

RESUME

WILLIAM STEEL

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER / PHOTOGRAPHIC HOST

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EDUCATION

2015 - 2016 **MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
University of East Anglia and Essex
MBA specialising in Marketing and Tourism.

2011 - 2014 **BA (HONS) TOURISM MANAGEMENT**
University of East Anglia and Essex
Grade: 2-1 (Second-class honours, upper division)

EXPERIENCE

2019 - Present **Photographic Hosting & Tour Leading**
International and domestic photographic hosting and tour leading for Pangolin SA (Pty) Ltd since 2019.

2021 - Present **South African Photographer of the Year**
Founder/owner of the official South African Photographer of the Year competition

2018 - 2022 **Freelance Photographic Host**
Consultant and photographic host for lodges, tour operators, and private safari's. Including Oryx Photo Tours, Wilderness Safari's, Will of Africa, Viewfinder, Explore on Safari as well as other private tour operators.

2017 - 2018 **NATURAL HISTORY FILM UNIT**
Photographer and Head of Stills
Freelance consultant for The Natural History Film Unit in Botswana. I was the team's wildlife and BTS photographer. This also included building and heading the stills department of the company. During my time at the NHFU, I worked on several award winning projects for the world's leading natural history content providers. Namely, the BBC, National Geographic and National Geographic Wild

Titles and film credits can be seen below.

2017 - Present **SIGMA**
Ambassador

In 2017 I became a brand ambassador for Sigma South Africa. The ambassador role involves marketing, product development and equipment testing.



STATEMENT

Growing up in Botswana, I was captivated by the wildlife that surrounded me. My camera has taken me to some incredible places, enabled me to see breathtaking sights, and most importantly allowed me to teach the beauty of photography to people along the way.

From photographing for projects such as National Geographics "Savage Kingdom" to being represented in magazines, books, competitions, and exhibitions around the world.

Through my work, I hope to inspire in others the same love I have for wildlife, inspiring and educating the future protectors of our fragile natural world.

SKILLS

Wildlife photography
Project management
Teaching & communication
Technical photography skills
Adobe Lightroom
Travel writing

SOCIAL MEDIA

- www.williamsteelphotography.com
- [@williamsteelphotography](https://www.instagram.com/williamsteelphotography)
- [facebook.com/williamsteelphotography](https://www.facebook.com/williamsteelphotography)

2010 - Present

WILLIAM STEEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Owner & creative director

As William Steel Photography I am an internationally awarded and published wildlife, travel and lodge photographer offering personalised and bespoke photographic services.

A full list of photographic features and credits can be viewed below.

2012

SHAMWARI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Hospitality Training

In 2012 I received training by three lodges that are part of the Shamwari Game Reserve group. This includes several areas within hospitality management.

PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTFOLIO

AWARDS

- Bird Photographer of the year (2023 - highly commended) - (2021 - Silver Award & commended) - (2020 - 2 commended images) - (2019 - Bronze Award & commended image)
- The Benjamin Mkapa African Wildlife Photography Awards (Category Winner)
- Botswana Wildlife Photographer of the year (2014 & 2017 - Multiple awards)
- The Monochrome Photography Awards (2017 - Honourable Mention)
- Getaway photograph of the year competition (2016 - Second overall)
- Sunday Times Wildlife Photographer of the Year (2015 - People's Choice Award)

MAGAZINES & ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

National Graphic, BBC Earth, Forbes, The Wall Street Journal, National Geographic Kids, Travel Africa, BBC Wildlife Magazine, Practical Photography Magazine, Geographical Magazine, Prints for Wildlife, Daily Mail, World Photography Organisation, Sunday Times, The Telegraph, Daily Express, The Mirror, Virgin Media, Variety, Peolwane Magazine, Go! Magazine, Getaway Magazine, Wild Planet Photo Magazine, Escape Magazine, Tierwelt Magazine and Safarilink magazine.

BOOKS

Remembering Rhinos, Remembering Elephants, Remembering African Wild Dogs, Bird Photographer of the year 2016, 2017, 2019 and 2020, 2023, Getaway 30-year celebration.

DOCUMENTARY CREDITS

- Savage Kingdom, Season 2,3 & 4 – National Geographic Wild - Nominated for an Emmy Award & the Panda Award
- The Flood – National Geographic - Nominated for two Emmy Awards
- Hippos: Africa's River Giants – BBC
- A Flood Of Life – NHK
- Africa's deadliest – National Geographic Wild
- Africa's wild side – National Geographic Wild
- Surviving the Wild – National Geographic Wild
- Wild Botswana – National Geographic Wild
- Islands – Warner Borthers

JUDGE FOR

WildArt Photographer of the Year
Pangolin Photographic Competition
South African Photographer of the Year

AMBASSADOR

Sigma South Africa
f-stop Gear