

## **Secrets of the Mayan Underworld**

In collaboration with the BBC, Sam Meacham (UVM, Class of 1990) explores one of the mysteries of the ancient Mayan civilization and the role of the “sacred wells” or cenotes, the enigmatic crystal clear pools of water that dot the Yucatan Peninsula, in their culture. Since the 1980’s, over 100 cave systems and over 620 km of flooded cave passageways have been explored and mapped in the area now known as the Riviera Maya (south of Cancun). Sam Meacham, Director of the Quintana Roo Aquifer System Research Center (CINDAQ), has spearheaded these efforts in collaboration with hydrologists, geologists, archaeologists, biologists, and other experts to unlock the many mysteries of the Yucatan’s underground waterways. Come see this incredible BBC documentary and talk with Sam Meacham about his research. The photography alone will amaze you.

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