

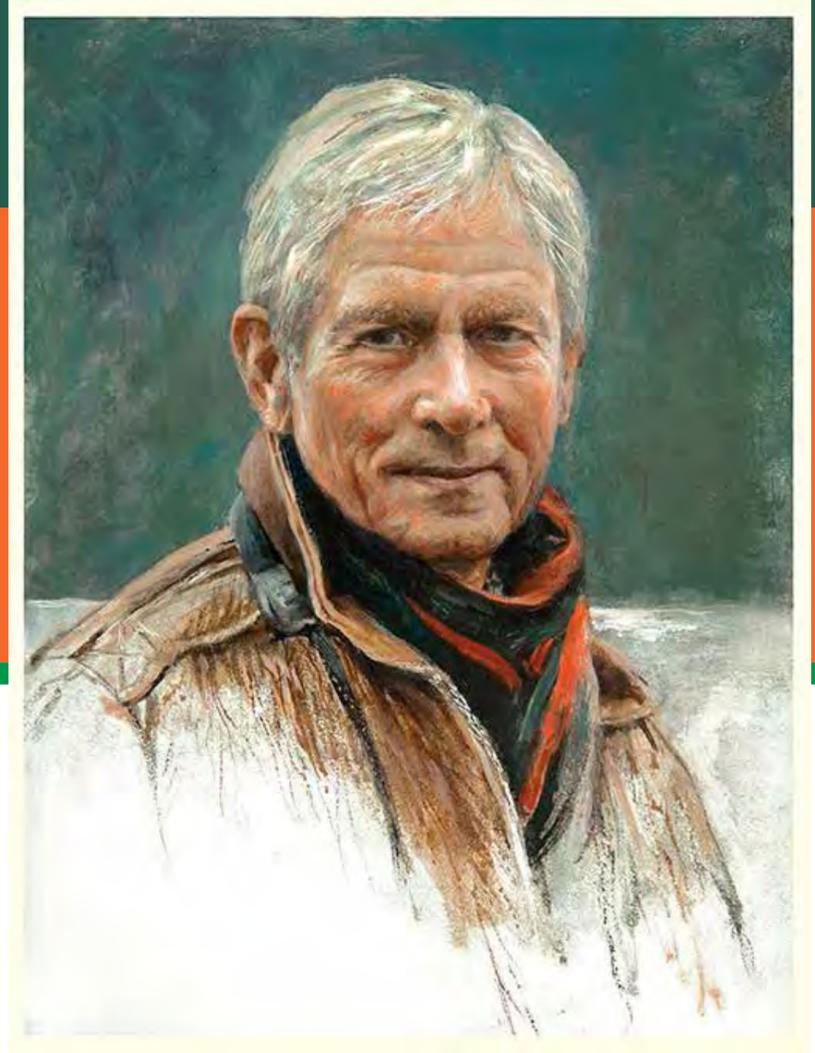
Life Sketches

Sunday, November 22

3 p.m. in The Living World

Saint Louis Zoo

Free. No reservations are needed.



Join Robert Bateman at the Saint Louis Zoo to hear him tell personal stories about his life and art from the soon-to-be-released memoir “Life Sketches.”

Mr. Bateman’s work is also featured in the Zoo’s seasonal exhibit “Inspired by Nature,” which opened in 2012 in Peabody Hall. During Mr. Bateman’s visit to St. Louis, this exhibit will be open to the public on

Saturday, November 21, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. On Sunday and Monday, November 22 and 23, it will be open to the public 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

“Life Sketches” is a moving journey in both words and images that, for the first time, allows Bateman’s fans full access into his creative process, detailing his singular artistic vision and the inspiration behind his iconic art. What emerges is a portrait of a young boy enchanted by the natural world around him and called to record it in his sketches and paintings. Bitten by wanderlust, Bateman travelled the world and documented his real life experiences in journals, sketches and paintings. In “Life Sketches,” he recounts the evolution of his style from abstraction to realism and the events that have shaped his art into a vocation over many decades. And through it all, Bateman shows how his keen sensibilities extend beyond art, to a passion for conservation and relentless advocacy for the natural world that underpins an incredible artistic legacy.

Full of never-before-seen illustrations, “Life Sketches” is an inspiring and elegant portrait of Robert Bateman’s life as an artist and of his belief that “Nature is an infinite source of reason, imagination and invention.”

His memoir, “Life Sketches,” will be available for purchase and signing at the event.