

# Adriaan van Heerden

## Artist Profile

Adriaan van Heerden is an award-winning international photographer with a particular passion for wildlife, travel and landscapes. Adriaan came to photography via a PhD in Philosophy at King's College, Cambridge, where his dissertation focused on the fundamental roles that tragedy, humour and love play in our shared human existence and experience of the world. These topics have continued to inform his visual art as well.

Drawing inspiration from past masters like Ansel Adams, Edward Weston and Paul Strand through to contemporary photographers such as Michael Kenna, Mitch Dubrowner and Masahisa Fukase, Adriaan uses photography as a kind of poetry to explore the worlds of humans and nature and the connections between them. Depending on the image he uses colour or monochrome processing to emphasise the poetic quality of the picture, always aware that it is the privilege of the artist to create beauty in a fragile world, and that photography has a role to play in preserving and conserving that beauty.

Adriaan's work has been exhibited in London (including Cork Street, Pall Mall, and Mayfair), Barcelona, Kyoto and Singapore, and his pictures are held in private and corporate collections in the UK, the USA and South Africa.

He has written on wildlife photography for *Go! Magazine* (South Africa) and his pictures have been published in the *BBC Wildlife Magazine*, *Outdoor Photography*, *eXel Photo Magazine*, *The Telegraph Magazine* (Online), *Surrey Life Magazine*, *Go! Magazine* (South Africa), *The Star* (Johannesburg), *The Argus* (Cape Town), the *Natal Daily News*, *De Kat Magazine* (South Africa), *Art Has No Borders* and *f2-Cameracraft*.

Adriaan is a member of PhotoAid and the Guild of Photographers, and he is currently represented by the ARGENTA Fine Art Agency in London.

His awards include the following:

- **First Prize Winner in the ArtGemini Award 2015 (Photography);**
- Finalist in the ArtGemini Award 2018 (Photography);
- Reached second round of the Aesthetica Art Prize 2018;
- Highly Commended in the ArtGemini Award 2017 (Photography);
- Recipient of Premio O.R.A. Award 6<sup>th</sup> Edition 2017 to collaborate with 3)5 Arte Contemporanea Gallery in Rieti, Italy
- Shortlisted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Dodgson B&W Award 2017 in three categories (Fine Art; Landscapes and Seascapes; People, Culture and Daily Life)
- Reached second round of the Aesthetica Art Prize 2017
- Shortlisted for the 5<sup>th</sup> Zebra Black and White Awards 2017 in three categories (Fine Art; Landscape and Nature; People and Animals)
- Finalist in the ArtGemini Award 2016 (Photography);
- Finalist in the BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition 2014 & 2015;
- Runner-Up Winner in the Art Has No Borders International Art Competition on the Animal Kingdom 2014;
- Highly Commended in the USA Landscape Photographer of the Year Competition 2014;

- Shortlisted for the East West Art Awards 2014;
- Selected to be one of four Artists in Residence at the JARFO Gallery in Kyoto in April 2015.

### Education

- PhD in Philosophy from King's College (Cambridge University), 2002
- Diploma in Photography from The Photography Institute, 2013
- Portfolio reviews with Laura Noble, 2016-18
- Photography Masterclasses with David Noton, Mark Sisson, Danny Green and Andy Rouse, 2013-14

### Solo Exhibitions

- David Shepherd Wildlife Gallery (Surrey), 2014
- Royal Automobile Club (Woodcote Park, Surrey), 2014
- Bloomsbury Design (London), 2012
- Bollington Art Centre (Cheshire), 2010

### Group Exhibitions

- ArtGemini Award 2018 Finalists' Exhibition (Menier Gallery, London), 2018
- AppArt Easter Exhibition (Godalming, Surrey), 2018
- ArtGemini Award 2017 Finalists' Exhibition (Asia House Gallery, London), 2017
- Nehru Centre (Mayfair, London), 2017
- Black Gallery (Tring, Hertfordshire), 2017
- Framers Gallery (Fitzrovia, London), 2017
- ArtGemini Award 2016 Finalists' Exhibition (Asia House Gallery, London), 2016
- AppArt Easter Exhibition (Godalming, Surrey), 2016
- ArtGemini Award 2015 Finalists' Exhibition (Menier Gallery, London), 2015
- EWAAC Artists Exchange Exhibition (Ravenscourt Park, London), 2015
- Surrey Artists Open Studios (with AppArt Studio), 2015
- EWAAC Art Exhibition (Chelsea, London), 2015
- JARFO Gallery (Kyoto), 2015
- AppArt Easter Exhibition (Haslemere, Surrey), 2015
- Cork Street Open Exhibition (London), 2013
- Royal Automobile Club (Pall Mall, London), 2008

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