

# A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Those interested in nature and beautiful photography can enjoy the latest offerings from The Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition. Started back in 1964 when there were only three categories and only around 600 photos received, the competition has grown at an immense rate. Today, some 32,000 entries are received from 3100 photographers

around the world. Museon in The Hague is currently holding an exhibition of the top entries until March 8th, 2009. Located in a dark atmospheric section of the museum, the photos on show are beautifully presented on black walls and lit from behind, meaning that every detail is displayed in all its radiance. Every work is accompanied by information in

both Dutch and English. Viewers can also see the overall winning entry for 2008 by Steve Winter from the US who won with his "Snowstorm Leopard" photo. Speaking about the work, he said: "After 10 months and a winter with little snow in Ladakh's Hemis High Altitude National Park, India, I was running out of hope of getting the picture I wanted. But

one freezing morning I checked my remote-controlled camera and found a snow leopard had triggered it the night before, in the frame I'd dreamed of – in its true element." For more information on the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition, to sign up for next year or to visit the exhibition yourself, visit: [www.nhm.ac.uk](http://www.nhm.ac.uk) and [www.museon.nl](http://www.museon.nl).

