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Wildlife Photographer of the Year **back by popular demand**

Victoria, BC– We read your social media comments, spoke to you when you visited and learned how you felt from our annual survey. Thanks to your feedback, the popular exhibition *Wildlife Photographer of the Year* is back after a one-year hiatus.

The crowd favourite developed and produced by the Natural History Museum in London opens December 8, 2017 and is on view until April 2, 2018.

“We are pleased to bring this world-renowned exhibition to British Columbia,” says Royal BC Museum CEO Prof. Jack Lohman. “As the exclusive venue in Western Canada we have the privilege of showcasing the work of some of the world’s best nature photographers and wildlife experts.”

Photographs from the annual competition are displayed in large scale format, on dramatic back-lit displays. Marvel at the immense skill, patience and perseverance of wildlife photographers as well as the beauty, wonder and diversity of the natural world.

Just as interesting as the images are the stories behind them: what it took to get the photo and insights into the subjects—info provided beside each photograph. Many of the photos carry a strong message of conservation, with stories ranging from disturbing to hopeful: from the winning photograph, a dark and violent image of the horrors of poaching, to a finalist’s stunning portrait of a bald eagle in Alaska, where the species’ population was in steep decline in the 1960s but has bounced back thanks to conservation efforts.

This message reflects the perspective of the Royal BC Museum, where research, exhibitions and education programs promote an understanding of living landscapes and our extraordinary, fragile natural world.

To complement the exhibition, the Royal BC Museum is offering a number of unique and engaging related events and programming, many appealing to aspiring nature photographers. This includes the upcoming New Year’s Eve



family program [Early Shift: Going wildly into the New Year](#) and our popular [Spring Break Camps](#) for aspiring young shutterbugs in March.

Images available upon request.

About the Royal BC Museum

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. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. We are a hub of community connections in BC—onsite, offsite and online—taking pride in our collective histories.

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