

Animals' Souls bared on Internet

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The first official website of wildlife artist Gary Hodges (garyhodges-wildlife-art.com) has been launched amidst enormous acclaim from collectors and celebrities. Gary Hodges' appeal has been built on his extraordinary ability to capture, what many would say, the "soul" of the wild animals he draws.

The 58 page website provides insight and background to the highly successful artist's 120 published limited edition prints and pencil drawings. In the first month trial period the website received over 20,000 page hits from 50 countries.

"I'm happily surprised by the reactions" says Hodges. "After years of aversion to the internet, I am now a complete convert. It has given me a new exciting platform to communicate with my supporters and collectors."

Gary Hodges is passionate about animals and is an avid supporter of wildlife conservation. Since he started professionally twenty years ago he has donated over half a million pounds to charity. He has supported over 40 charities, with his two favourites being the Born Free Foundation and the Environmental Investigation Agency. Virginia McKenna, co-founder and trustee of the Born Free Foundation says "The living spirit of the animals shines through their eyes and the beauty of their physical presence leaps from the paper. Gary is an artist who understands."

The artist has many celebrity collectors including Martina Navratilova, Jenny Seagrove, Kiki Dee, Rula Lenska and Michaela Strachan. Commenting on his work Jenny Seagrove says "There's something that goes straight to some very deep part of your soul, straight from the pictures ... If ever art was poetry, this is poetry."

Editor's notes

- * Gary has been recognised as one of the world's leading wildlife artists by his peers and his many thousands of fans. He has been described as the Master of wildlife pencil art.
- * He has sold over 100,000 limited edition prints, been the subject of three film documentaries and received many awards.
- * His prints have reached extraordinary prices on the secondary art market including a Green Turtle published in 1987 for £8.50 and exchanging hands for £3500.00 on the secondary market.
- * 112 of his 120 published limited editions have sold out.
- * His new release Majesty (attached) is the first of four wild cat portraits he intends to publish.

* His work is in the UK Government Art Collection and the Nature in Art Museum, Gloucester. He has been Artist in Residence at the museum on 18 occasions.

* He has been a judge for "Wildlife Artist of the Year" for the last two years.

* He is a member of the Society of Wildlife Artists and will exhibit in the SWLA annual show in the Mall Galleries central London in September 2009.

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ATTACHED: MAJESTY - new release of Royal Bengal Tiger portrait

Gary Hodges is a wildlife pencil artist who publishes his own limited edition signed prints and canvases. His work has been acclaimed worldwide and 112 of his 120 limited editions have sold out.

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