

WINNER

PEOPLE IN NATURE

Carved by ancient glaciers, the steep, towering peaks of Fiordland National Park on the southwest coast of New Zealand's south island are reflected in the deep blue ocean. Forest covers two-thirds of the park where a network of walking trails allows visitors to explore alpine lakes and moss-carpeted paths. Since 1990, Fiordland has been a United Nations World Heritage site.

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"A long shutter speed allowed me to blur the water and create the illusion that this photographer is frozen into an icy surface. My friend, photographer Dmitry Moiseenko, had to remain motionless while I took the shot."

Nikon D3; 24-70mm f/2.8 lens; 1.6 sec
at f/16; ISO 200; Manfrotto 3021BPRO
tripod; RRS BH-55 ball head.



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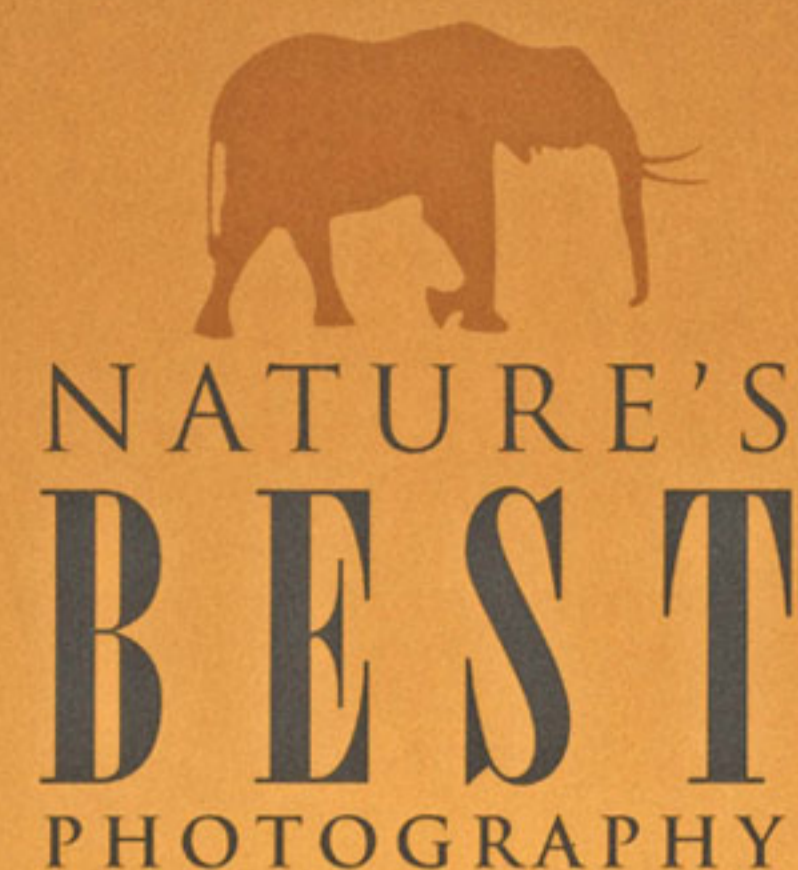
SOLAR WIND

Sandfly Bay
Otago Peninsula
South Island, New Zealand
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"I traveled to the Sandfly Bay area with a group of my students to photograph the sunrise and the wildlife. It was very stormy at the ocean's edge that morning. Some students, not expecting the sun to penetrate the thick cover of clouds, went to photograph seals and penguins along the shore. Accompanied by a few of the photographers, I took cover at the very end of the bay, on a small stone ledge by a vertical cliff wall that rose from the water. The wall protected us from the wind, which

blew large amounts of salty spray up from the ocean. We had almost surrendered to the weather and rising tide when the sun finally found a gap in the clouds and beamed over the running waves for a few minutes. The whole scene turned pink and dark orange with a glowing backlit mist."

Nikon D3; AF-S 70-200mm f/2.8 VR lens at 200mm; 1/25 sec at f/16; ISO 200; Manfrotto 3021B PRO tripod; Really Right Stuff BH-55 ballhead.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 WINNERS



Top row from left: Patricio Robles Gil, John Reiter, Alexander Mody, Victoria Camera Club, Danny Green, Linda Drake.
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Third row from left: Dennis Frates, Arthur Morris, Juan Carlos Muñoz, Hans Strand, Minghui Chen, MaryLou Graham.
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