



2018 NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY WINDLAND SMITH RICE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS WINNERS & HIGHLY HONORED FINALISTS

*The Editors of Nature's Best Photography magazine are proud to announce the photographers in the 2018 Fall / Winter edition. *Images/videos below with an asterisk will appear in the Smithsonian Exhibition.*

GRAND PRIZE:

Nelis Wolmarans, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

*Mountain Gorilla and Baby

YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR:

Isaac Spotts, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, USA

*Bull Moose Trio

CATEGORY WINNERS:

AFRICA: Arby Lipman, *African Bush Elephant

BIRDS: Petr Bambousek, *Jabiru and Nest

CONSERVATION STORY: Marco Gaiotti, *Sumatran Orangtuan

LANDSCAPES: Chase Dekker, *Edith Creek Sunset, Mt. Rainier NP, WA, USA

OCEANS: Claudio Contreras Koob, *Gray Whale

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE: Mark Chen, *Hiking Proxy Falls, OR, USA

POLAR PASSION: Andy Rouse, *Polar Ice Formation

WILDLIFE: Tin Man Lee, *Silver Fox

VIDEO/NATURE IN MOTION: Howard and Michele Hall, *Filtering Giants film

HIGHLY HONORED

AFRICAN WILDLIFE HIGHLY HONORED:

Alain Ernoult (African Elephant)

Andy Rouse (*Cheetah and Cub)

Arby Lipman (Gemsbok)

Benjamin Walls (*Grevy's Zebra Hide - on signage)

Catherine Dobbins D'Alessio (*Burchell's Zebras)

Cristobal Serrano (*Lesser Flamingos)

Deborah Albert (Nile Crocodile)

Gabriela Staebler (African Ostriches)

Ifham Raji (*African Lion and Cape Buffalo)

Johan J Botha (Bearded Vulture)

Koki Shinoda (African Lion)

Lance van de Vyver (Temminck's Ground Pangolin)

Marco Mercuri (Cheetah and Impala)

Patrick Pevey (*Warthog Chase, Baby Elephants)

Richard Peters (*Serval)

Willem Kruger (Southern Pale Chanting Goshawk)

William Woolam (*Mountain Gorilla)



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CONSERVATION STORY

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Florian Ledoux (*Polar Bear Habitat Loss)
Javier Lobon-Rovira (Lemur Leaf Frog)
Peter Chadwick (*Southern White Rhino Dehorning)
Roger Brendhagen (*Northern Gannets)
Sandy Zelasko (Bison Conservation Initiative)

LANDSCAPES

HIGHLY HONORED:

Arby Lipman (*Skeleton Coast Seal Colony, Namibia)
Chase Dekker (Bison Herd, Grand Teton NP, WY, USA)
Erica Lane Harvey (Super Moon, Badlands NP, SD, USA)
Garret Suhrie (Nelder Plot, El Dorado NF, CA, USA)
John Richter (Lupine Fields, Vatnajökull NP, Iceland)
Nolan Nitschke (Granite and Aspens, Aspendale, CA, USA)
Roberto Marchegiani (Fogbow, Sibillini NP, Italy)
Rodrigo Moraga (Iguazú Falls, Brazil)

OCEANS

HIGHLY HONORED:

Adriano Morettin (Mediterranean Seahorses)
Barry B. Brown (Tailspot Clingfish)
Carol Grant (*Florida Manatee)
Cristobal Serrano (*Crabeater Seals)
David Jenkins (Orca)
Debbie Wallace (Sand Tiger Shark)
Gabriel Barathieu (*Reef Manta Ray)
Greg Lecoeur (*Oceanic Whitetip Shark and Pilot Fish)
Henley Spiers (Goby on Tunicate)
Judy Townsend (Sharpear Enope Squid)
Pedro Carrillo (*Clark's Anemonefish)
Ron Watkins (Humpback Whale Calf)
Songda Cai (*Violet Blanket Octopus)
Vanessa Mignon (*Humpback Whales)
Yung-Sen Wu (*Greater Blue-ringed Octopus)

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

HIGHLY HONORED:

Daniel Dagenais (Into the Fog, Québec, Canada)
Erick Castellon (*Lower Oneonta Falls, OR, USA)
Gaurav Mittal (Photographers Silhouette, India)
Jeremy Joseph (*Climbing Mount Rainier, WA, USA)
Manish Mamtani (*Kayaker, Chocorua Lake, NH, USA)
Robert Marc Lehmann (*Free Diver and Maomao,
Poor Knights Islands, New Zealand)

POLAR PASSION HIGHLY HONORED:

Anil Sud (*Gentoo Penguins)
Chris Linder (Adélie Penguin)
Daniel D'Auria (*Arctic Fox)
Glenn Ostle (Icelandic Horses)
Jason Hosking (Southern Royal Albatross)
Lisa M. Adler (*Southern Elephant Seal and King Penguins)
Rodrigo Moraga (Leopard Seal)
Roger Brendhagen (Arctic Fox in Full Moon)
Wim van den Heever (Gentoo Penguins)

WILDLIFE HIGHLY HONORED:

Ben Penson (*Eurasian Brown Bear)
Benjamin Olson (Bison)
Ignacio Yúfera (Geoffroy's Tamarins)
Olav Thokle (Coastal Brown Bear)
Petr Bambousek (*White-spotted Cat Snake)