

Jane Goodall: Reason for Hope

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Jubilee Auditorium,

Thursday night at 7,

tix: \$25-\$35 plus service charges at Ticketmaster outlets

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Speaking in a place called "Jubilee" should bring back fond memories for renowned primatologist Jane Goodall.

Goodall's father bought her a lifelike toy chimpanzee named Jubilee for her second birthday, in 1936. The stuffed animal was named in honour of a baby chimp born in the London Zoo. Friends warned the girl's parents that the gift would cause nightmares for a child. But Jane loved the toy, and to this day Jubilee sits in her home in England.

Of course, Goodall's dad didn't know his present would mark the very beginning of Goodall's lifelong fascination with animals. That fascination would take her, at 26, to Tanzania to do field research on chimps in Gombe Stream National Park under noted anthropologist Louis Leakey. Back then, it was unheard of for a woman to venture into the wilds of the African forest, but the trip fulfilled Goodall's childhood dream.

After 45 years of studying chimpanzee social and family life, Goodall has had a profound impact on the field of primatology. Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute, the animal behaviour scientist and conservation advocate is also a UN Messenger of Peace. In 2003, Queen Elizabeth named her a Dame of the British Empire.

At her public lecture, Goodall, 74, will talk about the threats chimpanzees face and other environmental concerns. She will also give listeners a reason to hope that humanity will solve the problems our planet faces.

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