

Thomas Mangelsen Captures Nature Category 2007 American Photo Magazine Image of the Year

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JACKSON, Wyo., Jan. 2 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Thomas D. Mangelsen of Thomas D. Mangelsen, Inc. is no stranger to photographic accolades; he now has the honor of adding American Photo Magazine's Image of the Year Award for their nature category to his list. The award-winning photo captures images of King Penguins in the bright morning sunshine, shaking off after a cold dip in the sea on South Georgia Island in the southern Atlantic Ocean.

"After my trip to the Antarctic, I returned home to Jackson, Wyoming and knew that I had a unique photo," Mangelsen said. "Most penguin images are still and erect, even statue-like; this image captured their life in motion."

The photo was shot with a Nikon D2Xs with an 18-200mm f/3.5-4.5 VR DX Zoom-Nikkor set to 130mm. The exposure was 1/125 second at f/13.

In its second year, The Images of the Year Competition is unique in the breadth of photography it showcases: photojournalism and fine art; advertising and student work; and nature and wedding photography.

The competition represents American Photo Magazine's commitment to finding and publishing the best photography in the world, from professional photographers and amateurs alike.

"As this image shows, Mangelsen relies on a schedule of heavy travel, a habit of hard work, and an eye that is always searching for memorable composition and color," Russell Hart, Executive Editor for American Photo, said.

Entries were prescreened by the magazine's staff and final judging occurred on September 27. Judges included noted editorial and advertising art director Marc Balet; author and filmmaker James Crump; and photojournalism legend Eliane Laffont.

Identical criteria were used to judge all entries: originality, excellence of execution, and overall impact. Photos from all categories will be featured in the January/February 2008 issue of American Photo.

Mangelsen, an avid outdoor enthusiast, has been published in leading magazines such as Audubon, National Geographic, Life, Wildlife Art, and National Wildlife. He has also been featured on television programs such as Today, Good Morning America, CNN World News, and World News Tonight. His work is offered in 16 "Images of Nature(R)" Galleries across the country.

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