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**THE SHARON L. MORSE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES  
AN INTREPID GROUP OF CHANGEMAKERS IN ITS NEW SPEAKER SERIES**  
*Renowned photographer takes the stage during the 2023-2024 season.*

Significant Productions [www.SignificantProductions.org](http://www.SignificantProductions.org) and The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center [www.TheSharon.com](http://www.TheSharon.com) are thrilled to present a bold group of changemakers in its new 2023-24 Speaker Series. This exciting 3-part series will include a remarkable lineup of renowned changemakers who have pushed the boundaries in their respective fields and whose work reveals fascinating insights about our planet.

It's time to get out of your comfort zone on January 23, 2024. And, "camera-toting badass" (says *Glamour* magazine) Annie Griffiths is just the woman to help you do it. After a career spanning three decades—in 100+ countries—Annie knows how to navigate any situation. Whether working in a remote village or a mega-metropolis, Annie demonstrates how humor, body language, and listening can build a bridge with anyone.



Photographer Annie Griffiths / *Through the Lens: Creating a Ripple*  
**Tuesday, Jan 23, 2024**

<https://www.thesharon.com/event.php?id=895&title=Through-the-Lens>

Trailblazing photographer Annie Griffiths has worked on dozens of magazine and book projects for *National Geographic* magazine since the late 1970s. As one of the few female photographers at the time, Annie photographed the stories not being told, particularly the daily lives of women in developing countries. She is the founder of Ripple Effect Images, a nonprofit collective of prize-winning photographers and filmmakers who document programs that empower women and children in the developing world. Annie has received awards from the National Press Photographers Association, the Associated Press, the National Organization of Women, and the White House News Photographers Association. Named one of the "Best of the Best" speakers by the World Presidents Association, Annie has spoken to audiences at the United Nations, Sydney Opera House, and TEDx, among many others.

The event will take place at **The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center** at 1051 Main Street, The Villages, FL 32159 and will feature stunning imagery and riveting video footage. There will be a Q&A session following, and an audience meet & greet, providing attendees with the opportunity to engage directly with the visiting speaker.

**About the Changemaker Speaker Series**

The Changemaker Speaker Series is a highly curated touring program of thought leaders, celebrated explorers, award-winning journalists, photographers and filmmakers, innovators, and artists who are actively engaged in creating a better tomorrow. One by one, they are striving to solve big problems, inspire environmental stewardship, document the world around us, and bridge the distance between us. In short, they are changing the world, one story at a time.

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