

## George Steinmetz

### Migrations

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Anastasia Photo is pleased to present George Steinmetz in his second show at the gallery. Steinmetz began his unique brand of flying in 1997 in order to get aerial images of remote landscapes. He has flown in over thirty countries around the world and shooting migratory animals has been a large part of his work.

"I always keep an eye out for wildlife", says Steinmetz, "but it's getting increasingly hard to locate as the world's population grows and more wildlife habitat is taken for development. It's usually the poor that move into the few remaining wilderness areas trying to survive with their livestock or hunting on a subsistence level. It's difficult to balance their need for survival with that of the wildlife. Migratory wildlife is even harder to protect, even with National Parks, as herds often circulate outside of conservation areas. However in some instances, migration over vast, roadless expanses can protect wildlife from hunting."

Steinmetz's motorized paraglider is the slowest and quietest powered aircraft in the world, therefore, it is particularly well suited for capturing images of wildlife. Such remote areas also lend themselves to unusual aerial access where Steinmetz can take off and land without an airfield or government restrictions. Moving slow and low over herds of animals in very remote places enables him to visualize ecosystems in ways not possible before.

Anastasia Photo specializes in Documentary Photography and Photojournalism. The gallery space also serves as a center for discussion and portfolio review. In an attempt to further connect these photographic images and the events they depict, Anastasia Photo couples each exhibition with a related philanthropic organization. For this exhibition, we have chosen the charity Save the Elephants ([www.savetheelephants.org](http://www.savetheelephants.org)), which seeks to secure a future for elephants through ecological integrity and the development of a tolerant relationship between man and elephant. For sales please contact Morgan Amelia Miller at [morgan@anastasia-photo.com](mailto:morgan@anastasia-photo.com) and for other inquiries, contact Ryan Steadman at [ryan@anastasia-photo.com](mailto:ryan@anastasia-photo.com). The gallery is open seven days a week, 11-7.