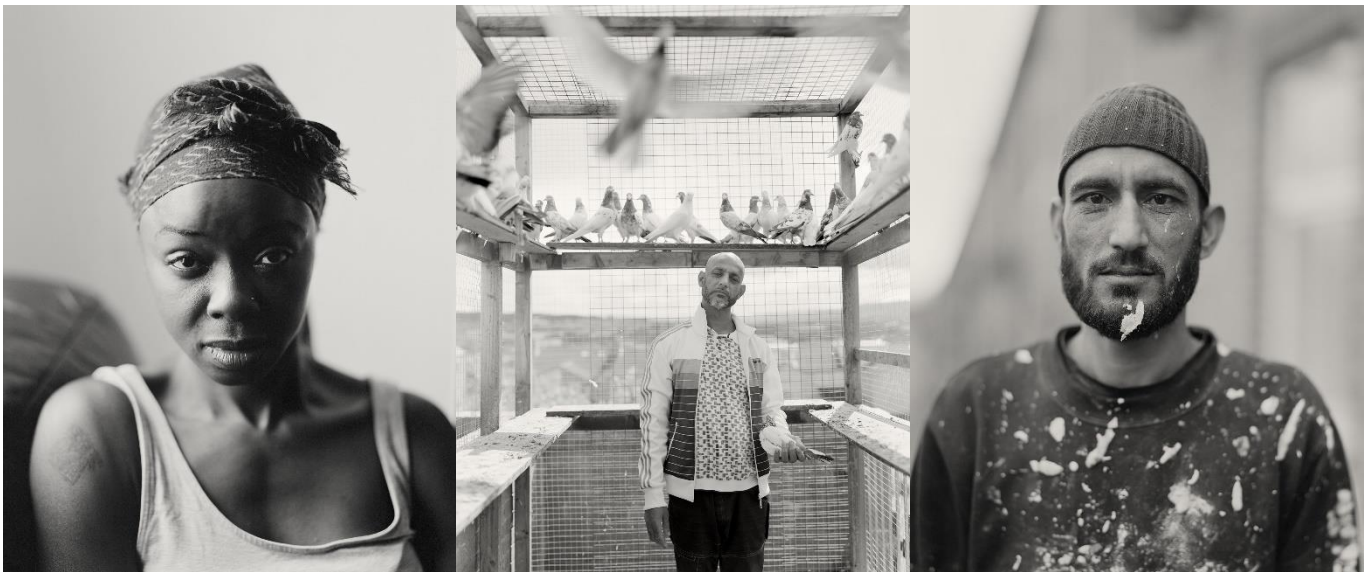


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OVERALL WINNERS 2021

PROFESSIONAL, OPEN, STUDENT AND YOUTH WINNERS ANNOUNCED



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The World Photography Organisation is delighted to announce the overall winners in the prestigious Sony World Photography Awards 2021. The *Photographer of the Year* title and accompanying \$25,000 (USD) cash prize and a range of Sony's digital imaging kit is awarded to the esteemed documentarian **Craig Easton (United Kingdom)** for his series *Bank Top*. Also announced are the ten category winners alongside 2nd and 3rd place of the Professional competition as well as overall winners of the Open, Student and Youth competitions.

Winners are revealed in a celebratory announcement video hosted by CEO of the World Photography Organisation Scott Gray and TV and radio presenter and author Konnie Huq. The video features interviews, behind-the-scenes clips and reactions from winning photographers and is available to view via worldphoto.org/ceremony-2021

Also unveiled today is a virtual exhibition of winning and finalists' work; *A Year in Photos from the Sony World Photography Awards 2021*, a specially commissioned documentary feature hosted by art historian Jacky Klein and entertainer Nish Kumar; and a free digital copy of the Sony World Photography 2021 book all available to view and download via worldphoto.org/announcement-2021

Bank Top, a collaboration with writer and academic Abdul Aziz Hafiz, examines the representation and misrepresentation of communities in northern England, focusing on the tightknit neighbourhood of Bank Top in Blackburn. The project forms part of Easton's wider work in the region including *Thatcher's Children* (2nd place, Documentary Projects, 2021 Professional competition), an investigation into the chronic nature of poverty as experienced by three generations of one family; and *Sixteen* (shortlisted in the Portraiture category of the 2017 Awards), a look into the dreams, aspirations and fears of 16 year-olds from all walks of life.

