NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY INTERNATIONAL AWARDS 2024

GRAND PRIZE:

Mangesh Ratnakar Desai, Bengal Tigers, Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra, India

YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR:

Alberto Román Gómez, at age 9, European Stonechat, Arcos de la Frontera, Cádiz, Spain

CATEGORY WINNERS:

ANIMAL ANTICS: **Brian Clopp, Kit Fox Pair, Onaqui Mountain Herd Management Area, Dugway, Utah, USA**

ART IN NATURE: **Lei Li, Eye of Frozen Renbaiyu Lake, Bango County, Tibet, China**

BIRDS: **Xiaoping Lin, Egret and Ladyfish, Yuangdang Lake, Xiamen, Fujian, China**

CONSERVATION STORY: **Jaime Rojo, Saving the Monarchs, Mexico, USA, & Canada**

CONSERVATION | SINGLE IMAGE: **Khurram Khan, Northern Gannets, Shetland Island, Scotland, UK**

LANDSCAPES: **Marcio Esteves Cabral, 'Fireworks,' Alto Paraíso, Goiás, Brazil**

OCEAN VIEWS: **Cécile Gabillon, Spinner Dolphins Superpod, Off Quepos, Costa Rica**

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE: **Belva Hayden, Highliner, Annular Solar Eclipse, BLM Area near Monticello, Utah, USA**

POLAR PASSION: **Brett Freliche, Beluga Whales, Hudson Bay, Churchill, Manitoba, Canada**

WILDLIFE: **Kevin Dooley, African Leopard Fight, Mashatu Game Reserve, Botswana**

NATURE IN MOTION | VIDEO: **Patricia Homonylo, "When Worlds Collide"**

HIGHLY HONORED BY CATEGORY:

ART IN NATURE:
Adrian Klein, Sandstone Cliff
Ashane Marasinghe, Sri Lanka Junglefowl
Chihiro Wakamatsu, Pigmy Sweepers
Gianluca Gianferrari, Laurisilva
Joaquin Fregoni, Spotted Eagle Ray
Kevin Dooley, Impala in the Mist
Peter Monteforte, Mushroom Underside
Sarthak Agrawal, Black-winged Stilt
Wayne Lai, Bigeye Trevally
Yevhen Samuchenko, Pink Salt Lakes Horse Portrait

ANIMAL ANTICS:
Andy Parkinson, Mountain Hares
Daryl Yeo, Cheetah and Cub
Glenn Nelson, Barred Owlets
Hung Tsui, Side-necked Turtle, Butterfly, and Bee
Jennifer Smith, Alaskan Brown Bear and Cubs
Larry Taylor, Ermine
Luisa Pericoli, Impala and Red-billed Oxpecker
Rex & Ginna Short, Leaf Cutter Ant and Carambola Flower
William Page Pully, Osprey

BIRDS:
Antonio Aguti, Great Crested Grebe & Chicks
Franco Banfi, Brandt's Cormorant
Greg Basco, Keel-billed Toucan
Hira Punjabi, Parakeet Biting Monitor Lizard
Isabel Guerra Clark, Great Horned Owls
Jari Heikkinen, Red-throated Loon
Khushboo Sharma, Yellow-rumped Honeyguide at Beehive
Levi Fitze, Black Grouse
Liron Gertsman, Northern Hawk Owl
Michael Despines, Bald Eagle Fight
Michael Zheng, Great Egret

CONSERVATION STORY:
Alain Schroeder, Jatayu Restaurant, Nepal
George Dian Balan, Big Tuskers: Asian and African Elephants

CONSERVATION
SINGLE IMAGE:
Jim Coda, Tule Elk in Barbed Wire, CA, USA
Marcus Westberg, Chimpanzee Rescue, DRC
Michelle H. McConville, Polar Bear Relocation, Canada

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Alessandra Meniconzi, Hummocks, Lake Baikal, Siberia, Russia
Amy Gerber, Badlands NP & Bighorn Ram, SD, USA
Cyndy B. Waters, Mangrove Trees, Indonesia
Elliot McGucken, Wildflowers Superbloom, Borrego Springs, CA, USA
Gianluca Gianferrari, Po River, Guastalla, Reggio Emilia, Italy
Luis Vilariño, Storm over Labyrinth, Bentonite Hills, UT, USA
Marcio Cabral, Lençóis Maranhenses N.P., Maranhão, Brazil
Nathan Myhrvold, Mesocyclone, Platte County, WY, USA
Ralph Lee Hopkins, Lenticular Cloud, Jason Harbor, South Georgia
Vicki B. Hendrix, Three Brothers, Yosemite NP, CA, USA

