



KLAUS TIEDGE

PRIDE OF AFRICA COLLECTION

Born in Germany, Klaus Tiedge has been a prominent figure in the field of commercial photography for more than 20 years, having worked in numerous countries

including India, Japan, Brazil and the USA. In 2001 Klaus moved to South Africa and settled down in Cape Town taking full advantage of the a thriving fashion and advertising industry and optimal conditions that the region is renowned for.

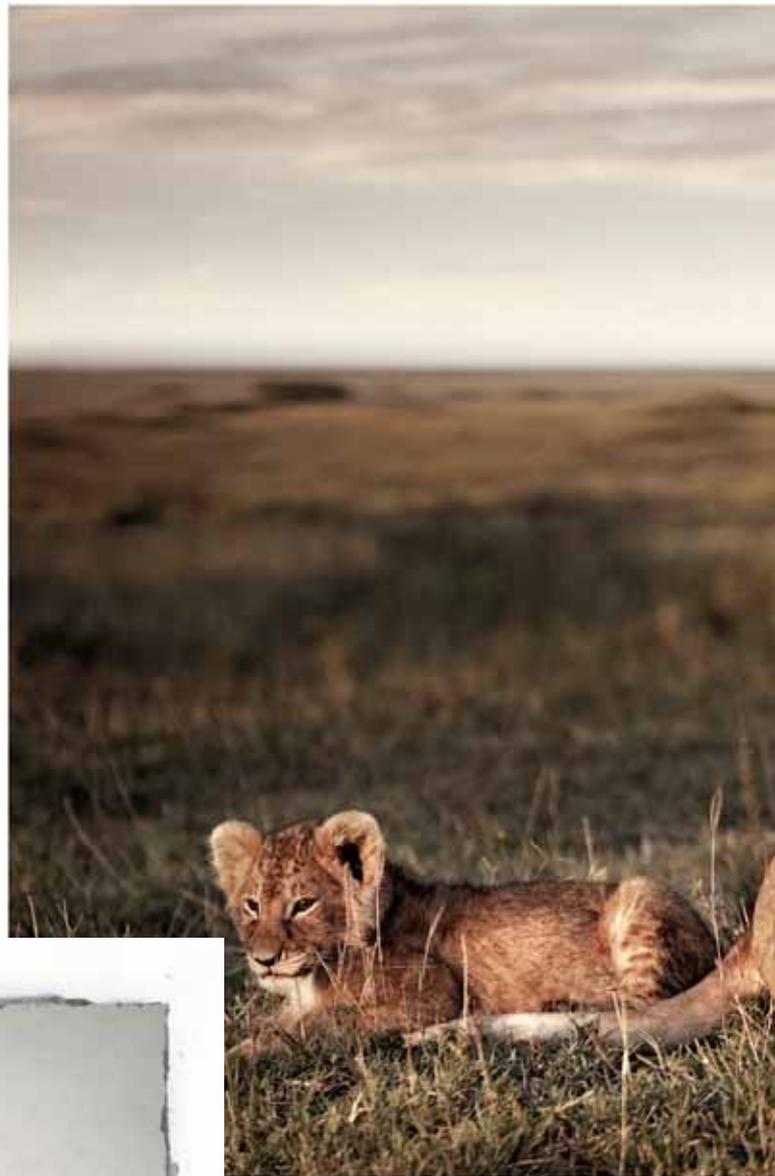


“Modern society doesn’t stop and the old rituals and appearances are soon fading from view. So I want to preserve the original and tribal look of these people that are the heritage of this continent.”



“The way I like to show my view of the African wildlife is a different way; it’s quite a modern approach. So in order to achieve my vision of creation, the images need to get transformed slightly off the natural look without getting too artificial.

The raw format image of my camera is like a diamond that has to be shaped to a certain degree to bring out the actual beauty of it”,





Although this industry has given him the opportunity to work in an incredible variety of locations and with all manner of ethnic groups worldwide, Klaus felt the urge to follow the type of photography that fulfills him – thus since 2008 Klaus has spent much of his time travelling in Southern and Eastern Africa, capturing the beauty and diversity of African Wildlife. He enjoys the time spent in the bush, and in rural areas; sharing time with local people and then returning home with the most awesome photographs of Africa's most precious creatures.

The international Racehorse Magazine caught up with Klaus at his Cape Town home. "I have always been driven by curiosity and the desire to travel the world. My fascination is underpinned with questions like, what is life like for others and how do other people live on our planet, how diverse is nature and what else is out there and beyond? "