Bank Top is a result of the Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery initiative *Kick Down the Barriers*, a project instigated in response to media reports portraying the town as 'the most segregated in Britain'.

Seeking to challenge this narrative, the museum invited artists and writers to collaborate with residents of various neighbourhoods and create a robust and authentic representation of their communities.

Over the course of a year Easton and Hafiz worked closely with local inhabitants to explore their stories and experiences through a series of black & white portraits and accompanying texts. These highlight issues around social deprivation, housing, unemployment, immigration and representation, as well as the impact of past and present foreign policy. Their work counters simplistic generalisations and aims to provide context as to how these communities came together and a better understanding of how they thrive together now.

Mike Trow, Chair of the 2021 Professional competition says: "What is so impressive about this project is the intent, dedication and understanding Craig brings to it. He has worked closely with the writer Abdul Aziz Hafiz to create a complete piece, tacitly acknowledging that for a project as sensitive as this words matter. These are not people who necessarily asked to be photographed but Craig gained their trust. They look frankly to camera and we see a mutual understanding between documenter and subject. It is the moral weight behind this work that makes it so important and deserving of this prize."

Commenting on his win Easton says: "I am delighted to have this work recognised by the Sony World Photography Awards. I photograph to learn, to try to understand and to document and share stories. It is a privilege to be able to do so and to challenge perceptions and stereotypes – something that is especially important to me. To have these stories from underrepresented or misrepresented communities in northern England where I live recognised and shared worldwide is wonderful. Thank you."

PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY WINNERS

Winning photographers in the Professional competition have been selected by a panel of expert judges for submitting an outstanding body of work of five to ten images, ranging from stories of local importance to issues of global significance, quiet moments of resilience to creative brilliance and playfulness. All category winners receive Sony's digital imaging kit. This year's winners are:

ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

WINNER: Tomáš Vocelka (Czech Republic) for his series *Eternal Hunting Grounds*

Finalists: 2nd place Frank Machalowski (Germany); 3rd place Gu Guanghui (China Mainland)

CREATIVE

WINNER: Mark Hamilton Gruchy (United Kingdom) for his series *The Moon Revisited*

Finalists: 2nd place Luigi Bussolati (Italy); 3rd place Sasha Bauer (Russian Federation)

DOCUMENTARY PROJECTS

WINNER: Vito Fusco (Italy) for his series *The Killing Daisy*

Finalists: 2nd place Craig Easton (United Kingdom); 3rd place Lorenzo Tugnoli (Italy)

ENVIRONMENT

WINNER: Simone Tramonte (Italy) for his series *Net-zero Transition*

Finalists: 2nd place Mohammad Madadi (Islamic Republic of Iran); 3rd place Antonio Pérez (Spain)

LANDSCAPE

WINNER: Majid Hojjati (Islamic Republic of Iran) for his series *Silent Neighborhoods*

Finalists: 2nd place Andrea Ferro (Italy); 3rd place Fyodor Savintsev (Russian Federation)

PORTFOLIO

WINNER: Laura Pannack (United Kingdom) for her submission *Portfolio Overview*

Finalists: 2nd place Brais Lorenzo (Spain); 3rd place Loli Laboureau (Argentina)

PORTRAITURE

WINNER: Craig Easton (United Kingdom) for his series *Bank Top*

Finalists: 2nd place Julia Fullerton-Batten (United Kingdom); 3rd place Jane Hilton (United Kingdom)

SPORT

WINNER: Anas Alkharboutli (Syrian Arab Republic) for his series *Sport and Fun Instead of War and Fear*

Finalists: 2nd place Patrick Meinhardt (Spain); 3rd place Farzam Saleh (Islamic Republic Of Iran)

