

# The Hippo Lady of Zimbabwe

An evening with Karen Paolillo – Turgwe Hippo Trust



## Event programme

**Date:** 26 September 2023

**Venue:** Royal Geographical Society – Ondaatje theatre, 1 Kensington Gore, Kensington, London SW7 2AR (nearest tube South Kensington)

**Time:** Doors open at 6pm

**6pm – 7pm**

Goods on sale

**6.30pm – 7.15pm**

Bar open

**7.15pm** – Introduction to Karen's presentation by Dan Richardson Actor, filmmaker and animal conservationist.

**9.15pm – 9.45pm**

Goods on sale and bar open

### On sale on the night:

Zimbabwean artist Ant Fynn oil paintings, Gary Hodges UK embellished limited edition prints and limited edition prints, Richard Symonds UK artist limited edition prints, Tamara of Poland exquisite hippo graphic art posters and hippo calendar, Suzie Marsh wonderful animal sculptures as well as the Turgwe Hippo Trust hippo calendars, "A Hippo Love Story" (Karen Paolillo's book published by Penguin) and perhaps a few other items from Africa.

If you would like to see a full list of items and artwork on sale and to purchase prior to the big event, please SEE FOLLOWING PAGES

To book your tickets for the event now, email Karen Paolillo on:

**karen@savethehippos.info**

# Artwork for sale – in support of Turgwe Hippo Trust

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## Artist name: Ant Fynn

Ant Fynn's internationally known African wildlife art is iconic. As a Zimbabwean, he spends many weeks in wild Africa every year "living" his art. Back in his studio this intimacy with wildlife and classic African scenery is showcased in his paintings.

**"I am privileged to be able to be so bonded with my subject and also to be involved with so many worthwhile conservation causes. African wildlife needs all the help it can get, and then more again."**

Ant's painting subjects range across the full spectrum of wonderful African wildlife and its dramatic scenery. He has sold at Christies, been an opening painting for Tusk UK gala ball, sold in America for the Zambezi Elephant Fund, been a several times finalist for David Shepherd Wildlife Artist of the Year, sold in South Africa for struggling Zimbabwean pensioners, and of course supports Karen Paolillo's wonderful Hippo protection project in Zimbabwe. And there are others.

**Ant Fynn paintings – All original oils on canvas – Email [karen@savethehippos.info](mailto:karen@savethehippos.info) to reserve**

1



**Title:** The great survivors  
**Size:** 15 x 32" / 22 x 38" framed.  
**Subject:** Highly threatened Painted Dogs of Africa.  
**Price:** USD **\$3,850** or GBP **£3100**

The Painted Dogs - desperately imperiled throughout Africa. Once common they are now threatened everywhere. Up close and personal they have a loving social bond in their pack, are very trusting of man sometimes to their detriment, and are led by an alpha pair, who are depicted here. Seeing them, watching them at work and play, painting them, is a highlight of my many trips to "the bush".

2



**Title:** Chitake Springs - Wild Refuge  
**Size:** 26 x 35" framed.  
**Price:** USD **\$4,100** or GBP **£3,305**

This is as wild and peaceful a place as anywhere in Africa. In the dry season a spring wells up with its life sustaining water. A thousand buffalo come to drink, a large pride of lion is resident, elephant arrive with their offspring, there is a constant whirl and calling of hundreds of doves, all coming to drink. Towering over this are the centuries old baobab giants. It is magic.

3



**Title:** The Gathering Storm  
**Size:** 15 x 30" unframed.  
**Price:** USD **\$2200** or GBP **£1,775**

With a backdrop of a stormy rainy season sky, these Zebra are at once nervous and excited. The wind blows the grass and their manes at the same time, they can smell the rain coming and they cannot do anything but run for joy.

4



**Title:** Caught in the Open  
**Size:** 14 x 23" framed.  
**Price:** USD **\$1100** or GBP **£890**

Impala antelope are in large numbers everywhere in the Zambezi valley, and yet one never tires of their delicate beauty. They are ever watchful, alert for even the slightest hint that a predator is around. Do not look directly at them for they will run. Look at some other objects and they will keep an eye on you but not run away. They never relax their guard.

