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Galen Rowell: A Retrospective
**The Ordover Gallery Presents Photographer Galen Rowell at the
San Diego Natural History Museum**

San Diego, CA; August 2006—Discover sublime nature photography by the late world-renowned photographer Galen Rowell at the San Diego Natural History Museum from September 16 through November 12, 2006. *Galen Rowell: A Retrospective* is the sixth show in the series titled *VISIONS of the NATURAL WORLD through the LENS of the MASTERS*. *VISIONS* is a collaboration between the San Diego Natural History Museum and The Ordover Gallery and will continue through March 2007. *VISIONS* presents realistic, impressionistic and abstract fine-art photography by nationally recognized photographers.

Galen Rowell: A Retrospective will feature Rowell's dramatic nature photography. Born in 1940, Rowell was a pioneering wilderness photographer who began photographing as a way to share his nature experiences. His wilderness excursions included major expeditions to Mount Everest, K2, Gasherbrum II, Mount McKinley and Mount Kilimanjaro. Rowell's images often include grand, sweeping views of nature's magnificence, complete with dramatic skies and powerful light. Rowell described his photography as "a continuing pursuit in which the art becomes the adventure, and vice versa."

Rowell landed his first major magazine assignment, a cover story for *National Geographic*, less than a year after he became a full-time photographer. He also completed assignments for *Life*, *Outdoor Photographer* and other magazines. Rowell published numerous large-format books of his photography, including *Mountain Light: In Search of the Dynamic Landscape, North America the Beautiful*, and *Bay Area Wild*. Rowell and his wife passed away in 2002 when their small plane crashed. Rowell's decedents are publishing a new book of his photographs, titled *Galen Rowell: A Retrospective*, which will be available in the Museum's gift shop.

Rowell's daughter, Nicole Rowell Ryan, will present a lecture about the life and photography of Galen Rowell on Saturday, September 16 from 9:30–10:30 AM in the Museum's Charmaine and Maurice Kaplan Theater. A book signing and opening reception for the show will follow.

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Also showing will be fine-art photographs by Bob Barry and Will Gibson. Barry will be showing vibrant color images from Mexico. Gibson will be showing dramatic black and white landscape photographs.

All artwork will be for sale; a substantial portion of proceeds will benefit the Museum. Ordover Gallery imagery and artists' biographies can be viewed at www.ordovergallery.com. For more information about the show, visit www.sdnhm.org/exhibits.

The San Diego Natural History Museum is celebrating its 132nd anniversary this year. Founded by citizen naturalists, it is the second oldest scientific institution in California and the third oldest west of the Mississippi. An active research institute, the Museum specializes in the study of biodiversity; the results of the research are passed on to the community through the Museum's numerous education programs and exhibitions. Admission is \$11 for adults; \$9 for seniors; \$7 for military, youth 13–17, students; \$6 for children 3–12; and always free for members. The Museum is open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM with the exception of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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