STILL LIFE

WINNER: Peter Eleveld (Netherlands) for his series *Still Life Composition, Shot on Wet Plate*

Finalists: 2nd place Alessandro Pollio (Italy); 3rd place Paloma Rincon (Spain)

WILDLIFE & NATURE:

WINNER: Luis Tato (Spain) for his series *Locust Invasion in East Africa*

Finalists: 2nd place Graeme Purdy (United Kingdom); 3rd place Angel Fitor (Spain)

To find out more about this year's winning and finalist projects please visit our [online winners galleries](#)

OPEN PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

The Open competition celebrates the power of single images. Winning photographs are selected for their ability to communicate a remarkable visual narrative combined with technical excellence. Chosen from ten Open category winners, **Tamary Kudita (Zimbabwe)** is *Open Photographer of the Year 2021* and the recipient of the \$5,000 (USD) cash prize, Sony's digital imaging equipment and global exposure.

Kudita won for her outstanding portrait *African Victorian* submitted to the Creative category. The photograph depicts a young black woman dressed in a Victorian dress and holding traditional Shona cooking utensils. The image probes at stereotypical contextualising of the black female body and offers an alternative visual language through which a multifaceted African identity is presented.

Speaking of her win Kudita says: *'African Victorian pays tribute to the contemporary being who is also rooted in history. I am deeply honoured to have been chosen as the winner of the Open competition. This award is a testament to the role we play as creators in shaping visual culture. A central notion in my work is the importance of African representation and I am thankful to have received the opportunity to put Zimbabwean art on the map.'*

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Coenraad Heinz Torlage (South Africa) of the Stellenbosch Academy of Design and Photography has been awarded *Student Photographer of the Year 2021*, winning €30,000 worth of Sony photography equipment for his institution. Torlage was chosen for his series *Young Farmers*, created in response to the brief *Our Time* which asked students to depict the way they and their contemporaries see the world and how they plan to change it for the better. In *Young Farmers* Torlage, who grew up on a farm himself, set out to photograph the next generation of farmers as they face challenges concerning severe droughts, safety and debates around land ownership alongside their contributions towards a fairer and more equitable future of sustainability and food security.

Commenting on his win Torlage says: *"I have been through an experience that is almost impossible to describe. I often dreamt of winning and prayed that I could share my country and the amazing people in it with the world. I believe in the young farmers of South Africa which this country needs in terms of food sustainability and ecological awareness. Winning is a dream made possible by the amazing people that I photographed and everyone who helped and supported me. I believe in hard work, family and most of all the grace of God. I am truly humbled that my images could even be considered for such a prestigious competition."*

YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Selected from six category winners, **Pubarun Basu (India, 19 years-old)** has won *Youth Photographer of the Year 2021* for his image *No Escape from Reality*. In the photograph the shadows of railings projected onto curtains create the illusion of cage bars from behind which a pair of hands is seen as if trying to break through. The illusion of shadows and hands gesture convey a sense of entrapment shared by so many across the world this past year. For his win Basu receives Sony's digital imaging kit and global exposure.

Commenting on his win Basu says: *"I am incredibly humbled to have been announced as the Youth Photographer of the Year. Participating in this competition has given me a fresh perspective on my art. I have seen some extraordinary photographs by my fellow youth photographers from around the world, and I take immense pride in the fact that my generation has such brilliant minds. I aspire to improve myself as an artist and would like to express my gratitude to my friends and family for always encouraging me to go the extra mile."*

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY

This year's *Outstanding Contribution to Photography* has been awarded to the acclaimed Mexican photographic artist **Graciela Iturbide**. Widely recognised as Latin America's greatest living photographer, Iturbide's work offers a photographic account of Mexico since the late 1970s and is celebrated for its defining contribution to the country's visual identity. In images of everyday life and its culture alongside

those of ritual and religion, Iturbide's work explores her country's many complexities and contradictions, questioning its inequalities and highlighting the tensions between the urban and rural, modern and indigenous. Her photographs go beyond straight documentary narratives and aim to provide a poetic vision of their subjects informed by the photographer's personal experiences and journey.

