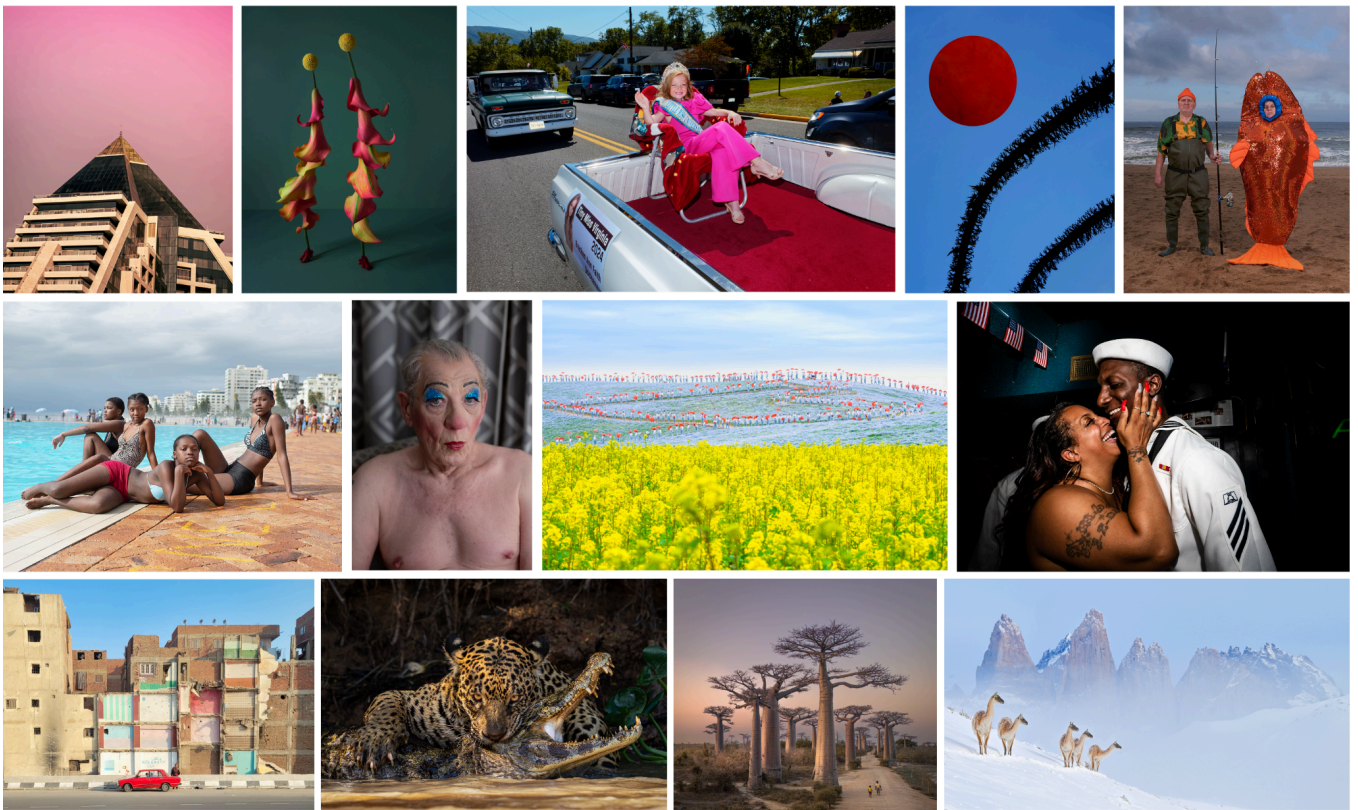


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## OPEN COMPETITION 2024

CATEGORY WINNERS & SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED

EXHIBITION: 19 APRIL – 6 MAY 2024 | SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON



The World Photography Organisation is pleased to announce the category winners and shortlist in the Open competition of the Sony World Photography Awards 2024, recognising the best single images from across the world in 2023.

Over 395,000 images from over 220 countries and territories were submitted to the Sony World Photography Awards 2024. Each category winner receives digital imaging equipment from Sony and will go on to compete for the prestigious *Open Photographer of the Year* title and a \$5,000 (USD) prize.

The overall winner of the Open competition will be announced at the Awards' ceremony in London on **18 April**. Selected winning and shortlisted images will be shown as part of the Sony World Photography Awards exhibition at Somerset House from **19 April-6 May 2024**, and will then travel to additional locations.

The ten category winners are:

### ARCHITECTURE

**Ana Skobe (Slovenia)** for the image *Falling Out of Time*, depicting a lighthouse against a clear sky at dusk, its sleek, geometric design contrasting with the coastal landscape and a solitary figure.

