

# Newlands House Gallery New Exhibition Brings Personal and Iconic Wildlife Moments to Petworth

'The goal of life is to make your heartbeat match the beat of the universe, to match your nature with Nature.' – Joseph Campbell

**February 2025** – Opening on 4th April, Newlands House Gallery is proud to present Jonathan and Angela Scott's *Incredible Journey: A Love Affair with the Natural World, from Africa to Antarctica*, an intimate and immersive exhibition showcasing the extraordinary life of the world-renowned wildlife photographers, authors, and conservationists.

Featuring a diverse collection of photographs from Africa, India, and Antarctica, this exhibition offers a rare glimpse into the couple's creative process and personal archives. Alongside their wildlife images, visitors will discover original sketches, press cuttings, personal memorabilia, and journal entries, unravelling the story of their lifelong dedication to nature.

Adding a dynamic, interactive dimension, the exhibition will incorporate video footage and audio recordings, bringing to life the Scotts' experiences in the field, from documenting East Africa's fabled Mara-Serengeti, home to one of the last great land migrations on Earth, to capturing the icy landscapes of Antarctica.

Jonathan and Angela Scott are the only couple to have individually won the overall award in the prestigious *Wildlife Photographer of the Year* competition. For decades, they have shared the wonders of the natural world through their bestselling books, the iconic BBC series *Big Cat Diary*, and their conservation work. Having both studied in the UK, Jonathan at Christ's Hospital School in West Sussex and Angela at Prior's Field School in Surrey, this exhibition also highlights their personal connection to Petworth and the areas heritage in the arts.

# 'it takes a competition of generosity to forge a winning relationship, of putting your partners best interests first.' – Angela Scott

Jonathan and Angela's love was forged through a shared passion for art, photography, and nature. Their collaborative approach to photography, where one focuses on composition while the other captures the light and mood of the subject, sets them apart in a field that often celebrates individual achievement. As Angela explains, their images are never just "mine" rather "ours" making them a shared vision.

This exhibition provides an opportunity for visitors to engage with the Scotts' work in a very personal way, exploring not only their wildlife photography but also the stories behind the images, the dedication required to capture them, and their mission to inspire conservation through their Sacred Nature Initiative.



'Jonathan and Angela Scott's work is a testament to the power of photography as a tool for storytelling. This exhibition at Newlands House Gallery goes beyond their celebrated wildlife photography to reveal their personal journey, their inspirations, creative process, and lifelong commitment to the natural world. By incorporating personal memorabilia, sketches, archival materials, and immersive multimedia elements, we invite visitors to step into their world and experience the wild through their photographer eyes.'

- Dr Loucia Manopoulou, Director, Newlands House.

'It is a great pleasure to exhibit the work of Jonathan and Angie Scott, whose lifelong commitment to nature and wildlife, around the world, is an inspiration and a beacon of challenge to us at a time of environmental and climatic crisis. Their life story, reflected in this exhibition, is a reaffirmation of the wonders of the world.'

- Nicola Jones, CEO, Newlands House.

Join us for an immersive experience that blends photography, storytelling, and nature, offering a look into the lives of two of the world's most celebrated wildlife photographers.

'Jonathan and Angela Scott's Incredible Journey: A Love Affair with the Natural World, from Africa to Antarctica' will open at Newlands House, West Sussex on Friday, 4th April Exhibition dates: 5<sup>th</sup> April - 18<sup>th</sup> May. Finissage Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

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#### Notes to Editors:

### About Jonathan and Angela Scott

Jonathan and Angela Scott are internationally acclaimed wildlife photographers, authors, and conservationists. They have won numerous awards, written over 40 books, and presented the beloved BBC series *Big Cat Diary*, and Animal Planet's *Big Cat Tales*, bringing the wonders of Africa's big cats to audiences worldwide.

Based in Kenya, the Scotts split their time between their Nairobi home and the Masai Mara, where they have spent years documenting the lives of lions, leopards, and cheetahs. Their *Sacred Nature Initiative* promotes conservation through art, education, and advocacy, inspiring people to reconnect with the natural world. Whether photographing Antarctica's icy landscapes or Africa's vast savannas, their work continues to influence global wildlife conservation efforts.

Jonathan and Angela's partnership is a rare example of creative and personal collaboration in the world of photography. Their approach, working in tandem to capture decisive moments, has set them apart as a unique creative force.



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#### **About Newlands House**

Newlands House Gallery is a leading cultural hub in Petworth, West Sussex, dedicated to showcasing modern and contemporary art, photography, and design. Located in a Grade II listed Georgian townhouse and adjacent coach house the gallery has hosted landmark exhibitions celebrating some of the greatest artists and photographers of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Newlands House is a gallery inspired by the historic associations of Petworth and Sussex with great artists, writers and designers from times past. Running in parallel with exhibitions dedicated to modern and contemporary art, photography and design, the gallery's annual cultural programme builds on the heritage of Petworth and the town's reputation for excellence in music, literature and antiques.

Newlands House, spanning 7,500 square feet, was originally built for Dr. Newlands in the 18th century and was previously occupied by an antiques and interiors shop, Augustus Brandt Antiques. Petworth boasts one of the country's largest art collections, housed in the National Trust's Petworth House and Park, and sits at the centre of Sussex's burgeoning cultural scene, spanning museums, art centres, festivals, vineyards, nature trails and stately homes.

The gallery's programming is steered by Gallery Director Dr Loucia Manopoulou

#### Address:

Newlands House Gallery Pound Street, Petworth, West Sussex GU28 0DX, United Kingdom

#### How to get there:

Newlands House is approximately 60 miles from London, accessible via train (one and a half hours approximately).

The closest train station is Pulborough, which is a 20-minute bus drive or a 10-minute car drive to the gallery.

Book-a-Bus service available from Chichester, Pulborough and Haslemere

#### Parking:

Ticketed parking facilities nearby.

#### **Tickets**

Adults (16 years and over): £,14.50

Under 10s: FREE

Students (ID required) and ages 10 to 16: £7.25

Art Fund Members: £7.25

Newlands House Gallery Art Pass Members: FREE



NHS Staff (ID required): £,7.25

Family Ticket (2 Adults + 2 Children): £30.00

Art Pass £99.00 (free entry for the card member plus one guest for a year and 10% off at the HG Café. Art Pass Holders are also invited to the gallery's exclusive events.

To Purchase tickets, visit newlandshouse.gallery or call 01798 65 1002.

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The Lion King





Jonathan and Angela Scott