

I HAD NEVER SEEN THAT SHADE OF
BLUE BEFORE. IT WAS AS IF I HAD
BEEN RAISED IN A BLACK-AND-WHITE
WORLD AND I WAS SEEING COLOR
FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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Known for taking more than 300,000 photographs of our planet while in space, Virts is one of the key visual contributors to the IMAX *A Beautiful Planet* film, in which he also stars. His National Geographic book *View From Above* combines his best photography with personal stories about spaceflight and his perspectives on life on earth and our place in the cosmos. Virts recently directed the record breaking *One More Orbit* world circumnavigation flight and documentary.

A NASA veteran of two spaceflights, including seven months commanding the International Space Station in 2014-2015, Virts also piloted the last Space Shuttle Endeavour mission in 2010. Across his flights, he conducted three spacewalks and performed hundreds of scientific experiments. He worked closely with multiple international partners, including Russian Space Agency cosmonauts during some of the most stressful U.S.-Russian relations since the Cold War.

SPEAKING TOPICS

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- Strategy and vision for intercultural leadership
- The importance of innovation in design
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