### CREATIVE

**Rob Blanken (Netherlands)** for his macro photograph of crystals of amino acids B-alanine, L-glutamine and glycine, showing the remarkable colours and textures contained within these complex structures.

### LANDSCAPE

**Liam Man (United Kingdom)** for *Moonrise Sprites over Storr*, capturing the earliest moments of the rising moon and several drone lights over the Old Man of Storr hill on the Isle of Skye, Scotland. Taken during a blizzard, this image was carefully executed just before the moonlight became too bright.

### LIFESTYLE

**Alvin Kamau (Kenya)** for *Twende Ziwani (Let's go to the Lake)*, a studio photograph inspired by fashion photography, depicting a model striking a pose and looking out beyond the frame.

### MOTION

**Samuel Andersen (Norway)** for *Rider Getting Down and Dirty*, an action-packed shot of a mountain bike rider passing through a muddy part of the course at the Norwegian National Championships in Hafjell Bike Park, splashing the camera lens.

### NATURAL WORLD & WILDLIFE

**Ian Ford (United Kingdom)** for *Caiman Crunch*, a striking photograph of a jaguar attacking a caiman crocodile on the river bank. The photographer followed along as the jaguar stalked her prey, and caught the precise moment she pounced.

### OBJECT

**Toni Rinaldo (Indonesia)** for *Coalition*, a meticulously composed image portraying two chairs in a waiting room. The photographer describes how the different colours of the chairs evoke the togetherness of different cultures existing side by side within Indonesian society.

### PORTRAITURE

**Michelle Sank (United Kingdom)** for *Zenande, Sinawe, Zinathi and Buhle at Sea Point Pavilion, Cape Town*, depicting a group of teens on a day out at the swimming pool. The photographer considers the ways in which the city has changed since the end of apartheid, reflecting on the ways cultural and social diversity is now celebrated.

### STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

**Callie Eh (Malaysia)** for *The Hand*, which captures a fleeting moment from a wedding procession in Bhaktapur, Nepal. The groom is all but obscured, revealing only a waving hand through the passing car window.

### TRAVEL

**Yan Li (China Mainland)** for *Between Calm and Catastrophe*, an image of a tranquil floating village standing on the still shore of Lake Titicaca, contrasted with the approaching peril of a wildfire on the nearby land mass.

This year's Open competition was judged by Daniel Blochwitz, Curator, Foto Festival Lenzburg, Switzerland.

The overall winners in the Student, Youth, Open and Professional competitions of the Sony World Photography Awards 2024 will be announced on 18 April 2024 and will go on display as part of the exhibition at Somerset House, London from 19 April–6 May 2024. For more information about winners and shortlists please visit [www.worldphoto.org](http://www.worldphoto.org)

## OPEN COMPETITION 2024 WINNERS AND SHORTLIST

### ARCHITECTURE

#### Category Winner

Ana Skobe, Slovenia

#### Shortlist

Mark Benham, UK

Lim Chien Ting, Malaysia

Marcelo Cugliari, Argentina

Sophia Li, USA

Markus Naarttijärvi, Sweden

Anna Rossetti, Italy

Yang Shu, China Mainland

Chau Lun Shum, Hong Kong

Eng Tong Tan, Malaysia

Hadriel Torres, Italy

Siu Hang Andrew Tsang, UK

Sheng Wang, China Mainland

Huanzhen Yang, China Mainland

Xiangsheng Zhang, China Mainland

### CREATIVE

#### Category Winner

Rob Blanken, Netherlands

#### Shortlist

Laurence Cabantous, France

Elizabeth Casasola, Mexico

Murray Chant, New Zealand

Jana Fašungová, Slovakia

Alastair McLellan, UK

Margit Lisa Roeder, Germany

Hiromichi Shimizu, Japan

Natalie Strohmaier, Germany

Yang Tongyu, China Mainland

Rob Trendy, UK

Maciej Wróblewski, Poland

Bin Yang, USA

Ann Zhulan, Ukraine

### LANDSCAPE

#### Category Winner

Liam Man, UK

#### Shortlist

Marco Capitanio, Italy

Barry Crosthwaite, USA

Garrett Davis, USA

Filip Hrebenda, Slovakia

Guangming Hu, China Mainland

Charles Janson, USA

Li Jun, China Mainland

Lisa K. Kuhn, USA

Juan Lopez Ruiz, Spain

Ivan Padovani, Malta

Vladimir Tadic, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Zhihe Yang, China Mainland

