



**Saturday, January 14, 2023
3:00PM - 4:00PM
Sunday, January 15th, 2023
1:00PM - 2:00PM
(Recital Hall, Performing Arts
Building)
Alabama Center for the Arts**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ICF:
<https://savingcranes.org>.**

In 1973, when cranes were in a perilous situation and many were on the brink of extinction, George Archibald, along with fellow graduate student Ron Sauey, established the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo, Wisconsin as the world center for the study and preservation of cranes. His dream was to save the world's cranes and that notion has been his driving force ever since. Dr. Archibald's visionary leadership in international conservation over the last fifty years has given flight to extraordinary grassroots recovery efforts across the globe. Dr. Archibald established the International Crane Foundation with little more than youthful enthusiasm and exceptional talent. Early on, he pioneered innovative breeding techniques that allowed many rare crane species to reproduce in captivity for the first time.

He forged scientific exchanges and field conservation programs in the 1970s with Chinese and Russian biologists in an era when it was a rare occurrence for a western scientist.

Under his leadership, the International Crane Foundation grew into a highly respected organization, successfully promoting crane and habitat conservation around the world.

Born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada, Dr. Archibald received his undergraduate degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and completed his Ph.D. at Cornell University. In recognition of his many accomplishments, he has received four honorary doctorates and many awards including the Gold Medal from the World Wildlife Fund, a Fellows Award from the MacArthur Foundation, the Wildlife Conservation Medal from the Zoological Society of San Diego, the Lilly Medal from the Indianapolis Zoo, and the Douglas H. Pimlott Award from Nature Canada. In 2013, Dr. Archibald was awarded the Order of Canada on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II, and received the inaugural Dan W. Lufkin Prize for Environmental Leadership from the National Audubon Society.

Dr. Archibald recently completed the book, *My Life with Cranes: A Collection of Stories*. He and his wife, Kyoko, live in the countryside in Wisconsin where they enjoy gardening and agriculture.