

# GALLERY PANGOLIN

## Animalia

Anita Mandl & Steve Russell

Venue: Nature in Art, Gloucester

30th April - 2nd June 2024

Gallery Pangolin is delighted to organise an exhibition with Nature in Art of sculpture by Anita Mandl and photography by Steve Russell.

Where would we be in a world without animals and birds?

Their beauty astounds, their diversity is myriad. Both Anita Mandl and Steve Russell celebrate these in their very different ways. The animal world Mandl carves and casts is tightly hewn in form bringing to life the essential character of her avian and mammalian subjects.

Russell explores wildlife large and small with the knowledge of their place into an ecological jigsaw puzzle of immense complexity.



Photograph: Anita Mandl, Genet Cat |  
Steve Russell, Maasai Mara Cheetah

Born in the UK, Russell (b. 1969) has shot photographs since he was a child, his passion for the camera eventually prompting his father into building him a darkroom. That proved an enlightened investment, ultimately helping Russell transform a schoolboy hobby into an award-winning career.

Frequent journeys to East Africa over the last twelve years have provided Steve with huge inspiration and the opportunity to photograph an impressive variety of animals and bird species as well as staggering scenery, from the Rwenzori Mountains of Western Uganda to the Tanzanian coastline.

Born in Prague, Mandl (1926-2022) trained as a zoologist and studied sculpture at the Birmingham College of Art. She was a Member of the Royal West of England Academy and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Sculptors.

Her carvings, mostly in stone, are cast into editions in bronze and silver. Her deep knowledge of animal anatomy and behaviour informed her sculptures which are skilfully pared down to convey the very nature of a species. Their economy of language, their smooth and lustrous surfaces, together express the essential characteristics of an animal.



Photograph: Anita Mandl, Two Seahorses |  
Steve Russell, Latham Island Booby

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