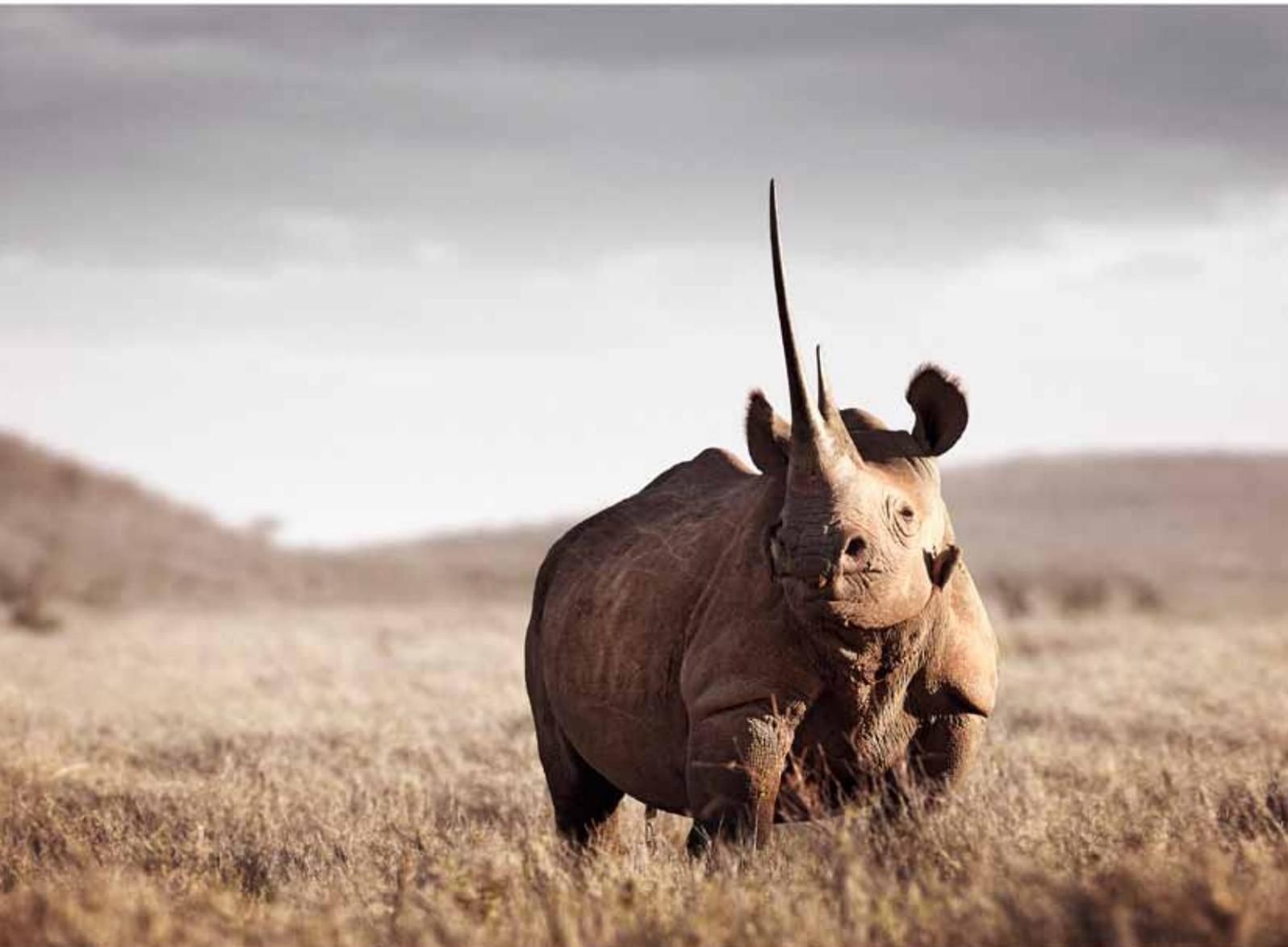
Pursuing answers to these questions has led him on

numerous photo trips to India, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Mexico, Australia, USA, Brazil and Ecuador. "The lens becomes my eyes and I literally devour my experiences and document them forever."

In 2001, a photo trip brought him to South Africa. "I liked it so much that I moved here with my wife Sandra and we decided to make Cape Town the center of our lives which we now share with two children." His curiosity for Africa hasn't abated as he finds himself traveling more than ever. Whether portraying Africa's people, animals or landscapes. "I find that Africa is good for my soul. It is rich, genuine and satisfying."

THE PRIDE OF AFRICA

'Pride of Africa' is a photography collection of more than 80 captivating pictures by Klaus Tiedge, showing the beauty and diversity of the African continent.



Klaus Tiedge's passion for fine art photography and Africa has led him to devote a significant amount of time on safari in game reserves and national parks to capture enchanting images – astonishing images that simply incorporate the character, beauty, charm, atmosphere, and harmony of wild African animals in their natural states of being in the legendary places of Namibia, Botswana and Kenya.

Klaus's unique style has successfully traversed the boundaries between painting and photography. His limited edition wildlife photographs have an individual stylized quality to them. Klaus displays the distinct ability to give equal attention to the animals and the environment in which they are captured. His impressions portray the animal as if it is being photographed for the front cover of a glossy magazine.

What makes the images so perfect and glamorous? It is the ideal composition that comes together every time: the animals' pose, the interesting light and the matching background create a very powerful picture. Klaus likes to work when there is "mood" for the images. The unpredictability of nature is what spurs Klaus' passion for wildlife photography. Sometimes he has to wait hours, days or even weeks in order to get the perfect moment for his pictures. For him the magic lies in, when he gets all the elements right, it captures a moment in time that may never be repeated.

Capturing these special moments of the African wildlife, Klaus successfully not only documents the magic of the beauty that is Africa, but also creates something long lasting that can reflect memories, and something that preserves these unique creatures in a way that is true but in the same way beautiful to look at.



The Pride of Africa Collection is available as single limited edition prints, signed by the artist:

25x14 inch / 64x36cm Edition limited to 50

37x21inch / 96x45cm Edition limited to 20

50x28inch / 128x73cm Edition limited to 15

58x33inch / 149x85cm Edition limited to 10

84x42inch / 214x108 Edition limited to 6

(Approximate print size including border)

Images are Giclée Prints on Archival Fine Art Paper, German Etching.

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As well as capturing wildlife, Klaus shows off another strong talent that lies in portraying the people of Africa – having visited and spent time in the villages of Himba in Namibia, Maasai in Kenya and with the Bushmen near Botswana. Klaus's aim is to show how he sees things and what his impression was in that moment when the photograph was taken. He actually preserves the original and tribal look of these people that are the heritage of this continent.

Klaus's clear connection through his camera to animals and people alike, is apparent and beautifully obvious in this volume. With this collection, an awareness of the "Pride of Africa" is created; the pride of the unique nature, the extraordinary wildlife and the spirit that is still to be found in the indigenous people of Africa.

'Pride of Africa' by Klaus Tiedge. Your window into Africa.

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