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MEDIA ADVISORY:

Thomas D. Mangelsen, Renowned Nature Photographer, Exhibits “A Life in the Wild” Tour at the Phoenix Zoo

WHAT: The breathtaking images captured by renowned nature photographer, Thomas D. Mangelsen will be on display at the Phoenix Zoo’s Wild Side Gallery from January 29 through May 31, 2026. The exhibition features forty of Mangelsen’s most iconic wildlife images – personally selected “legacy photographs” that span a remarkable career of nearly 50 years.

The expansive exhibition showcases wildlife and wild places from around the world, including American bison, Arctic fox, bald eagle, Bengal tiger, elephant, giraffe, great gray owl, moose, mountain lion, redwood forests, Alaskan landscapes and many more – some printed on a dramatic scale up to nearly nine feet across.

The exhibition is presented as part of the Zoo’s [Art on the Wild Side program](#), which features rotating art exhibits throughout the year in both the Wild Side and Savanna Galleries.

In addition to the exhibit on display, Mr. Mangelsen will make a special appearance at the Phoenix Zoo’s Doornbos Discovery Amphitheater on Friday, February 27. This extraordinary event includes an inspiring presentation by the artist himself, up-close animal encounters, hors d’oeuvres, beverages and an exclusive visit to the Zoo’s Wild Side Gallery to view his breathtaking exhibition – A Life in the Wild.

EXHIBIT RUNS: January 29 – May 31, 2026

SPECIAL APPEARANCE: February 27, 5:30 p.m. Separate ticketed event
<https://www.phoenixzoo.org/events/alifeinthewildtouropeningreception/>

HOURS: Wild Side Gallery Hours are Tuesday – Sunday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Admission into the Wild Side Gallery is included with Zoo admission

PHOTOS:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/yp16q04skk7h563v48d6m/AE7IPQYlqZAgl4rHTL1D7FQ?rlkey=fu0m558rh4vz4og5abvftp3i3&st=wefguzcn&dl=0>

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