Ant Fynn is offering 20% to the Turgwe Hippo Trust on each painting sold.



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## Artist name: Gary Hodges

Gary Hodges has been portraying the beauty and character of wildlife through his intricate monochrome drawings for almost 45 years. He is the UK's best selling and most collectable pencil artist. Through his art well over £1million has been given back to protect the wildlife he feels so passionate about.

Since 2015, Gary has hand embellished over 285 of his prints for many wildlife charities. He spends up to 10 hours carefully adding many thousands of new pencil strokes over the print to make them even more

detailed, dynamic & quite unique. They perfectly bridge the gap between a print & an original drawing and are much sought after through charity auctions and events, selling for up to £6,700.

He has published prints from five hippo drawings, four are available here, two are embellished prints. They are all in aid of the Turgwe Hippo Trust. Gary is honoured to be able to show his support of this charity, dedicated to protecting hippos... and a few other amazing animals too.

## Gary Hodges drawings – Email [karen@savethehippos.info](mailto:karen@savethehippos.info) to reserve

1



**Title:** Hippo – unique embellished print  
Edition number 948/950 signed by the artist and co-signed by Dame Virginia McKenna and Rula Lenska. This print sold out many years ago.

**Size:** 45.5cm x 15.5cm

**Price unframed:** USD \$1,055 or GBP £845

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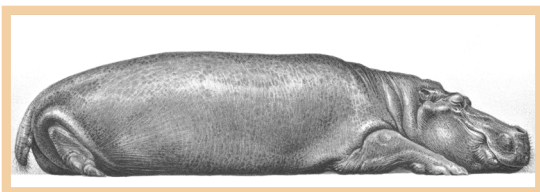
**Title:** Baby Love – unique embellished print. There are 3 of each available.

Artist Proof 48/50 signed by the artist and co-signed by Rula Lenska.

**Size:** 26.5cm x 26.5cm

**Price unframed:** USD \$885 or GBP £710

3



**Title:** Tropical slumber – limited edition print edition number 50/850 signed by the artist  
This print sold out many years ago

**Size:** 52.5cm x 14.5cm

**Price framed:** USD \$530 or GBP £425

Kindly donated by Jill Liebscher

4



**Title:** Baby Love – limited edition print

**Size:** 26.5cm x 26.5cm

**Price unframed:** USD \$95 or GBP £76

5



**Title:** Shimmer – limited edition print

There are 3 of each available. All are signed by the artist. 100% goes to the Turgwe Hippo Trust from all these various prints

**Size:** 76cm x 23.5cm

**Price unframed:** USD \$140 or GBP £110

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### Artist name: Richard Symonds

Richard's passion and commitment to wildlife spans back over 20 years. He has been actively involved with raising large sums of money and awareness for wildlife through the sale and auction of his original paintings, drawings and limited edition prints.

Entirely self-taught and pursuing a string of commissions including amongst others Harley-Davidson, the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the BBC, he decided to concentrate solely on painting and drawing wild animals in their natural habitat. Following his continuous passion and love of wildlife, Richard soon found himself on safari in game parks throughout Africa.

He has held a number of exhibitions and auctions in and around London including Christie's and Sotheby's and his work can also be found in private and corporate collections worldwide including New York, Los Angeles, Canada, Kenya, Botswana, South Africa, Russia, India, China, Hong Kong and Europe.

Richard has a rare ability to capture the true essence of each animal he paints. His artwork

has been published in many leading magazines, books, Limited Edition prints, greetings cards and multi media

### Richard Symonds prints - Email [karen@savethehippos.info](mailto:karen@savethehippos.info) to reserve

1



**Title:** Elephants  
(2 x prints available)  
**Price unframed:** USD \$60 or GBP £50 (each)

2



**Title:** Snow leopard  
(1 x print available)  
**Price unframed:** USD \$210 or GBP £170



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## Artist name: Tamara Przybysz

Tamara Przybysz currently lives in Poland and she is probably the only graphic artist combining gothic/dark fantasy imagery with her beloved hippos.

