Transcript

Photographing Orion

Janet Sumner:

Now, we're asking people to take pictures of the stars and the constellations. What are your best tips?

Monica Grady:

Well, my best tip is, unfortunately, don't use a camera phone. I mean, we've all got camera phones these days, or lots of us have got camera phones. The problem is there's so little light coming from Orion that you just can't actually use a camera phone. What you need is a sort of good quality digital camera, which has to be mounted on a tripod.

Janet Sumner:

Like an SLR?

Monica Grady:

Yeah, that's right. And so mount it on a tripod because you're going to have to take quite a long exposure, about 30 seconds or something.

Janet Sumner:

Well, we're challenging people to have a go and then post their best photo online. We may end up with some really good ones.

Monica Grady:

Well, I'd love to see some because what I want to see is, what is the angle of the slope of that belt? Because that tends to, that tends to vary a bit, depending on what part of the world you're looking at it. I mean, at the moment, for us, it's November in the Northern hemisphere, but in a different latitude, then you're going to see something slightly different.

Janet Sumner:

So during the rest of the night now, where will Orion progress to?

Monica Grady:

Well, he will gradually rise, actually, so he will get higher and higher and higher up above the horizon until he sort of ends up, up there.

Janet Sumner:

OK. So plenty of opportunity to see him, then?

Monica Grady:

Plenty of opportunity to see him. Yeah.

Janet Sumner:

Great.