievements on the mountain have included performing the first live audio WebCast from the summit for the PBS science documentary series NOVA, and to date he has summited Everest no fewer than five times. He has received four National Emmy Awards for his filmmaking.

Breashears has written a number of books, including *High Exposure: An Enduring Passion for Everest* and *Unforgiving Places*, a memoir that has become a bestseller. He is co-author of the bestseller *Last Climb* (National Geographic), documenting George Mallory and Andrew Irvine's disappearance on Mount Everest in 1924. He wrote the afterword to National Geographic's book *Everest: Mountain Without Mercy* that told the story of his Everest IMAX expedition and was also contributing photographer to the book. The National Geographic book *Kilimanjaro*: ...

## Testimonials

“Thank you so much for your stimulating keynote presentation at the Family Firm Institute's annual conference. We were delighted with both the content and the style and were extremely pleased that you took time for questions.”

- President, Family Firm Institute.

“I would wholeheartedly recommend David to anyone seeking a dynamic, inspiring presentation illustrating the possibilities of what can be achieved through hard work, teamwork, and consummate professionalism.”

- Vice President of Marketing, John Hancock Annuities.

### David Breashears

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