NEW IMAGES BY ALL WINNERS, FINALISTS AND STUDENT SHORTLIST ARE NOW AVAILABLE VIA:
www.worldphoto.org/press

PROFESSIONAL COMPETITION 2021 WINNERS AND SHORTLIST

ARCHITECTURE:

Category Winner:

Tomáš Vocelka, Czech Republic
2nd place: Frank Machalowski, Germany
3rd place: Gu Guanghui, China Mainland

Shortlist:

Leonardo Costa Braga, Brazil
Peter Franck, Germany
Arvind Jayashankar, Belgium
Luca Locatelli, Italy
Karin Nützi-Weisz, Switzerland

ENVIRONMENT:

Category Winner:

Simone Tramonte, Italy
2nd place: Mohammad Madadi, Islamic Republic of Iran
3rd place: Antonio Pérez, Spain

Shortlist:

Felipe Fittipaldi, Brazil
Antonio Faccilongo, Italy
Alessandro Gandolfi, Italy
Li Wentao, China Mainland

PORTFOLIO:

Category Winner:

Laura Pannack, United Kingdom
2nd place: Brais Lorenzo, Spain
3rd place: Loli Laboureau, Argentina

Shortlist:

Sergio Aparicio - OKOBÉ, Spain
Jacob Ehrbahn, Denmark
Alessandro Gandolfi, Italy
Ilka & Franz, Germany
Peter Franck, Germany
Kayode Moyosade, Nigeria
Marylise Vigneau, France

CREATIVE:

Category Winner:

Mark Hamilton Gruchy, United Kingdom
2nd place: Luigi Bussolati, Italy
3rd place: Sasha Bauer, Russian Federation

Shortlist:

Andrea Alkalay, Argentina
Delphine Blast, France
Ilka & Franz, Germany
Julia Keil, Germany
Kyung-Hoon Kim, South Korea
Niloofar Mahmoudian, Islamic Republic of Iran
Michelle Watt, United States

LANDSCAPE:

Category Winner:

Majid Hojjati, Islamic Republic of Iran
2nd place: Andrea Ferro, Italy
3rd place: Fyodor Savintsev, Russian Federation

Shortlist:

Niklas Eschenmoser, Switzerland
Mehrdad Fathi, Islamic Republic of Iran
Samad Ghorbanzadeh, Islamic Republic of Iran
Carol Graham, United Kingdom
Marvin Grey, Philippines
Marc Hennige, Germany

SPORT:

Category Winner:

Anas Alkharboutli, Syria
2nd place: Patrick Meinhardt, Spain
3rd place: Farzam Saleh, Islamic Republic of Iran

Shortlist:

Anton Dotsenko, United States
Florian Gruet, France
Michael Hanke, Czech Republic
Carlos López, Spain
Barbora Reichova, Czech Republic
Antonio Aragón Renuncio, Spain

DOCUMENTARY PROJECTS:

Category Winner:

Vito Fusco, Italy
2nd place: Craig Easton, United Kingdom
3rd place: Lorenzo Tugnoli, Italy

Shortlist:

Marcos Azulay, Argentina
Ingmar Björn Nolting, Germany
Justyna Gorniak, Poland
Tomasz Lazar, Poland
Jose Manuel Lopez, Spain
Agnieszka Maruszczuk, Poland
Alexey Pavlov, Russian Federation

PORTRAITURE:

Overall Winner:

Craig Easton, United Kingdom
2nd place: Julia Fullerton-Batten, United Kingdom
3rd place: Jane Hilton, United Kingdom

Shortlist:

Richard Ansett, United Kingdom
Theo Gould, United Kingdom
Christian Lee, United States
John Millar, United Kingdom
Agnese Morganti, Italy
Luca Rotondo, Italy

STILL LIFE:

Category Winner:

