



THE JAY N. “DING” DARLING AWARD FOR WILDLIFE STEWARDSHIP THROUGH ART

This Award was created in 2015 and is intended to be a lasting recognition of the heritage established by Jay N. “Ding” Darling to promote wildlife and habitat conservation through art.

2017 recipient, Robert Bateman

Robert Bateman is a celebrated Canadian whose career as an artist is completely fused with his life as a conservationist, nature enthusiast, and environmental educator. He has tirelessly used his passion and talents to raise funding and awareness in support of wildlife and the natural world. His many awards from the conservation community include: World Wildlife Fund’s Member of Honour Award (presented by HRH The Prince Philip, 1985); Governor General Award for Conservation (1987); Rachel Carson Award presented by the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (1996); U.S. National Audubon Society’s 100 Champions of Conservation (1998); Perkin’s Partner in Conservation Award presented by the Wild Canid Center (2003); Roland Michener Conservation Award presented by the Canadian Wildlife Federation (2003); Chevron Texaco Conservation Award (2003); Simon Combes Award from the Artists for Conservation Foundation (2008); Living Planet Legacy Award from WWF-Canada (2011); and World Ecology Award presented by the University of Missouri-St. Louis (2015). Bateman has received numerous other awards from the arts and human rights communities and he holds honorary doctorates from many universities.

In 2013, Bateman established The Bateman Foundation to secure his art collections and intellectual property to perpetuate conservation purposes. To house the Foundation, Bateman established a nature art gallery in downtown Victoria, British Columbia, where thousands of visitors experience his inspiring art and conservation messages. The 2017 Ding Darling Award celebrates the lifelong contributions of Robert Bateman delivered through his art, speaking, writing, films, and partnerships.