

WILDLIFE ARTIST OF THE YEAR Returns to London

Drawn from the Wild. Collected for its Future

Every artist contributes. Every collector makes a difference. Every sale helps protect its future.

This September, Wildlife Artist of the Year returns to London's Mall Galleries, presenting an outstanding collection of 170 original artworks, selected from over 1,500 submissions by artists across 60 countries.

For almost two decades, David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation's flagship exhibition has brought together internationally recognised artists alongside exceptional emerging talent, celebrating the remarkable quality and diversity of contemporary wildlife art.

Every artwork is available to purchase, with 50% of every sale supporting David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation's conservation partners across Africa and Asia, turning artistic inspiration into lasting conservation impact.

Alongside this year's finalists, the exhibition will feature exclusive collections from nine invited Guest Artists, including internationally exhibited artist Emily Lamb. Returning to Wildlife Artist of the Year with a new body of work inspired by motherhood, transformation and a renewed connection to the natural world, Lamb continues the artistic legacy of her grandfather, renowned wildlife artist and conservationist David Shepherd CBE.

Visitors can also enjoy a curated programme of artist-led workshops, live demonstrations and talks, offering a rare opportunity to meet the artists behind the work, explore their creative practice and experience one of the UK's most distinctive celebrations of wildlife art.

The complete collection will be available to view and purchase online at davidsshepherd.org from 27 August, one week before the exhibition opens, giving collectors around the world early access to this year's exhibition.



WAY 2026 Finalist, Stefano Zagaglia

"Georgina Lamb, Chief Executive of David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation, said:

My grandfather believed that art could inspire people to care about wildlife. Wildlife Artist of the Year continues that legacy by bringing together exceptional artists and collectors with a shared purpose. Every artwork begins with wildlife as its inspiration, and every artwork collected helps protect its future."

Since launching in 2008, Wildlife Artist of the Year has raised more than £2 million for wildlife conservation, helping support conservation partners working to protect endangered species, tackle wildlife crime and safeguard vital habitats across Africa and Asia.

Wildlife Artist of the Year 2026

Mall Galleries, London

8-12 September 2026

Admission is free. Donations welcome

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About David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation

Founded in 1984 by renowned wildlife artist and conservationist David Shepherd CBE, David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF) fights extinction by confronting wildlife crime and protecting endangered species across Africa and Asia in collaboration with international, national and locally led conservation partners.

For over four decades, DSWF has fought extinction by confronting wildlife crime and protecting endangered species across Africa and Asia in collaboration with international, national and locally led conservation partners. DSWF has challenged and disrupted the illegal wildlife trade and strengthened protections through intelligence-led investigations, enforcement partnerships and policy reform. We back frontline conservation and support long-term, locally led solutions, placing people and communities at the centre of lasting conservation success, today and into the future.

David Shepherd believed that art had the power to inspire people to care about wildlife. That legacy continues today through initiatives including Wildlife Artist of the Year, where creativity helps generate vital funding for conservation and connects artists, collectors and wildlife supporters in protecting the natural world.

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