Peter Eleveld, The Netherlands
2nd place: Alessandro Pollio, Italy
3rd place: Paloma Rincon, Spain

Shortlist:

Wesley Dombrecht, Belgium
Igor Kryukov, Russian Federation
Maryna Masel, Ukraine
Lorenzo Pennati, Italy
Jan Prengel, Germany
Berenice Riu, Spain

WILDLIFE & NATURE:

Category Winner:

Luis Tato, Spain
2nd place: Graeme Purdy, United Kingdom
3rd place: Angel Fitor, Spain

Shortlist:

Levon Biss, United Kingdom
Will Burrard-Lucas, United Kingdom
Aleksander Nordahl, Norway
Brent Stirton, South Africa

OPEN COMPETITION 2021 CATEGORY WINNERS AND SHORTLIST

ARCHITECTURE:

Category Winner:

Klaus Lenzen, Germany

Shortlist:

Farshid Ahmadpour, Islamic Republic of Iran
Abdulla Al-Mushaifri, Oman
Steffen Ebert, Germany
Simone Hutsch, Germany
Vytenis Jankūnas, United States
Klaus Lenzen, Germany
Kunkun Liu, China Mainland
Aleksandr Lefler, Russian Federation
Jordan McChesney, Canada
Vitaly Medvedev, Russian Federation
Da Miane, Georgia
Jose Pessoa Neto, Portugal
Holger Ostwald, Germany
Ashwani Sarda, India

CREATIVE:

Overall Winner:

Tamary Kudita, Zimbabwe

Shortlist:

Edita Bízová, Czech Republic
Tatenda Chidora, Zimbabwe
Maximilien Diaz, France
Vyacheslav Ivanov, Russian Federation
Ali Jamshidi, Islamic Republic of Iran
Joosep Kivimäe, Estonia
Angiolo Manetti, Italy
Jarod Mauws, Belgium
Alireza Movahedi, Islamic Republic of Iran
Hojje Nuuter, Estonia
Nara O'Neil, Australia
Jing Shen, China Mainland
George Shpuntov, Russian Federation
Kylli Sparre, Estonia

LANDSCAPE:

Category Winner:

Juan López Ruiz, Spain

Shortlist:

Luca Donegani, Italy
Kevin Frank, Switzerland
Jinjing Lyu, China Mainland
Joaquin Marco, Spain
Andrea Ortiz Diaz, Colombia
Mehdi Parsaeian, Islamic Republic of Iran
Lorenzo Poli, Italy
Scott Portelli, Australia
James Rushforth, United Kingdom
Hans Kristian Strand, Norway
Markus Wiedmann, Germany
Parker Yost, United States

LIFESTYLE:

Category Winner:

Mariano Belmar, Spain

Shortlist:

Antonino Barone, Italy
Isabela Teresa Basilio Neri, Brazil
Gemma Brunton, United Kingdom
Holger Bücken, Germany
Stefano Butturini, Italy
Aimee Glucina, New Zealand
Michail Karagiannis, Greece
Hamed Rahmati, Islamic Republic of Iran
Alexey Tsiler, Russian Federation
Brad Walls, Australia

PORTRAITURE:

Category Winner:

Lyudmila Sabanina, Russian Federation

Shortlist:

Frederic Aranda, United Kingdom
Shirsendu Banerjee, India
Paul Benns, United Kingdom
Bella von Einsiedel, Germany
Reinis Fjodorovs, Latvia
Sabbir Hossen, Bangladesh
Zeng Jinwen, China Mainland
Heun Jung Kim, South Korea
Justin Keene, United Kingdom
King Mtambisi, Zimbabwe
Rhianna Payne, United Kingdom
Jose Pessoa Neto, Portugal
Elif Öztürk, Turkey
Mireia Vilaplana, Spain

MOTION:

Category Winner:

Marijo Maduna, Croatia

Shortlist:

