

Traveling Museum Exhibition

# THOMAS D. MANGELSEN

# A LIFE IN THE WILD

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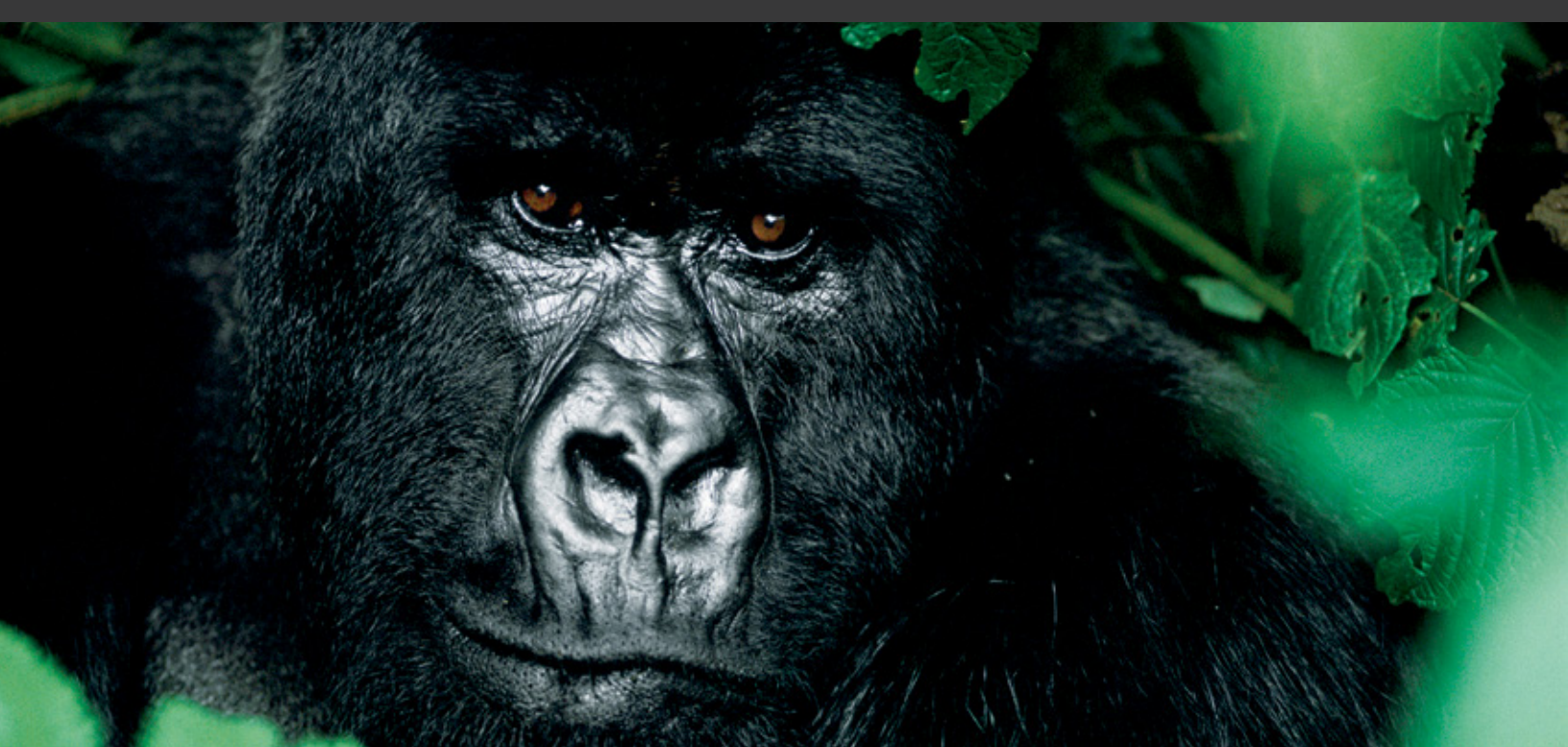
A RETROSPECTIVE OF LEGACY IMAGES from over 40 years of nature and wildlife photography capturing the Earth's last great wild places.



HIGH NOON ON THE OXBOW BEND, 2003



A CHANGE OF SEASONS, 1998





“What Tom has accomplished would be extremely difficult to duplicate. His photographs inspire me because they wake us up to what is at stake. When I think of the very talented nature photographers I’ve been fortunate to know—counted among the very best who ever lived—I consider Tom Mangelsen to be an American treasure.”

~ *Jane Goodall*

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:  
REFLECTIONS OF DENALI, 1998  
LIGHT IN THE FOREST, 1998  
BORN OF THE NORTH WIND, 1993  
DREAMCATCHER, 2000  
MOUNTAIN OUTLAW, 2014  
GENTLE GIANT, 2003



**A LIFE IN THE WILD** is an exhibition containing 40 of Mangelsen's most resonant images—images that take viewers on a journey into the haunts of iconic species whose struggles for survival are metaphorical fulcrums for reflection in the 21st century.

In an age of rampant digital manipulation of imagery and an era in which many nature photographers take shortcuts to amass portfolios by frequenting “game farms”—facilities that rent out wildlife “models” by the hour—Mangelsen's work stands as a striking and noble counterpoint, Allen says.

Every single image in Mangelsen's portfolio has been taken in the wild under natural conditions; the result of him waiting for the “picture perfect moment” across decades and often in hostile conditions. Such a body of work can only be achieved by having a heightened sense of animal behavior, an uncanny feel for being able to read changing atmospherics in the environment, and patience.

At a time when digital technology is, notoriously, reprogramming its users to have shorter attention spans, **A LIFE IN THE WILD** stands as a testament to the rewards that can come to people who slow down their lives and wait for nature's revelations to happen.

**A LIFE IN THE WILD** showcases Mangelsen's signature, award-winning photographs of landscape and wildlife in all seven continents. *Polar Dance*, for example, is a whimsical portrait of polar bears appearing to prance in the Arctic that *National Geographic* called one of the most important of our time for getting viewers to ponder the consequences of climate change.

The exhibition includes Mangelsen's *Catch of the Day*, one of the most widely circulated wildlife photographs in history, showing the exact moment that a

## EXHIBITION SPECIFICATIONS

**CONTENTS:** Forty Classic, Framed Photographs (ranging from 3' to 10' wide), Title Panel, Descriptive Labels, plus Film on DVD/Blu-ray for Airing During Exhibition

**AVAILABILITY:** 2018 and After

**SUPPORT:** Education, Press, and Registration Materials

**EDUCATION:** Reception Guest Appearances, Lectures, Workshops by Thomas D. Mangelsen (pending scheduling)

**SALES:** Books, Calendars, and Other Product Line

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spawning salmon, trying to leap over a small waterfall along Alaska's Brooks River, soars right into the awaiting jaws of a massive brown bear. *Catch of the Day* was not only a monumental achievement in photography because it occurred before the advent of digital cameras and involves no digital manipulation, but also because thousands of photographers have attempted to emulate it. Like all of the photographs in the exhibition, it sparks conversation.

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POLAR DANCE, 1989

CATCH OF THE DAY, 1988

