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“Iceberg Star”

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**Image Description:** In the incredible weather and light of the South Atlantic Ocean, I saw icebergs, so many icebergs on my trip to South Georgia in October 2019. The presence of icebergs in the area is not unusual, but at this time there were many more than in years past. The icebergs can be of varying sizes, shapes, and colors, but the melting of the icebergs can have a dramatic effect on the marine environment, specifically a decrease in the inflow of krill, a main food source for many of the island’s animals. In addition, the ocean may become cooler and more dilute and its surface salinity may be lowered. Sea levels rise. In summary, the vitality of the Antarctic Ocean ecosystem is ever-changing. Awareness is critical.

**Location of Image:** South Georgia Island

**Type of Camera and Lens Used:** Nikon D850

**Camera Settings Used:** f/8.0, 1/1000sec, 24mm, ISO 200

**Artist Statement:** My favorite part of being a nature photographer is witnessing the strength, fragility, beauty, and rhythm of nature. It is my hope that my images of South Georgia Island will help make the public aware of South Georgia Island, the island’s history wildlife, and raw beauty. Conservation efforts have taken place over the years to protect the animals and restore the land and water, but environmental threats remain.

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