Sandi Bertoncej, Slovenia
Hersley-Ven Casero, The Philippines
Serkan Çolak, Turkey
Tadiwanashe Murowe, Zimbabwe
Mary Nhoileen Maypa, The Philippines
Ruud Peters, The Netherlands
Daniel Portch, United Kingdom
Zdeněk Vošický, Czech Republic
Brad Walls, Australia
Xianshe Ye, China Mainland

OBJECT:

Category Winner:

Kata Zih, Hungary

Shortlist:

Steve Chandler, United Kingdom
Christian Holz, Argentina
Uwe Langmann, Germany
Klaus Lenzen, Germany
Agata Mroczek, Poland
Paolo Paccagnella, Italy
Stefan Pankow, United Kingdom
Ann Petruckevitch, United Kingdom
Manuel Schmidt, Germany
Masumi Shiohara, Japan

TRAVEL:

Category Winner:

Khanh Phan, Vietnam

Shortlist:

Marios Forsos, Greece
Alexis Guevara, Mexico
Graeme Haunholter, Canada
Martina Lo Casto, Italy
Rune Mattsson, Norway
Hiroki Nose, Japan
Yukihito Ono, Japan
Franz Sußbauer, Germany
F.Dilek Uyar, Turkey
Min Min Zaw, Myanmar

NATURAL WORLD & WILDLIFE:

Category Winner:

Cristo Pihlamäe, Estonia

Shortlist:

Hin Man Au, Hong Kong
Amish Chhagan, Zambia
Yuta Doto, Japan
Arturo de Frias, Spain
Tatyana Nemova, Russian Federation
Alex Pansier, The Netherlands
Alexandre Pietra, Switzerland
Mati Puum, Estonia
Inger Rønnefelt, Denmark
Koki Shinoda, Japan
Andrew Suryono, Indonesia
Iakovos Theodoros, Greece

STREET PHOTOGRAPHY:

Category Winner:

F.Dilek Uyar, Turkey

Shortlist:

Dina Alfasi, Israel
Dimpy Bhalotia, India
David Keith Brown, United States
Gary Cummins, Ireland
Ramunas Danisevicius, Lithuania
Basu Deb, India
Tommaso Galli, Italy
Vytenis Jankūnas, United States
Ares Jonekson, Indonesia
Bartłomiej Jurecki, Poland
Tomasz Kowalski, Poland
Francesco Lopazio, Italy
Zhang Weijian, China Mainland
Soemyint Winn, Myanmar

YOUTH COMPETITION 2021

STUDENT COMPETITION 2021

Overall Winner:

Pubarun Basu, India

Shortlist:

Zak Elley, UK

Emil Holthausen, Germany

Ram Kaushalyan, India

Connor Lothian, UK

Tianyang Wang, China Mainland

Overall Winner:

Coenraad Heinz Torlage, South Africa

Stellenbosch Academy of Design and Photography

Shortlist:

Claudia Mauderer, South Africa

Stellenbosch Academy of Design and Photography

Yanan Li, China Mainland

University of Science and Technology of China

Matías Alejandro Acuña, Argentina

Motivarte

Thomas Hengge, USA

New York University

Irene Facchetti, Italy

Cfp Bauer

Tayla Nebesky, USA

University of the West of England

Hannah Davey, New Zealand

Elam School of Fine Arts

Matias Garcia Paez, Ecuador

Ravensbourne University London

YOUTH & STUDENT COMPETITIONS 2021 WINNERS AND SHORTLIST

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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 14th 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, Mary Ellen Mark, Candida Hofer and Nadav Kander. www.worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards

2021 JUDGES :

Professional competition: **Natasha Egan**, Executive Director, Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago; **Sunyoung Kim**, Curator, Museum of Photography Seoul, South Korea; **Azu Nwagbogu**, Founder and Director, African Artists' Foundation and LagosPhoto Festival; **Lindsay Taylor**, Curator, University of Salford Art Collection; **Hannah Watson**, Director, Trolley Books; and **Mike Trow**, Independent Curator and Photo Editor, Chair of the Jury.

Open & Youth competitions: **Gastón Deleau**, Director, FOLA, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Student competition: **Kate Simpson**, Associate Editor, Aesthetica Magazine.

