

# Isumagatigingniq

## Integrating Inuit Traditional Knowledge and Science



### WORKSHOP

#### OUR VISITING TEAM



**Pamela Peeters** is an award-winning environmental economist and sustainability strategist with 25 years of international experience. She consults with companies globally and develops educational programs for youth through her "Eco Hero" program, established in 11 countries. Pamela has been visiting schools since 2004, educating and inspiring youth to become planet protectors and restorers. An author, filmmaker and educator, she was on the US marketing team of Partnerships for the UNESCO Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), and in 2015 received an honorary fellowship from the Vrije Universiteit in Brussels for her contributions to the field of Sustainable Development. Pamela is a former Research Fellow in Economics at Columbia University, and is currently a Fellow of the Explorers Club and a Certified National Geographic Educator. She produced and hosted a TV show, "Our Planet," from 2001 through 2007, and was the writer and presenter for the NPR radio segment "Sustainable Planet." Pamela continued to reach new audiences as a columnist for Psychologies Magazine, Belgium, and recently published her first graphic novel, featuring her Eco Hero personality.

**James McEachen** is a writer, cinematographer and filmmaker with more than 30 years of experience in diverse sectors of the film industry. He received a bachelor's degree from UCLA's film school in the early '80s and immediately pursued his love of cinematography. As a director of photography and lighting director, he has worked with some of the best-known directors and cinematographers in the world. Over the course of the last two decades, he has trained African filmmakers for UNESCO in Zimbabwe, shot numerous documentary projects for Walt Disney Imagineering, and in 2015 made his directorial debut with the feature documentary *The Leopard in the Land*, about the plight of endangered snow leopards in Mongolia. Jim is also a screenwriter and playwright with several optioned properties currently in development. Beyond entertainment, he is an enthusiastic alpinist who has led multiple self-guided expeditions in the Himalaya and Andes.



**Joe Rohde** recently retired from a 40-year career with Walt Disney Imagineering. During that time he was a pivotal figure in the development of a series of projects that dealt with natural history, culture, and the environment. His work includes Disney's Animal Kingdom, Aulani: A Disney Resort and Spa in Hawaii, and Villages Nature, an eco-resort adjacent to Disneyland Paris, as well as many other projects. He was instrumental in the creation of the Disney Conservation Fund, which has raised over \$100 million for missions worldwide. He is featured in numerous documentaries on the Disney Company, and in his own documentary, *The Leopard in the Land*, which chronicles an artistic wildlife conservation expedition fundraiser through Mongolia. Joe is a member of the Explorer's Club and has traveled extensively in some of the most remote regions of the world, often creating art along the way. Joe regularly uses his artwork for various causes as a fundraising and awareness raising tool.

**Dr. Martin Nweeia** is the world's leading expert on the narwhal tusk and tooth organ system. As a National Foundation Scientist, he has led over 20 High Arctic expeditions and carried 15 Explorers Flags to study the elusive narwhal. Martin holds doctorates in dental medicine and surgery, serves on the faculties of Harvard and Case Western Reserve Universities Schools of Dental Medicine, and is a researcher at the Canadian Museum of Nature and the Smithsonian Institution. Martin was awarded two fellowships from the Smithsonian, in physical anthropology and vertebrate zoology. He is a Global Fellow of the Polar Institute at the Wilson Center. His work has been featured in *The New York Times*, NPR's *Pulse of the Planet*, *A Beautiful World*, *Morning Edition*, *EarthWise*, and documentaries from National Geographic, *Découverte* (French Discovery), and *Natural Curiosities* with Sir David Attenborough on BBC. Dr. Nweeia was awarded a CINE Golden Eagle for the NGS *Wild Chronicles* story on the narwhal, The William Mills Prize for his book, *Narwhal: Revealing An Arctic Legend*, and The Lowell Thomas Award for Arctic Research. His 2020 scientific publications were featured in *Nature*, *PNAS* and two Smithsonian books.

