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Summary

Matthew Cicanese is a National Geographic Explorer and Emerging League Photographer with the International League of Conservation Photographers (iLCP). He holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Experimental and Documentary Arts (MFA-EDA) from Duke University, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies from Florida Southern College. In 2015, Matthew was named a finalist for the Environmental Photographer of the Year Awards and his work was featured internationally through media outlets including BBC Earth, New Scientist Magazine, and the Royal Geographical Society's Gallery Exhibition in London. As a leader for professional workshops, guest speaker at college campuses, and past assistant in Duke University classrooms, Matthew is a documentarian that works to educate others through a variety of storytelling methods. Some of which include digital photography, narrative filmmaking, audio journalism, and immersive experimental media. Matthew's work is represented by National Geographic Creative Agency, and he is currently collaborating with Canon in his endeavors.

Education

Duke University '15
Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in
Experimental & Documentary Arts

Florida Southern College '12
Bachelor of Science (BS) in
Environmental Studies with minors in
Interpersonal Communication and
Print-based Graphic Design

Professional Experience

2016 N. American Nature Photography Assn. // Contract Multimedia Producer
2015 National Geographic // Mission Programs // Contract Multimedia Producer
2015 Ecological Society of America // Contract Multimedia Producer
2015 Saving Species // Social Media Campaign Coordinator
2015 Duke Campus Farm // Practicum Project // Multimedia Storytelling Course
2015 US Fish and Wildlife Service // (NANPA) // Senior Editor & Contributing Producer
2014 National Geographic // Research Intern // Big Cats Initiative
2014 Duke University // Professor's Assistant // Black and White Film Photography Course
2014 Duke University // Professor's Assistant // Web-design & online multimedia
2013 MOTE Marine Lab // Field Intern & Multimedia Editor // Sarasota Dolphin Research Program
2012 Duke University // Research Associate // Lutzoni Lichen Laboratory
2011 U.S. Forest Service // Forestry Management Intern // Withlacoochee Ecology Unit

Awards, Recognitions, & Honors

2016 Semi-finalist // Nature's Best Photography Windland Smith Rice International Awards // 50k entries
2016 Sony World Photography Awards // Finalist (disqualified from technicality) // ¼ million entries
2015 Emerging League Photographer // International League of Conservation Photographers (iLCP)
2015 Semi-finalist // BBC's Wildlife Photographer of the Year (rising star portfolio) // 42k entries
2015 Honorable Mention // International Photography Awards (non-professional portfolio)
2015 Finalist // Environmental Photographer of the Year // 10k images from 60 countries
2014 Second Place // Duke University's Mahato Memorial Photo & Image Contest
2014 Semi-finalist // Russia's International Golden Turtle Awards for Wildlife Photography
2013 Honor Walk Candidate // Florida Southern College
2012 Commencement Speaker // Graduating Winter Class of 2012 at Florida Southern College
2012 John R. Tripp Award in Biology // Florida Southern College
2012 4th place for Southeastern U.S. // Johnson Award of the Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society
2008 Citizen of the Month // Dade City Chamber of Commerce
2008 Eagle Scout Rank // Boy Scouts of America

Exhibitions

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- 2016 Gallery Exhibition // "Botanica" at the Light Grey Art Lab
- 2015 Gallery Exhibition // Environmental Photographer of the Year finalist at the Royal Geographical Society, London, UK
- 2015 Gallery Exhibition // Power Plant Gallery, Durham NC
- 2014 Mahato Memorial Gallery // Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2013 Louise Jones Brown Gallery // "Home" exhibition (1 of 2 artists) // Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2010 Melvin Art Gallery // "Italy 2010" student exhibition (photographic prints & 300pg photo book)

Artist Residencies

- 2016 Artist-in-residence // Light Grey Art Lab Iceland Residency

Workshops & Presentations

- 2016 National Geographic Headquarters // private "Closer Look" expedition presentation to staff
- 2016 Outdoor Photo Workshops // Tampa Bay Photography Workshop Leader
- 2015 Florida Southern College // Alumni Presentation at the Department of Biology
- 2015 Full Frame Theater // MFA Thesis Presentation & Gallery Reception
- 2015 Duke University // Conservation Multimedia Workshop Leader
- 2014 Duke University // Stories for Nature and People (SNAP) speaking presentation