Marcin Zajac, Poland

### LIFESTYLE

#### Category Winner

Alvin Kamau, Kenya

#### Shortlist

Sergio Attanasio, Italy

Anirudha (Robi) Chakraborty, USA

Tony Cowburn, UK

Argus Paul Estabrook, USA

Leo Huang, Taiwan

Philip Joyce, UK

Mahesh Pamidimarthy, India

Paul Robertson, Ireland

Amy Sacka, USA

Rosella Tapella, Italy

Catherine Wang, USA

### MOTION

#### Category Winner

Samuel Andersen, Norway

#### Shortlist

Matteo Baronio, Italy

Serkan Dogus, Turkey

Jelly Febrian, Indonesia

ChenYu Hsieh, Taiwan

Thusitha Jayasundara, Sri Lanka

Herman Morrison, Indonesia

Andrew Moss, UK

Ron Ratner, USA

John Studwell, USA

Frederic Volpato, France

Sarah Wouters, Netherlands

F. Dilek Yurdakul, Turkey

Ryszard Zembrzuski, Poland

### NATURAL WORLD & WILDLIFE

#### Category Winner

Ian Ford, UK

#### Shortlist

Christopher Baker, USA

Jesus Frias, Spain

Stuart James, USA

Pedro Jarque Krebs, Peru

Jayaprakash Joghee Bojan, India

Jonathan McSwain, USA

Thien Nguyen Ngoc, Vietnam

Francis Principe-Gillespie, UK

Christopher Ratcliff Iverson, USA

Elodie Ruelleux-Dagorne, France

Rina Saito, Japan

Chris Schmid, Switzerland

Pui Sun Tang, Malaysia

Chee Kin Wong, Malaysia

### OBJECT

#### Category Winner

Toni Rinaldo, Indonesia

#### Shortlist

Petia Angelova, Bulgaria

Robyn Barron, Australia

Martina Ceravolo, Italy

Aleksandra Garbarczyk, Poland

Ian Knaggs, UK

Tom Laszlo, Hungary

Doris Mangalu, United Republic of

Tanzania

### PORTRAITURE

#### Category Winner

Michelle Sank, UK

#### Shortlist

Frederic Aranda, UK

Jonah Atkins, Canada

Jon Enoch, UK

Mark Harrison, UK

Lloyd Jonathan Wright, UK

Andreas Kanellopoulos, Greece

Vladimir Karamazov, Bulgaria

Tetiana Nikitina, Ukraine

### STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

#### Category Winner

Callie Eh, Malaysia

#### Shortlist

Sonia De Wit, Belgium

Deepbrata Dutta, India

Seyed Ali Hosseini Far, Islamic Republic of Iran

Kathryn Mussallem, Canada

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Panfil Pîrvulescu, Romania

Xavier Ponce, Ecuador

Marcos Medina Garcia, Spain  
Daria Pietrasiewicz, Poland  
Oliver Sequenz, Germany  
Natalie Strohmaier, Germany

Maira Ray, Brazil  
Tyler Schiffman, USA  
Amadeusz Świerk, Poland

Manuel Sáez Campillos, Spain  
Apolo Sales, Brazil  
Stefano Valerio, Italy  
Carlo Yuen, Hong Kong

## TRAVEL

### Category Winner

Yan Li, China Mainland

### Shortlist

Matthew DeSantis, USA  
Nicola Ducati, Italy  
Wasiri Gajaman, Sri Lanka  
Todd Kennedy, Australia  
Setsuna Kurouzu, Japan  
Oscar Manso, Spain  
Cziráki Orsolya Boglárka, Hungary  
Alexandre Pietra, Switzerland  
Joy Saha, Bangladesh  
Azlan Shah Sahubar Naina Mohamed,  
Malaysia  
John Seager, UK  
Tran Tuan Viet, Vietnam  
Beatrice Wong, Hong Kong  
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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 17th 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 award; the acclaimed photographer Sebastião Salgado is the 2024 recipient of this award, joining a distinguished list of iconic names including William Eggleston, Mary Ellen Mark, Martin Parr, Candida Höfer, Nadav Kander, Gerhard Steidl, Graciela Iturbide, Edward Burtynsky and Rinko Kawauchi. The Awards showcase the works of winning and shortlisted photographers at a prestigious annual exhibition at Somerset House, London. Our hashtags to follow are #SonyWorldPhotographyAwards and #SWPA2024. [worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards-exhibition](https://worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards-exhibition)

### ABOUT WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY ORGANISATION

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