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Fantastic animals #4

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Robby Bolleyn – The Face (Courtesy Eduard Planting Gallery)

This edition of *Fantastic animals*, my 'collection' of singular animal photography, is dedicated to an exhibition that opens tomorrow at **Eduard Planting Gallery** in Amsterdam. *Under a dark sky* shows the wildlife photography of Belgian photographer **Robby Bolleyn**.

For more than 15 years Robby Bolleyn has travelled in Tanzania (Eastern Africa) to capture the wildlife in his own special way. *Under a dark sky* shows magical and graceful portraits of African animals.

The selection of limited edition prints is the result of a series of extensive safaris in Tanzania. Robby Bolleyn wanted to portray the African animals as mysterious and elegant creatures, while capturing their wildness and savagery. Searching for penetrating portraits, he aspired to present the African animal kingdom in an unusual and authentic manner.

Well, I guess Bolleyn is very happy with the result of his wish, as his beautiful pictures add some kind of emotion to the nature of the beasts.



Robby Bolleyn – Alone on this earth (Courtesy Eduard Planting Gallery)



Robby Bolleyn – Zebra abstract 1 (Courtesy Eduard Planting Gallery)

All images were taken in natural conditions, mainly within the Serengeti ecosystem. The animals were not to be viewed with a merely observant eye, but were to be examined with much more depth. Each image had to be a challenge, every single time.

Robby Bolleyn was born in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1966. He studied Photography and Marketing and started his career at the World Wide Fund for Nature, but decided to devote his life to full-time photography.

Under a dark sky – wildlife photography by Robby Bolleyn

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