

Chris Newbert

When *Life Magazine* published their Anniversary Edition entitled, “150 Years of Photography, Pictures That Made a Difference,” featured were the world’s greatest names in the history of photography, such as Louis Daguerre, Alfred Eisenstaedt, Edward Weston, Dorothea Lange, Alfred Stieglitz, Cartier Bresson, Richard Avedon, Philippe Halsman, Eugene Smith, Mary Ellen Mark, and Ansel Adams. *Life* included only one underwater photographer in this elite group, and gave Chris Newbert more page space in this issue than any of the above illuminaries.

Since taking up underwater photography in 1972, Chris Newbert, has won over 30 awards in international underwater photographic competitions. His photos have appeared in over 300 books and magazines world-wide. In 1985 he published his first underwater photographic book, *Within a Rainbowed Sea*. Now in its 10th printing, this classic volume continues to gather critical acclaim as one of the most beautiful photographic books of all time. *Within a Rainbowed Sea* remains one of the most award-winning photographic books ever published.

Publisher’s Weekly has called *Within a Rainbowed Sea* “one of the most remarkable photographic books ever published.” The LA Times claims that *Within a Rainbowed Sea* has “exhausted critics’ superlatives...(it) has won more gold medals than Edwin Moses.” The German magazine Stern devoted its largest non-news photo spread ever to a 16-page portfolio of selected images from *Within a Rainbowed Sea*. The Tenth Anniversary Issue of Islands Magazine has included Chris Newbert’s work in a portfolio of photographs from those who they consider ten of the world’s greatest contemporary photographers.

Receiving perhaps the ultimate honor, the Limited Edition of *Within a Rainbowed Sea* was selected by the White House as an official Presidential Gift of State to be used by the President as a gift to visiting dignitaries. On May 4th, 1986, President Reagan gave copy number 85 to Emperor Hirohito of Japan, on the occasion of his 85th birthday and the 60th anniversary of his reign.

In late 1994, the much anticipated sequel to *Within a Rainbowed Sea* was released. *In a Sea of Dreams* features the photography of both Chris Newbert and Birgitte Wilms, and text by Chris. *In a Sea of Dreams* is destined to become the new standard for excellence in underwater photography. In its first few months of release, *In a Sea of Dreams* won the World Grand Prize for Best Book of Underwater Photography, awarded in Antibes, France.

Most recently, Birgitte and Chris had a two-person, four month long print exhibit at the Mariners’ Museum, in Newport News, Virginia. They also had two person exhibit at Warner Brothers / Reprise Records headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. Birgitte and Chris were featured in the premier segment of Discovery Channel’s show, Go For It, and were most recently featured on the Outdoor Channel’s series series on the top nature photographers,

Nature's Best.

Chris and Birgitte's photographs were selected for the 16-page feature portfolio in the prestigious 1998 Photography Yearbook. The Yearbook publishes work from the world's finest photographers, and this was the first time ever that underwater photographers were showcased in this distinguished British publication.

Chris became the first recipient of the Wyland Foundation Award for Underwater Still Photography at the First Annual Wyland Foundation Awards Ceremony in Hollywood. This nationally televised extravaganza featured celebrity presenters from the entertainment and sports industry. Chris not only received this prestigious award, but his photographs were selected for the big screen background stills for this gala event. Other honored personalities included posthumous awards to Jacques Yves Cousteau and Lloyd Bridges. Living recipients in addition to Chris included Jimmy Buffet, Sting, Dr. Sylvia Earle, Ted Danson, Dan Fogelberg, Bob Talbot and Al Gore among others.

Chris joined the VOICES OF THE EARTH atelier in 2010.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Within a Rainbowed Sea Major awards and honors:

Presidential Gift of State

Gold Medal for Best Photography Art Directors Club of New York

Gold Medal for Best Book Design Art Directors Club of New York

Best Book of the Year Printing Industries of America

STA 100 Award Society of Typographic Arts

10th Anniversary Gift Book Selection International Center for Photography

Gold Award for Photography Art Direction Magazine

Featured Book Soviet-American Book Fair, Moscow

Carey Thomas Award Nominee

PUBLICATIONS

Published in over 300 magazines world-wide, including:

Life, Omni, Discover, Smithsonian, Audubon, National Geographic, National Wildlife, International Wildlife, Natural History, Travel and Leisure, Ocean Realm, Islands, Bunte (Germany), Animan (Switzerland), Airone (Italy), Figaro (France), Stern (Germany), Outside, The NY Times Magazine.

COMMERCIAL CLIENTS

United Airlines, Canon Camera Co., Qantas Airways, Warner Brothers Records, AT & T, Mutual of Omaha, Eastman Kodak Co., Rolex Watch Co., Potlatch Paper Co., Hyatt Hotel Corp., Northwest Airlines, Private Music Co., Hearts of Space, Fuji Film, Oceanic U.S.A., Apollo Sports, Australian Postal Service.

NATIONAL TELEVISION FEATURES AND APPEARANCES

Charles Kuralt Sunday Morning (three times)

ESPN special feature

Merv Griffin Show

CBS Morning News

PM Magazine

Discovery Channel, Go For It

Outdoor Channel, Nature's Best

EXHIBITS AND ONE-MAN SHOWS

International Photography Hall of Fame

Honolulu Academy of Arts

Boston Museum of Science

International Center for Photography, New York

Photo Show International

Western States Museum of Photography

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Maritime Center of Norwalk, CT

Steinhardt Aquarium/California Academy of Sciences

Waikiki Aquarium

Warner Brothers Records, Nashville

The Mariners' Museum, Newport News, VA