

Press Release

PROFESSIONAL COMPETITION 2020
FINALISTS, SHORTLIST AND GRANT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED
Exhibition runs from 17 April – 4 May 2020 at Somerset House, London



Hong Kong, February 17, 2020 – The World Photography Organisation is pleased to reveal the finalist and shortlisted photographers in the Professional competition for the Sony World Photography Awards 2020. Also included are details of new photographic projects by Sony Professional Grant 2019 recipients. Works by both Professional competition finalists and Grant recipients will go on display as part of the Sony World Photography Awards 2020 exhibition at Somerset House this April.

Now in its 13th year, the Awards' Professional competition rewards a remarkable body of work for technical excellence and a fresh perspective on contemporary subjects. The winner of Photographer of the Year 2020 will be selected from the group of Professional finalists and announced during the Sony World Photography Awards 2020 ceremony in London on 16 April.

Over 345,000 images from 203 territories were submitted across the 2020 Awards' four competitions and over 135,000 were entered across the Professional competition's 10 categories – the highest number of entries to date. A new Environment category has been introduced this year in recognition of the growing importance of this topic in both fine art photography and photojournalism.

This year's finalist projects engage with a wide array of topics, photography techniques and presentation methods, covering personal subjects and observations, inventive approaches to storytelling and shedding light on little known but critical issues.

PROFESSIONAL COMPETITION 2020 FINALISTS AND SHORTLIST

ARCHITECTURE:

Finalists:

Sandra Herber, Canada
José De Rocco, Argentina
Jonathan Walland, England

Shortlist:

Swen Bernitz, Germany
Liang Chen, China Mainland
Jeffrey Guillemard, France
Marcin Płonka, Poland
Fyodor Savintsev, Russian Federation
Laurin Schmid, Germany
Alexander Tatarenko, Russian Federation

DOCUMENTARY:

Finalists:

CREATIVE:

Finalists:

Pablo Albarenga, Uruguay
Dione Roach, Italy
Luke Watson, UK

Shortlist:

Michel Le Belhomme, France
Nicoletta Cerasomma, Italy
Joseph Ford, United Kingdom
Ritsuko Matsushita, Japan
Serge Varaxin, Russian Federation
Reuben Wu, UK

ENVIRONMENT:

Finalists:

DISCOVERY:

Finalists:

Hugh Kinsella
Cunningham, UK
Maria Kokunova, Russian Federation
Hashem Shakeri, Iran

Shortlist:

Diogo Baptista, Portugal
Emmanuelle Firman, France
Adrian Francis, USA
Massimo Gurrieri, Italy
Thomas Hänisch, Germany
Edward Kaprov, Israel
Murat Yazar, Turkey

LANDSCAPE:

Finalists:

Didier Bizet, France
Chung Ming Ko, Hong Kong
Youqiong Zhang, China Mainland

Shortlist:

David Butow, USA
Nicholas Moir, Australia
Patrick Wack, France
Eddy van Wessel, Netherlands
Ian Willms, Canada

**NATURAL WORLD &
WILDLIFE:**

Finalists:

Masahiro Hiroike, Japan
Adalbert Mojrzisch, Germany
Brent Stirton, South Africa

Shortlist:

Pierre Anquet, France
Songda Cai, China Mainland
Marko Dimitrijevic, Switzerland
Tobias Friedrich, Germany
Joan de la Malla, Spain
Yevhen Samuchenko, Ukraine

STILL LIFE:

Finalists:

Alessandro Gandolfi, Italy
Elena Helfrecht, Germany
Fangbin Chen, China Mainland

Robin Hinsch, Germany
Álvaro Laiz, Spain
Luca Locatelli, Italy

Shortlist:

Jenny Evans, Australia
Marco Garofalo, Italy
Eddo Hartmann,
Netherlands
Maximilian Mann, Germany
Pierpaolo Mittica, Italy
Carolina Rapezzi, Italy
Kristof Vrancken, Belgium

PORTRAITURE:

Finalists:

Cesar Dezfuli, Spain
Sasha Maslov, Ukraine
Denis Rouvre, France

Shortlist:

Richard Ansett, United
Kingdom
Raul Ariano, Italy
Jon Enoch, UK
Adam Ferguson, Australia
Adrián Markis, Argentina
Magdalena Stengel,
Germany
Tomáš Vrana, Czech
Republic

Ronny Behnert, Germany
Chang Kyun Kim, South
Korea
Florian Ruiz, France

Shortlist:

Mauro Battistelli, Italy
Jeroen van Dam,
Netherlands
Andrius Grigalaitis,
Lithuania
Sybren Vanoverberghe,
Belgium
Peixia Xie, China
Mainland

SPORT:

Finalists:

Lucas Barioulet, France
José López Soto, Spain
Andrea Staccioli, Italy

Shortlist:

Giuliano Berti, Italy
Anton Dotsenko, USA
Frédéric Duhayer, France
Mikhail Kapychka,
Belarus
Sarah Sasani, Iran
Federico Tardito, Italy

Shortlist:

Sabina Candusso, Italy
Emilia Cocking, United Kingdom
Sandrine Dippa, France
Paul Fuentes, Mexico
Molly Percy, United Kingdom
Yelena Strokin, Russian
Federation
Cecilia Manzanares Vargas,
Mexico

The press release on Professional Competition 2020 Finalists, Shortlist and Grant Recipients issued by World Photography Organisation: <https://press.worldphoto.org/press-releases>

NOTES TO EDITORS

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About Sony World Photography Awards

Produced by the World Photography Organisation, the internationally acclaimed Sony World Photography Awards is one of the most important fixtures in the global photographic calendar. Now in its 13th year, the free-to-enter Awards are a global voice for photography and provide a vital insight into contemporary photography today. For both established and emerging artists, the Awards offer world-class opportunities for exposure of their work. The Awards additionally recognise the world's most influential artists working in the medium through the Outstanding Contribution to Photography Awards; previous recipients include Martin Parr, William Eggleston and Nadav Kander. The Awards showcase the works of winning and shortlisted photographers at a prestigious annual exhibition at Somerset House, London. To book tickets please visit www.worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards-exhibition

About World Photography Organisation

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 as well as our industry-leading partners around the world. The World Photography Organisation hosts a year-round portfolio of events including the Sony World Photography Awards, the world's largest photography competition, and PHOTOFAIRS, international art fairs dedicated to photography with destinations in Shanghai and San Francisco. For more details see www.worldphoto.org

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