**Poster size:** 34 x 26"

There are only one of each design.

**Price unframed:** USD \$60 or GBP £50 (each)

There will also be a limited edition calendar on sale on the night of the event.

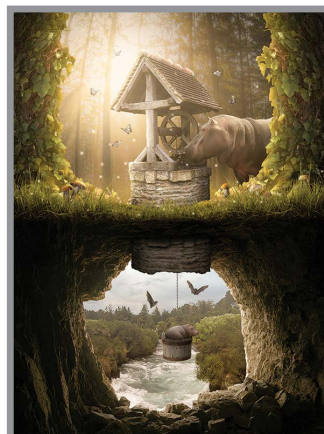
## Tamara Przybysz posters – Email [karen@savethehippos.info](mailto:karen@savethehippos.info) to reserve



1. Cat and hippo reading a story



2. Hippo and birds flying



3. Hippo at the wishing well



4. Hippo coming through a window



5. Hippo face and elephant



6. Hippo mum in bath calf in the sink



7. Hippo on an ice block



8. Hippo on the couch



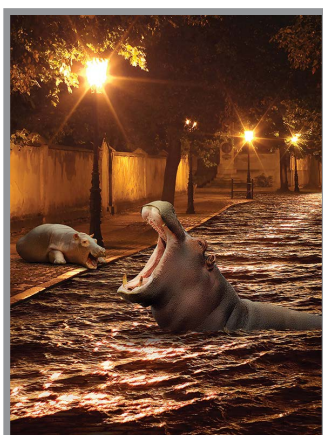
9. Hippo swimming in the sea



10. Hippos and telephone boxes



11. Kitten and a hippo in a bubble



12. Mum hippo in the swimming pool and calf looking on

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### Artist name: Suzie Marsh

Suzie Marsh is a well known animal sculptor from the UK. She studied at Brighton and Exeter Colleges of Art and obtained her degree in ceramic sculpture in 1982.

She established her own workshop in 1986 and since then has become known for her animal sculpture which she sells through shops and galleries across the UK. She has undertaken many private and business commissions including the public installation of Nelson the Seal at Looe Harbour, in Cornwall.

Her work aims to reflect her own fascination with an animal's character and her figurative style captures their form precisely. Suzie works in clay and can then produce finished sculptures in bronze, pewter or resins, all of which are suitable for the home or garden.

As an animal lover Suzie produces work to aid several animal charities and donates part of her profits to them.

The plight of moon bears in China and Vietnam being "milked" for their bile has become an overriding concern and her commitment to Jill Robinson of Animals Asia with her design of "Hope of Freedom" (the Animals Asia elephant in the 2010 London Elephant Parade) and her "Moonstruck" exhibition in 2012 raised substantial funds for the charity.

Suzie says, a search for information about hippos led to Suzie's long friendship and support of Karen Paolillo, who founded the Turgwe Hippo Trust in Zimbabwe in 1992.

Karen has dedicated her life since then to preserving the hippos and other wildlife and their habitat during droughts and political unrest. More details of these two remarkable women can be accessed via the links below. In recognition of her own five cats who double as artist's models Suzie is also a keen supporter of Cats Protection.

### Suzie Marsh sculptures – Email [karen@savethehippos.info](mailto:karen@savethehippos.info) to reserve



**Title:** Asian Rhino & Calf sold as a pair  
**Price:** USD \$245 or GBP £195

Rhino mother sold alone: **Price:** USD \$185 or GBP £150  
Rhino calf sold alone: **Price:** USD \$80 or GBP £65



**Title:** Thando & Thaluni sold as a pair  
**Price:** USD \$270 or GBP £215

Thando sold alone: **Price:** USD \$225 or GBP £180  
Tulani sold alone: **Price:** USD \$195 or GBP £55



**Title:** Small Hippo, wallow  
**Price:** USD \$225 or GBP £180



**Title:** Steve Hippo  
**Price:** USD \$325 or GBP £260



**Title:** Benjamin Bear Cub  
**Price:** USD \$605 or GBP £485



# Legacy of love books & one limited edition book donated by lynne chitty – in support of Turgwe Hippo Trust

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**Large format hardback 350mm x 245 mm  
328 pages in the First edition, 350 pages,**

Signed by many of the contributors in the limited Edition which has gold edges. The Turgwe Hippo Trust is one of the contributors in this amazing book.

