

Gallery

2009 Winners

It's never easy. Each month the judges deliberate and argue over Getaway Gallery submissions and it's seldom clear-cut. This year's winner, however, was a shoe-in.

Congratulations to the winners who made it into the annual Getaway Gallery finals for 2009. The winning image was easy to select, with little deliberation, but that didn't mean the rest of the judging process was made any easier.

This year's judges were Justin Fox and Evan Hausmann (both from *Getaway* magazine) and well-known photographer David Rogers (see our new column, 'A different perspective', on page 82).

The winning 'Leopard portrait' draws the eye with special lighting, which Greg du Toit was able to achieve after a lot of patience and a bit of luck after spotting the big cat in Sabi Sand Game Reserve next to Kruger National Park.

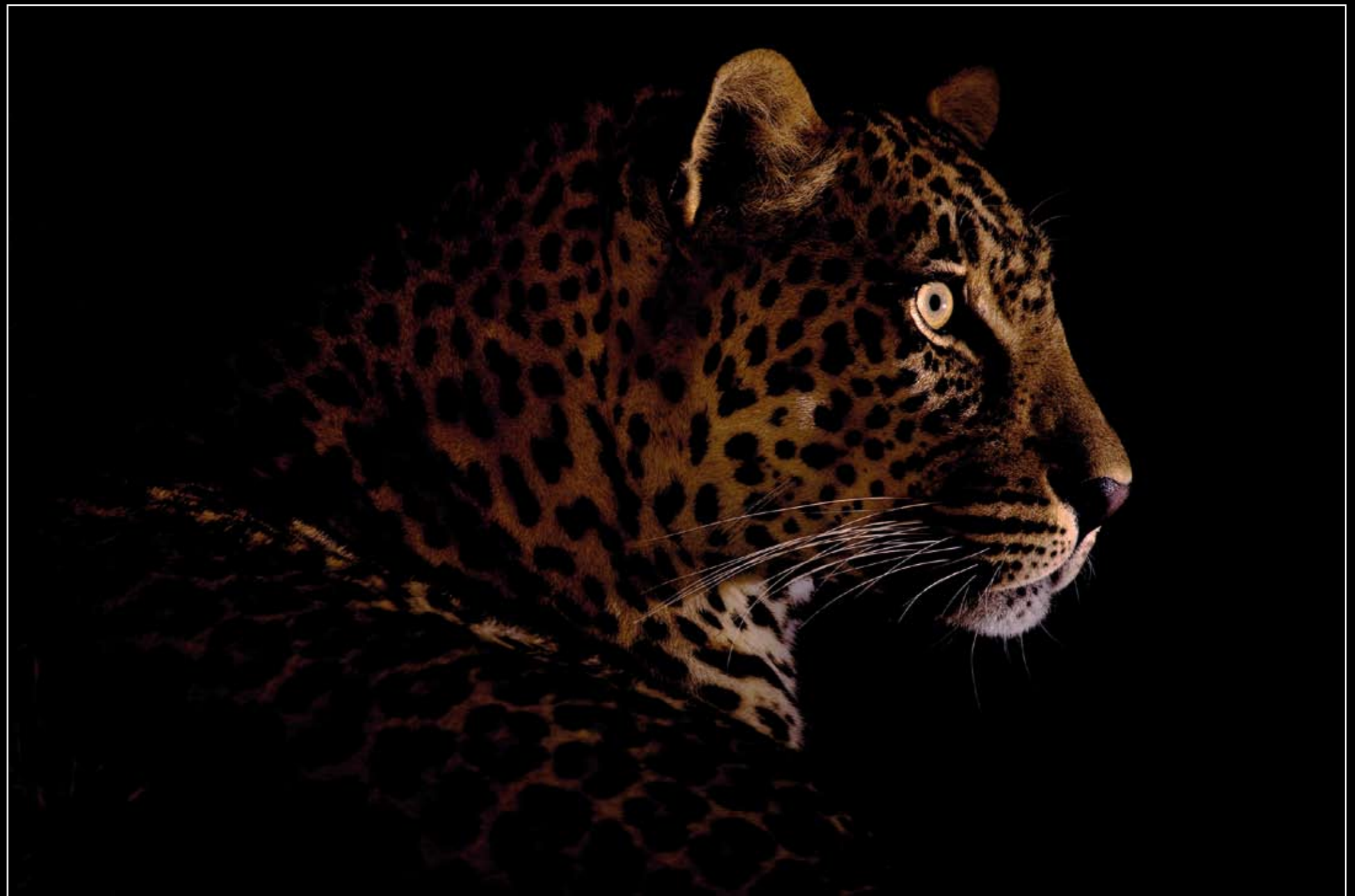
'We sat nearby for a couple of hours waiting for night to fall, hoping he'd start to move. Fortunately, he climbed onto a termite mound.' But before the cat melted into the darkness, Greg was able to capture the image using light from two high-power spotlights and some subtle fill from a flash-head. This demonstration of patience, vision and skill, all working in unison, resulted in an inspiring, evocative

and fresh portrayal of a well-known subject. To paraphrase the judges, 'Wow!'

'Leopard portrait' wins Greg luxury two-night accommodation in Botswana in the Northern Tuli's Mashatu Game Reserve for two people, as well as two nights in MalaMala Game Reserve in Mpumalanga. The prize is worth R40 000 and, judging by the standard of Greg's photography, he'll be up early and only return well after sunset. Enjoy your well-deserved prize, Greg.

In second place, Emil von Maltitz's very well executed, refreshing interpretation 'Cathedral star trails' image wins him two nights for two people at Madikwe River Lodge, valued at R12 000, including all meals and two game activities. Kurt Jay Bertels's beautifully seen and captured 'Bath time' puts him in third place. He wins a Sandisk Sansa MP3 player with 32 GB memory from Tudor, worth R4000. Congratulations to all the winners.

We look forward to more exciting submissions in 2010 with great prizes to be, ahem ... snapped up. ■



1st: 'Leopard portrait' by Greg du Toit, Pretoria (April). Nikon D300, Nikkor 400mm, beanbag.

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