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Local Photographer Wins International Photography Competition

October 12, 2007, Reston, VA. Michael D. Kern of Palo Alto, California is a winner in the Nature's Best Photography Windland Smith Rice International Awards 2007 competition. His image titled *Iguana Eyes* won first place in the Creative Digital category.

One of the most prestigious photo contests in the world, drawing over 17,000 entries from photographers in 26 countries, the NBPWSRI Awards competition showcases the very best in nature photography today. Kern's image; along with 60 other winning and highly honored images will be on display at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC, beginning October 30, 2007. The exhibit, presented by Sony, will remain open to the public for six months.

"It is a competition and exhibition that involves seasoned pros as well as amateurs and young shooters 10 years old and younger." Says competition Chairman, Steve Frelich. "We enjoy uncovering new talent as much as recognizing the shooters we know and admire. Rarely do you find such a prestigious and compelling exhibition that offers opportunities for the public to participate. It is truly a far-reaching program that is for the public, by the public."

"I am so impressed by the images at the Nature's Best Photography Windland Smith Rice International Awards exhibition. What a wonderful opportunity for our visitors to experience nature through the art of photography. This is an exciting program that reaches people in so many ways – on a personal level as well as educational."

- Elizabeth Duggal, Director of Associate Programs, Smithsonian NMNH

Now entering its 13th year, the NBPWSRI Awards competition is open to all photographers: professional and amateur alike. To learn more about this, and all of Nature's Best Photography's competitions, and to view galleries of contest winners, log onto www.NaturesBestMagazine.com.

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