A YEAR IN PHOTOS

Presented by British art historian **Jacky Klein** and entertainer **Nish Kumar**, *A Year in Photos from the Sony World*

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competitions. Including interviews and behind-the-scenes footage with distinguished photographers, rising talents and industry leading experts, this one hour feature takes viewers on a journey across the globe to explore powerful contemporary stories and artistic excellence.

From a locust infestation in East Africa to a centuries old photo-making technique in the Netherlands and moving portraits of resilience in Syria, the film offers insight into practices and projects by some of the most interesting photographic chroniclers, interpreters and artists working internationally today.

This new specially commissioned documentary is available to watch from 5pm BST/ 6pm CET via www.worldphoto.org/yearinphotos

CRAIG EASTON

Photographer of the Year

Craig Easton is an international multi award-winning photographer whose work is deeply rooted in the documentary tradition. He shoots long-term documentary projects exploring issues around social policy, identity and a sense of place. His work mixes portraiture, landscape and reportage approaches to storytelling, often working collaboratively with others to incorporate words, pictures and audio in a research-based practice that weaves a narrative between contemporary experience and history. www.craigeaston.com

TAMARY KUDITA

Open Photographer of the Year

A product of dual heritage, Tamary Kudita was born in Zimbabwe whilst her ancestry can be traced back to Orange Free State, historical Boer state in Southern Africa. She chose to study fine art at Michaelis School of Fine Art at the University of Cape Town. There, she graduated in 2017 with a bachelor of fine arts. Subsequently, she established herself in fine art photography. She maintains an active studio practice and has exhibited in Zimbabwe and outside the country. www.instagram.com/africatotheworldzw

COENRAAD HEINZ TORLAGE

Student Photographer of the Year

Currently in his final year of studies at the Stellenbosch Academy, Coenraad Heinz Torlage aspires to share South African perspectives within a global sensibility. The South African narrative is visually strong, culturally complex and Torlage sees it as his mission to tell these stories truthfully through the lens of his camera. www.torlages.co.za

PUBARUN BASU

Youth Photographer of the Year

Pubarun Basu first started taking pictures at the age 4 and has since continued to nurture his love for the visual and performing arts. It was only at the age of 15 that he finally received his father's permission to use his full frame DSLR and have never spent a day not clicking or editing pictures since. He aspires to tell stories from around the globe through his art. www.instagram.com/pubarun.basu

GRACIELA ITURBIE

Outstanding Contribution to Photography

Graciela Iturbide was born in Mexico City. In 1969 she enrolled to the Film Center of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico but she was soon drawn to the art of still photography as practiced by the Mexican modernist master Manuel Alvarez Bravo who was her teacher. From 1970-71 she worked as Bravo's assistant accompanying him on his various photographic journeys throughout Mexico. Graciela Iturbide has had exhibitions at most important museums in Mexico, USA and Europe. She has received international awards such as, W. Eugene Smith Prize; the first prize for the Mois de la Photographie in Paris; the Hugo-Erfurth in Leverkusen, Germany; the First Prize in Hokkaido, Japan; The Prize from the City of Arles, France; the Guggenheim Fellowship; the Hasselblad Award in 2008; the National Prize of Sciences and Arts in Mexico in 2009; and the Infinity given by the International Center of Photography in 2015. Many books of her work have been published in different countries. www.gracielaiturbide.org

ABOUT WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY ORGANISATION

The **World** Photography Organisation is a global platform for photography initiatives. Working across up to 220 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 globe. The World Photography Organisation hosts a year-round portfolio of events including the Sony World Photography Awards, one of the world's leading photography competitions, and PHOTOFAIRS, leading international art fairs dedicated to photography. For more details see worldphoto.org. Follow the World Photography Organisation on Instagram (@worldphotoorg), Twitter (@WorldPhotoOrg) and LinkedIn/Facebook (World Photography Organisation). Our hashtags to follow are #sonyworldphotographyawards #swpa #swpanews.

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