Grants & Scholarships

- 2016 National Geographic Young Explorer Grant // Iceland Expedition
- 2016 LOOK3 Festival of the Photograph // Emerging Scholar runner-up (festival pass covered)
- 2015 N. American Nature Photography Assn. // Biennial Summit College Scholarship

Publications & Media Appearances

- 2016 FL Southern (southern News) alumni mention (Summer '16)
- 2015 UNC-TV // 6 minute profile aired about my work
- 2015 N-Photo Magazine // 2-page spread
- 2015 New Scientist Magazine // 2-page spread
- 2015 Focus Magazine, Milan, Italy // Feature article
- 2015 Online publications // BBC Earth, The Guardian, The Independent (Environmental Photographer of the Year Finalist)
- 2015 Sarah P. Duke Gardens FLORA magazine (cover image and article short)
- 2015 Sarah P. Duke Gardens Annual Report (cover image)
- 2015 FL Southern Quarterly (southern news) cover image

Professional Affiliations

- National Geographic Society
- International League of Conservation Photographers (iLCP)
- North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA)
- Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership NHS (Florida Southern College)
- Beta Beta Beta Biological NHS (Florida Southern College)

Select Graduate Coursework

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- Multimedia Narrative Filmmaking
- Documenting the Personal Narrative
- Short Audio Documentary Production
- Documentary Fieldwork
- Photographic Portfolio
- Environmental Issues & Documentary Arts
- Experimental Filmmaking
- Computational Media
- Conservation of Big Cats (NatGeo)
- Entomology

Select Undergraduate Coursework

- Advanced Digital Photography
- Intro to Graphic Design
- Advanced Print Design
- Typography & Layout
- Photojournalism
- Desktop Publishing
- Intercultural Communication
- The Southern Newspaper (photographer)
- Field Research Ecology
- Environmental Issues
- Disasters, Civilizations, & the Environment
- Botany
- Plant Taxonomy
- Marine Biology
- Parasitology
- Microbiology

Practical Proficiencies

- Digital Photography
- Photo Metadata & Archiving
- Digital Darkroom Photo Processing
- Audio Story Production & Editing
- Multimedia Film Production & Editing
- Science Media & Communication
- Print-based Media (desktop publishing)
- Science Knowledge (see coursework above)
- Science Writing
- Photo Essay

Software Proficiencies

- Adobe CC
 - I am strongly proficient in many of Adobe's latest CC softwares including: Lightroom, Premiere, InDesign, Photoshop, Audition, and Prelude. I am moderately proficient and able to continue my learning for Adobe's additional softwares such as: Illustrator, Flash, and Speedgrade (among others).
- Microsoft Office Suite (or equivalent)
 - I am strongly proficient in the use of word processing software (Word, Pages, Google Docs), spreadsheet software (Excel, Numbers, Google Sheets), and presentation software (PowerPoint, Keynote, Google Slides).
- Audio Documentary Media
 - Hindenburg audio journalism software (radio shorts, podcasts, audio doc shorts)
- Experimental Media
 - I am moderately proficient in experimental media software and technological advancements such as virtual reality tours (PanoTour Pro), gigapixel image stitching (AutoPano Giga), and mapping software (Google Earth).

Projects

Ongoing	Digital Immersive Virtual Ecosystems (DIVE) Learning
Ongoing	Gigapixel Image Capture Technology & Methodology Development
2014	User-Navigated Interactive Media Matrix (UNIMM)

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Leadership

2014-15	Co-founder & co-director (1 of 5) for Duke SNAP (Stories for Nature and People)
2011-12	Founder & President of the FSC Photography Club
2011-12	Vice President of FSC's Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society
2010-11	Secretary & Historian of FSC's Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society
2010-11	President of FSC's Habitat for Humanity chapter
2010-11	Public Relations Chair of FSC's Theta Chi Fraternity chapter
2009-10	Public Relations Chair of FSC's Habitat for Humanity chapter
2009-10	Public Relations Chair of FSC's Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society
2009-10	Environmental Chair of FSC's Tzedek group

Professional References

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