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Sebastiao Salgado
Genesis

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This November, Beetles+Huxley are pleased to be exhibiting work from Sebastião Salgado's monumental photo-essay "Genesis". The exhibition will contain over 30 spectacular silver gelatin prints.

Genesis follows "Workers" (1993) and "Migrations" (2000) as Salgado's third major long-term project. Whereas his first two projects documented human plight across the globe, "Genesis", shot over eight years from 2004, aimed to capture the few remaining environments untouched by human hands. This task took the photographer to over thirty countries including Siberia, Papua New Guinea, Alaska and The Galápagos. The series, which Salgado has called a "love letter to the planet", consists of a vast array of images of the natural world at its most dramatic.



Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, 2009

Included in the exhibition are photographs of endangered wildlife, landscapes of pristine and untouched environments and portraits of indigenous people. All images included are rendered in Salgado's trademark dramatic black and white chiaroscuro. Of the project, Salgado has said: "So many times I've photographed stories that show the degradation of the planet. I had one idea to go and photograph the factories that were polluting, and to see all the deposits of garbage. But, in the end, I thought the only way to give us an incentives, to bring hope, is to show the pictures of the pristine planet to see that innocence."

Born in 1944 in Aimorés, Brazil, Sebastião Salgado is one of today's most important photographers. Salgado has travelled to over one hundred countries during his long career and has been honoured with multiple international awards. He is a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador and honorary member of The Academy of Arts and Science in the United States. He was named Master of Photography at Photo London 2015.

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