OCEAN VIEWS:

Andrey Shpatak, Diamond Squid
Domenico Roscigno, Yellow Seahorse on White Gorgonian
Domenico Roscigno, Lung Jellyfish & Grey Swimming Crab
Franco Banfi, Sperm Whale Mother & Calf
Gaby Barathieu, Green Sea Turtle
Leighton Lum, Green Sea Turtles in Cave
Mayumi Takeuchi-Ebbins, Pacific Giant Octopus
Michael Patrick O'Neill, Juvenile Driftfish in Moon Jellyfish
Pietro Formis, Blenny in Brain Coral
Scott Portelli, Humpback Whales Bubble Netting

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE:

Aleksander Myklebust, Hiking in Norway
Alessandra Meniconzi, Crossing Ice Lake, Mongolia
Amber Johnson, Bike Riding on Glacier, Alaska, USA
Christian Horras, Diving with Giant Oceanic Manta Ray
Emmett Sparling, Iceland's Northern Lights
Franco Banfi, Free Diver & Sperm Whales, Dominica
Jason Weiss, Camping in Nepal
John Morey, Photographer in Death Valley N., California, USA
Marc Marco, Night Climber & Milky Way, Spain
Wayne Lai, Free Diver & Silky Sharks, Cuba

POLAR PASSION:

Clive Burns, Gentoo Penguins
Hung Tsui, Polar Bear & Cub
Ira Meyer, Chinstrap, Adélie, & Gentoo Penguins
Levi Fitze, King Penguins Under Full Moon
Liwen Tao, Emperor Penguins
Marek Jackowski, Polar Bear
Matty Smith, Leopard Seal
Stefan Christmann, Emperor Penguin Chick
Syler Peralta-Ramos, King Penguin Colony
Thomas Vijayan, Emperor Penguin
Wendy Harris, Reindeer and Polar Bear

WILDLIFE:

Barrett Hedges, Brown Bear & Salmon
Devon Pradhuman, Gray Wolves
Heshan Peiris, Indian Pangolin & Pup
Jules Oldroyd, White Rhino & Calf
Keith Bannerman, African Lion Cubs
Krishna Daga, Bengal Tiger
Lara Ferraro, American Bison & Calf
Marcio Esteves Cabral, South American Tapir
Marco Gaiotti, Geladas and Infant
Ralph Lee Hopkins, Puma Cubs
Steve Mattheis, Olive Baboon
Thomas Nicholson, Masai Giraffe & Calf
Thomas Vijayan, Canada Lynx

NATURE IN MOTION VIDEO:

Jacob Guy, "Oceans of Adaptation"
Olli Teirilä, "Iberian Lynx"
Roman Willi, "The Secret Life of Potter Wasps"
Stephan Fürnrohr, "90° Greenland"
Tom Vierus, "Manta Ray Conservation"

YOUTH:

Andrés Domínguez Blanco, Atlantic Puffin
James Fatemi, Canvasback
Lory Cantin, Whimbrel
Maksymilian Paczkowski, Dunlin
Maxime Colin, Ibex Silhouette
Tyler Pratt, Coatimundi Kit

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Category Winners from top left clockwise:
Lei Li (Art in Nature), Kevin Dooley (Wildlife), Xiaoping Lin (Birds),
Alberto Román Gómez (Youth Photographer of the Year),
Patricia Homonylo (Nature in Motion | Video), Marcio Cabral (Landscapes),
Brian Clopp (Animal Antics), Brett Freliche (Polar Passion),
Khurram Khan (Conservation Story | Single Image), Jaime Rojo (Conservation Story),
Belva Hayden (Outdoor Adventure), Cécile Gabillon (Ocean Views).
Middle: Mangesh Desai (Grand Prize).

On the cover: Top, Marcio Cabral; Middle: Andy Parkinson;
Bottom from left: Thomas Vijayan, Jaime Rojo, Brian Clopp.