The Astrostfest 2019 Astrophotography Exhibition celebrates its first decade and once again, the exhibition showcases the superb accomplishments of Western Australian astrophotographers. The exhibition is premiered at Astrostfest, Western Australia’s biggest annual astronomy festival, and then tours at various regional events throughout the year, including the Museum of Geraldton (Western Australian Museum), since 2015, and the Mount Magnet Astro-rocks festival, since 2013. More than 30,000 visitors have enjoyed the exhibition to date, with 30 exhibitions throughout Western Australia since 2009.

This year’s entries include deep space images shown in extraordinary detail and colour, using telescope-based imaging combined with the power of sophisticated image processing. Deep space and planetary images are complemented by astronomical landscape images which record the cosmos above a myriad of locations throughout Western Australia and beyond.

Our eminent judges, Dr David Malin, Prof. Peter Quinn (ICRAR), Prof. Andreas Wicenec (ICRAR), and Mr Patrick Baker have each provided expert and critical appraisal, selection and judging. For the 2019 exhibition, the judges have awarded the Best Astrophoto (sponsored by Camera Electronic), Best Astro Landscape, Best Timelapse, Best New Talent Award (sponsored by Pendoley Environmental) and for 2019 only, the Houtman 400+ Southern Cross Award, for the best image of the Southern Cross. The Houtman 400+ award is sponsored by the Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association, and the award commemorates the 400th anniversary of Frederik de Houtman and Jacob D’Edel “discovering” the southwest corner of the Australian continent. Public voting in the lead up to Astrostfest determines the People’s Choice award. A record number of entrants entered their images in 2019—a big thank you to everyone that contributed! Thanks also to the judges, and our sponsors Curtin University, the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR), CSIRO, Scitech, Camera Electronic, Shoot Photography Workshops, Pendoley Environmental, Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association and our associates, The World at Night and Celestial Visions. The Universe is yours to discover, enjoy the exhibition!

Dr John Goldsmith
Astrostfest Astrophotography Curator 2009-2019

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The Augustar
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Lunar Eclipse & Aligned Ellipses, View from Fremantle Roundhouse
Dr John Goldsmith

Staircase to Venus, Gantheaume Point, Broome
Martin Grasl

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Stanley Aryanto

Lost City
Scott Murray

Edith Falls, Northern Territory
Scott Murray

The Tree of Life
Sandino Pusta

WA Night Sky Timelapse While Battling the Clouds
Stephen Humpleby

Lake Dumbleyung
Jon-Paul Bullard
Milky Way through a different lens
Paul Cooper

Stars and Satellites,
Annapurna Base Camp, Nepal
Pete Gardner

Sugarloaf Rock
Liz Barker

A Night Sky of Dreams
William Vrbasso

Crowdy Head Storm, New South Wales
Jon-Paul Bullard

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Luke Hetherington

Trailing
Matthew Reilly

Wydaup Rocks Lightning
Liz Barker
The Southern Cross
Luke Busellato

The Skies of Crux and Carina
William Vrbasso

Scorpius
Dr Andrew Lockwood

From the Core to Antares
William Vrbasso

NGC 2997 Galaxy
Brett Turner

The Sword of Orion
Dr Andrew Lockwood

Centaurus A
Dr Andrew Lockwood
The Triad
William Vrbasso

SL 17 - Dark Wolf
Brendan Mitchell

The Carina Nebula (NGC 3372)
Brett Turner

Sagittarius Triplet
Paul Storey

NGC 6188 - The Fighting Dragons
Brendan Mitchell

Caldwell 33 - Veiled Lady
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AWARDS:
Best Astrophoto, Best Astro Landscape, Best Timelapse, Best New Talent, Houtman 400+ Southern Cross Award, and People’s Choice, awarded at Astrofest 2019.

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