



Photographer Alan S. Maltz Receives Award from SPCA

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Fort Lauderdale, Fla. – Renowned fine art photographer Alan S. Maltz was recently honored by the SPCA Wildlife Care Center (WCC) with its inaugural VISION Award. The Award was created especially for Maltz to acknowledge his contributions to the Center and his vision as a photographer and artist.

Maltz received the award on Saturday, Jan. 24 at WCC's 40th Anniversary Gala, the organization's largest and most important fundraising event of the year, with more than 200 guests in attendance at the Fort Lauderdale Grande Hotel.

Coleen Darni-Sotiré of Shades of Light Gallery on Las Olas designed the event as organic and natural, yet glamorous. Maltz's work was the heart of the decor with 13 canvases of various sizes decorating the ballroom, including one extreme-size mural of 7.5' x 5'.

"Alan's work is so stunning," Darni-Sotiré said. "There is a real strength in his photos. I wanted to incorporate his work into this year's theme to include the 'green' and environmental aspect."

Maltz's artwork is featured in public venues such as Bank of America Tower at International Place in Miami; Carter Center in Atlanta; The Ritz-Carlton in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; Canson in Caen, France; and Southwest Florida International Airport in Ft. Myers.

His latest book, "Florida ... Beyond the Blue Horizon," was selected as the Official Coffee Table Book of Super Bowl XLI and received numerous awards such as Best Florida Book for Adults and Best Interior Design by the Florida Publishers Association. He is the Official Fine Art Photographer for Florida and the Official Wildlife Photographer of Florida. His gallery and studio is located at 1210 Duval Street in Old Town Key West.

The Wildlife Care Center's mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and release native wildlife that has been harmed or displaced; to treat and place certain needy domestic, exotic and farm animals; and to educate the public toward the co-existence with all animals. This year's gala commemorated four decades of rescuing Southeast Florida's wildlife. For more information, visit www.alanmaltz.com or www.wildlifecarecenter.org.

Pictured (L to R): Jeffrey Arciniaco (Board of Directors, President), Alan S. Maltz and Ardath Rosengarden (Board of Directors)

*High-resolution images available upon request.

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