

January 8, 2014

Robert Bateman Looks at Nature Through Art and Photography

Victoria, BC – The Royal BC Museum is pleased to welcome renowned wildlife painter and nature advocate Robert Bateman. In his upcoming Jan. 15 lecture, *Paying Attention to our Place Through Art and Photography*, Bateman will present a series of photo essays on the things we ordinarily take for granted. Looking at nature through artist's eyes, including observing the abstract for ideas and inspiration, Bateman will explore the importance of paying attention, of connecting with nature, and of sense of place.

The lecture is offered in conjunction with the exhibition, *Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2013*, from the Natural History Museum, London and BBC Worldwide, on display at the Royal BC Museum until April 6, 2014. The exhibition features 100 winning wildlife images, in huge, backlit displays, selected from a field of just under 43,000 international entries.

Robert Bateman is one of the world's most celebrated wildlife artists and naturalists. His expertise is evident not only in the creation of inspirational works of art, but also in his leadership in connecting people with nature. Robert has greatly contributed to the field of sustainability, raising awareness around environmental topics such as ecology, biodiversity, vanishing habitats and endangered species.

Only a few tickets remain for Bateman's captivating lecture to be held on Wednesday Jan. 15, 2014, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Clifford Carl Hall in the Royal BC Museum. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. Tickets are \$16 per person available online or at the Royal BC Museum Box Office. Museum members receive a 10% discount.

The talk is presented in partnership with The Robert Bateman Centre. www.batemancentre.org

For more information visit www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca or call 1-888-447-7977.

Admission by Donation continues at the Royal BC Museum until January 9, 2014.

About the Royal BC Museum

As the provincial museum and archives, the Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. Through collections, research, presentations and partnerships, the museum and archives tell the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Its two-hectare cultural precinct in Victoria includes a number of historically significant buildings and First Nations sites.

Other Upcoming Events at the Royal BC Museum:

Young Photographer Contest

Do you like animals, nature and photography? The Royal BC Museum is inviting photographers between eight and 17 years of age to win an exclusive Photography Gift Pack! To enter, submit a photograph that you feel represents British Columbia's wildlife through Facebook. Two photographs from two age categories (8 – 11 years & 12 – 17 years) will be chosen as winners based on your votes! Winners will receive an afternoon in the Royal BC Museum photo-studio, a museum membership, a chance to set up their own professional photo-shoot, and more!

Contest open: February 8 – March 25, 2014.

Garth Lenz: Wildlife Photographer Lecture

Victoria-based Garth Lenz is an award-winning photographer and runner-up in the World in Our Hands category of *Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2013*. His recent work has focused on the world of modern fossil fuel production and its associated impacts on the landscape.

Thursday March 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Tickets \$16 per person. 10% member discount. Tickets available online or at the RBCM box office.

Spring Break Camp: Focus on Nature

Aspiring shutterbugs can develop their skills by participating in a three day photography inspired day camp. Campers will learn about photo composition and storytelling, venture to Beacon Hill Park with an award-winning *Wildlife Photographer of the Year* photographer to capture dynamic nature shots, and have their work included in a mini- Wildlife Photographer of the Year inspired display. No fancy camera needed, but campers need to be familiar with how their own camera works. Lunch and snacks not provided.

March 11-13 (with first-day guest Garth Lenz)

March 18-20 (with first-day guest Connor Stefanison)

Ages 8-12

9am - 4pm

\$135 per participant. 10% member discount. Tickets available online or at the RBCM box office.

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