

Press Release

Three Hong Kong Photographers Honored with Images Shortlisted Top 10 in the World's Largest Photography Competition - 2017 Sony World Photography Awards



Shortlisted Images by 3 Hong Kong Photographers for Open Category 2017

(From Left to Right) "Dance"©K W Hon (OqWing), Hong Kong, Open, Motion

"The Opposite"©Tong Chun Kin (TOMY), Hong Kong, Open, Enhanced

"Moonlight" ©Wilson Lee, Hong Kong, Open, Still Life

- **2017 awards received over 227,000 images from 183 countries**
- **Photographers competing for Sony digital imaging equipment and cash prize**
- **Open category winners revealed March 28, overall winner announced April 20**
- **Five Hong Kong photographers also placed top 50 in their categories**
- **Images from across entire shortlist available for publication at worldphoto.org/press**

Hong Kong, February 28, 2017 - The judges of the 2017 Sony World Photography Awards today honor the work of three Hong Kong photographers by shortlisting their images top ten in the world in the awards' Open competition. Over 227,000 images from 183 countries were submitted to the 2017 Sony World Photography Awards, and the shortlists across the awards' Professional, Open, Youth and Student Focus competitions are all announced today.

Shortlisted Hong Kong photographers

The awards' judges were looking for the best single images across the ten categories of the Open competition, representing the finest contemporary photography today.

K.W. Hon (OqWing), Open Motion category

K.W. Hon works as a photographer in Hong Kong, and has been shortlisted for the image "Dance". The image is a stunning portrait of a girl dancing in the fields. K.W. Hon became

interested in photography back in 2010, and focuses his work on landscape and creative portraits.

Commenting about his achievement, he says: *"I am very happy that my work was selected. I also hope that the future of Hong Kong photographers will bring us more good work."*

Tong Chun Kin, TOMY, Open Enhanced category

Tong is a Hong Kong based independent photographer and graphic designer, and was shortlisted for his original image "**The Opposite**", taken for a student fashion styling project in January 2016. With a degree in Arts in Advertising Design from Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Tong combines his passion for fashion, portrait and fine art in his photographic work.

Commenting on his success, Tong says: *"It is my honor to be shortlisted. This achievement is really special to me because it has given me recognition."*

Wilson Lee, Open Still Life category

Wilson, who works as a freelance photographer and divides his time between London and Hong Kong, was shortlisted for his captivating image "**Moonlight**".

Talking about the shortlisted image, Wilson comments: *"This photo was taken in a summer night on Awaji Island, Japan. I wanted to capture the peaceful atmosphere brought by the moonlight inside my hotel room."*

Talking about his success, he continues: *"It's my pleasure to be shortlisted again in Sony World Photography Awards. I will keep on shooting better photos and I hope to see you here again next year."*

Wilson was recognized as the winner of the Smile category in the 2015 Sony World Photography Awards and awarded 3rd place in Hong Kong National Award in the same year.

Prizes and Exhibition

The shortlisted photographers will now compete to win their categories, announced March 28, and the overall Open Photographer of the Year title and \$5,000 cash prize, revealed at an awards ceremony in London on April 20. Prizes include the latest Sony digital imagery equipment and a trip to the London awards ceremony.

The work of the shortlisted photographers will also be shown alongside the awards' other shortlisted and winning images at the Sony World Photography Awards & Martin Parr – 2017 Exhibition in London from April 21-May 7.

Further commendations

The judges of the Sony World Photography Awards also commended five Hong Kong photographers in the awards' Open competition. The photographers placed top 50 in the world for their images are:

- Chak Kwong Man, Architecture category

- Ming Keung Tam, Architecture category
- Denise Y.K. Tsang, Architecture category
- Kam Kong Tse, Enhanced category
- Lo Tsz Him, Travel category

Sony World Photography Awards

Produced by the World Photography Organisation, 2017 sees the 10th anniversary of the Sony World Photography Awards and a decade-long partnership with its headline sponsor, Sony.

Each year the awards recognize and reward the very best contemporary photography captured over the last year entered into any of the awards' four competitions - Professional, Open, Youth and Student Focus. With 49 nationalities represented, the 2017 shortlists reinforce the awards' international appeal and unique ability to present the greatest images taken by photographers from all corners of the world on a truly global scale.

Each of the four competitions is judged anonymously by internationally acclaimed industry professionals, carefully selected by the World Photography Organisation. For full list of 2017 judges, please click [here](#).

Shortlisted images from across all competitions are available for publication at www.worldphoto.org/press

NOTES TO EDITORS

- 227,596 images were entered into the 2017 Sony World Photography Awards across all competitions
 - Professional competition: 110,270 entries
 - Open competition: 105,692 entries
 - Youth: 11,634 entries

Sony World Photography Awards forthcoming announcements

- March 28, 2017 – Open and National Award winners announced
- April 20, 2017 – Photographer of the Year plus Professional category winners and Open, Youth and Student Focus Photographers of the Year revealed at ceremony held in London
- April 21 – May 7, 2017 – Sony World Photography Awards & Martin Parr - 2017 Exhibition at Somerset House, London

About World Photography Organisation

The World Photography Organisation is a global platform for photography initiatives. Working across up to 180 countries, our aim is to raise the level of conversation around photography by celebrating the best imagery and photographers on the planet. We pride ourselves on building lasting relationships with both individual photographers and our industry-leading partners around the world. We host a year-round portfolio of events including: the Sony World Photography Awards (the world's largest photography

competition, marking its 10th anniversary in 2017), various local meetups/talks throughout the year, and PHOTOFAIRS, International Art Fairs Dedicated to Photography, with destinations in Shanghai and San Francisco.

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