

## **Andrei Duman: Aerials to Animals**

On View March 21 - May 20, 2017 | Opening Reception March 25, 6:30-9:00 PM

Phase One and Andrei Duman to Host Talk and Interactive Demo Saturday, April 22



**Left to Right:** "Orange Pools," Northern California, USA; "Poised," Isabela Island, Galapagos Islands; "Cheetah Stare," Northern Territory, Namibia.

**Venice, CA** — On March 21, 2017, The G2 Gallery will premiere *Andrei Duman: Aerials to Animals*, a collection of photographs from the popular Los Angeles-based artist. This is Duman's second solo exhibition at G2 and will feature a variety of works from the travel and aerial photographer, including bold aerial shots, photos of African animals, and debut images from the remote Galapagos Islands.

Many of the aerials on view are of Owens Lake, located in Inyo Country, California. Once a vibrant wetland habitat, the area is now a mostly dry lake and salt bed characterized by red and pink salt-loving bacteria, a result of diverting the Owens River to the Los Angeles Aqueduct in 1913.

"The idea for this exhibit was initially inspired by Andrei's aerial photography," says Curator Monika Basse. "It's exciting to capture nature in such an abstract way. Andrei's photos from his recent trip to the Galapagos showcase the breadth of his work.

"The dark volcanic rock is a stark contrast to what makes the Galapagos such an incredible place – the animals that call it home, many of which are indigenous," says Duman. "From the iconic blue feet of the blue-footed boobies and the red neck of the

male frigate birds to the multi-colored iguanas and the giant land tortoises, it is a dream to experience and photograph."

Born in Romania and educated in England, Duman has traveled to more than 70 countries in pursuit of photography. As a Phase One Photographer, Duman shot all images from his recent trip on the company's flagship XF iQ3 100MP model, which enabled him to create the accurate and detailed prints on view at G2.

Phase One and Andrei Duman will host a talk and interactive demo on Saturday, April 22 at The G2 Gallery.

The opening reception for *Andrei Duman: Aerials to Animals*, along with *Emerging IX: Holly Peskin*, will be held Saturday, March 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 and includes complimentary wine, hors d'oeuvres and valet in front of the gallery. All proceeds from admissions and art sales will be donated to Audubon California and Eastern Sierra Audubon Society in support of Owens Lake. Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:rsvp@theG2gallery.com">rsvp@theG2gallery.com</a>.

## LOCATION

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## **ABOUT THE G2 GALLERY**

The G2 Gallery is an award-winning nature and wildlife photography gallery that facilitates change by bringing attention to environmental issues through the persuasive power of photographic art. G2 shares this passion with both celebrated and emerging environmental photographers, who use the camera as a tool to inspire conservation.

