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**MARINE LIFE ART SHOW AT THE DEEP**

The Deep, Hull's £45.5m Millennium Commission lottery project is hosting an art exhibition of stunning marine life pictures by Hesse born Andrew Bret Wallis. The show running at The Deep from 5 April to 3rd June 2004 features dramatic art prints made from photographs of marine life around the world.

Andrew Bret Wallis is a professional advertising photographer with a passion for the sea. Alongside corporate commissions, for the last 15 years he has undertaken a personal project of fine art underwater images. He has developed a special technique which enables him to print his images in a way that makes them look as if they are charcoal drawings.

Andrew's fascination with marine life has drawn him to many locations around the world including Indonesia, Egypt, Sudan, Israel, Cayman Islands, and the Maldives. He rates diving with the seals at the Farne Islands off the East Coast of Britain and regular visits to Oban and Cumbrae amongst his most memorable.

The exhibition, which is open from Monday 5th April until 3<sup>rd</sup> June includes images of seals, turtles, a myriad of fish and much more.

Andrew Bret Wallis explains,

"I am especially excited to exhibit my work at The Deep. Whilst offering a truly inspirational environment, I can imagine no better venue to share my passion for the sea with the visiting public and fellow supporters of marine education and conservation."

The Deep PR Manager Linda Martin commented,

"The Deep is very privileged to have this opportunity to show these stunning images. Andrew's show is concerned with raising awareness of conservation issues, which ties in well with our work here at The Deep. I'm sure that Andrew's unique pictures will appeal to all those drawn to the wonders of our oceans and there will be the opportunity for the public to order prints to enjoy in their own homes and workplaces."

**Further information**

The exhibition is free of charge, open daily 10am – 6pm throughout March and is located around the third café and Observatory areas of The Deep.

**Background**

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