This beautiful book was the brainchild of Lynne Chitty who continues to work tirelessly on the project. She was joined by wildlife artist Gary Hodges and conservationist / photographer Dave Currey to help compile and oversee the book production and publicity.

*"The words and images in this fascinating book will transport us all into a world where kindness and beauty can embrace us all – if we open our eyes and our hearts."*

– Dame Virginia McKenna DBE, Co-Founder, Born Free Foundation



**For one copy of the limited edition:  
Price: USD \$220 or GBP £175**

**One copy of the Legacy of love book (12 copies available)  
Price: USD \$75 or GBP £60**

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR A FULL LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS TO **LEGACY OF LOVE**

**All these wonderful people  
have given their time freely to  
write and provide their art and  
photography for 57 chapters:**



Julie Askew - artist  
 Martin Aveling - artist  
 Pam Ayres MBE - poet  
 Lynne Chitty - poet - deacon  
 Angela Collins - founder and chair of Care 4 Cats Ibiza  
 Guy Combes - artist  
 Dave Currey - photographer- co-founder of the Environmental Investigation Agency  
 Nicholas Dyer - photographer - author - founder of the Painted Wolf Foundation  
 Peter Egan - actor  
 Pen Farthing - founder of Nowzad - dog charity based in Afghanistan  
 Robert Ferguson - co-founder and trustee of Explorers Against Extinction and Sketch for Survival  
 The late Robert Gillmor MBE - artist - co-founder of the Society of Wildlife Artists  
 Gary Hodges - artist  
 Heather Irvine - artist  
 Sangita Iyer - founder Voice for Asian Elephants Society, filmmaker and author  
 Pieter Kat - founder of Lion Aid  
 Diane Keen - actor  
 Emily Lamb - artist  
 Georgina Lamb - CEO of David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation  
 Karen Laurence Rowe - artist  
 Ashley Leiman OBE - founder and CEO of the Orangutan Foundation  
 Rula Lenska - actor  
 Dame Maureen Lipman - actor  
 George Logan - photographer  
 Joanna Lumley OBE - actor  
 Philip Lymbery - global chief executive of Compassion in World Farming  
 Nick Mackman - sculptor  
 Christine Macsween - founder of Lion Aid  
 Suzie Marsh - sculptor  
 Nigel Marven - wildlife filmmaker -TV presenter  
 Stella Mays - artist  
 John Nettles OBE - actor  
 Lesley Nicol - actor  
 Karen Paollilo - founder of the Turgwe Hippo Trust  
 Margot Raggett - photographer - founder of Remembering Wildlife books  
 Ian Redmond OBE - ape and forest elephant expert  
 Darren Rees - artist  
 Dan Richardson - actor - photographer  
 Derek Robertson - artist  
 Jill Robinson MBE - founder of Animals Asia  
 Chris Rose - artist  
 Jonathan and Angela Scott - photographers - artists - presenters - founders of the Sacred Nature Initiative  
 Jenny Seagrove - actor - founder of Mane Chance  
 Martin Shaw - actor  
 Angela Sheldrick - CEO of Sheldrick Wildlife Trust  
 David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation's 'Wildlife Artist of the Year' competition winners portfolio  
 Lauren St John - author  
 Caroline Strong - poet - actor  
 Richard Symonds - artist  
 Allan Thornton OBE - co-founder Greenpeace UK and co-founder of the Environmental Investigation Agency  
 Simon Trapnell - director of Nature in Art museum  
 Will Travers OBE - co-founder of Born Free