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***Best of Nature Photography Show***  
**International Photography-Competition Winners to Show Images**  
**at San Diego Natural History Museum**

**San Diego; May 19, 2009**—The *Best of Nature* Photography Show, an international juried competition, will be on view in The Ordover Gallery at the San Diego Natural History Museum from June 27 to September 13, 2009. Admission is included with general admission to the Museum. **The opening reception will be on Saturday, July 11 from 11 AM–2 PM and is open to the public (with Museum admission).**

Visitors to the Museum will view inventive and daring nature-based imagery by amateur and professional photographers. From an elk silhouetted in the morning mist with reflections that mimic wildfire, to the underside of brilliant red cardinal wings against a snowy sky, the images in the *Best of Nature* show are not to be missed. Three rounds of judging took place to choose the winning photographs, which range from landscape and wildlife images to abstract/impressionistic nature-based images. Traditional and digital photographic works are represented in the show. Over 2300 images were submitted to the jury for consideration.

Prizes will be announced at the opening reception for top-placing photographs: Grand Prize: \$1000; First Place: \$500; Second Place: \$250; Third Place: \$150; Six Honorable Mentions: \$100 each; People's Choice Award: \$100. All artwork in The Ordover Gallery at the San Diego Natural History Museum is for sale.

The Ordover Gallery was established by Abe Ordover in 2003 in Solana Beach, California. Ordover, a Yale-educated law professor, attorney, and mediator, had changed careers and become a fine-art photographer. The gallery was established with the mission of elevating the photographic-art form to greater prominence among collectors and nature enthusiasts by showcasing the nation's best nature and wildlife photographers. In 2006, The Ordover Gallery formed a partnership with the San Diego Natural History Museum which led to the opening of a second gallery on the Museum's 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The Ordover Gallery's imagery and artists' biographies can be viewed at [www.ordovergallery.com](http://www.ordovergallery.com).

The San Diego Natural History Museum is celebrating its 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Founded by citizen naturalists, it is the second-oldest scientific institution in California and the third oldest west of the Mississippi. The Museum specializes in the study of biodiversity; the results of active research are passed on to the community through education programs and exhibitions. Open daily with the exception of Thanksgiving and Christmas; visit [www.sdnhm.org](http://www.sdnhm.org) for admission hours and prices.

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