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Melinda Hughes-Berland is a recognized award-winning professional photographer with over 40 years of experience, including the photography of people and animals.

Unique within her trade, Melinda spent many years photographing horses, (the internationally known Tevis Cup Endurance Ride for 38 years). Her horse show images taken with her late husband, Paul Hughes, have graced a multitude of magazine covers. She now photographs horses at liberty and creates unique art for her clients.

She provides the 'magical' moments for 'people' photography and lasting, evocative images in all types of portraiture. Melinda always strives to express the balance of creative and classic photographic styles. See: www.hughes-photography.com & www.HorsesRart.com

Her current endeavor, HorsesRArt.com and wildanimalsart.com fulfills the need to go beyond mere photography and into the realm of the painter. As an artist, Melinda has always wanted to combine her love of horses and wild animals with her creative talents. Her new 'paintings' allow her to express those feelings and emotions in a tangible form. All the background imagery as well as the horses at liberty that were photographed for each finished art piece, were all taken by Melinda. Most of her finished art is in a complex composite form, all constructed in Photoshop 5.

Melinda is a Certified Master Photographer through the Professional Photographers of America and a past president of the Professional Photographers of the Wine Country.

Most recent awards include the prestigious Diamond Photographer in 2011 (one of 13 photographers), in the international Photographic Competition through Professional Photographer's of America accompanied with a fourth place in that same year end competition in their Illustrative division. Also, she was awarded Best picture and judge's choice in 2011 through the

Prof Photographer's of California with the image 'The Edge of the Earth'. Honored with Photographer of the year + Print of The Year through Pro. Photog. of Wine Country in 2006, 2011, 2013 & 2017, Melinda earlier received the coveted Portrait of The Year Award in 2006 through the Professional Photographers of the Greater Bay Area. Last, *In 2013 she* also won first place in an international wildlife masters photographic competition with more than 8,500 entries! She has also received 28 Merit Awards through PPA National comp.

Her newest gig is teaching other photographers and artists how to see light and put together their own complex composite art . Melinda teaches the photo composite classes at her home in Windsor, CA Call for info. 707-799-5008

Her Passion is saving the wild cats, elephants and other species of endangered animals of the world. A part of every print sold goes to several different rescue organizations.

She also owns a Tennessee walking horse, Logan that she rides on the Sonoma County trails.