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NATIONAL AWARDS 2022
WINNERS ACROSS 62 COUNTRIES ANNOUNCED

EXHIBITION: 13 APRIL – 2 MAY 2022 | SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON



The World Photography Organisation is delighted to reveal the National Award winners for the Sony World Photography Awards 2022.

The National Awards program is an initiative set up by the World Photography Organisation and Sony to support local photographic communities around the world, with 62 countries taking part this year.

Over 340,000 images from 211 territories were submitted to the Sony World Photography Awards 2022 and over 170,000 were entered to the Open competition (from which the National Awards winner was selected).

New to this year's Awards is the Latin America National Awards initiative. Set up by the World Photography Organisation and Sony Latin America this new format shines a spotlight on the region's vibrant and varied photographic community. Looking at talents from across Central America, South America and Mexico the Latin American National Awards rewards first, second and third place and a shortlist of six photographers.

All National Award winners receive Sony digital imaging equipment and will be included in the Sony World Photography Awards exhibition and book.

The overall winners in the Student, Youth, Open and Professional competition of the Sony World Photography Awards 2022 will be announced on the 12 April 2022 and will go on display as part of the exhibition at Somerset House, London (13 April-2 May 2022). For more information about winners and shortlists please visit www.worldphoto.org

This year's National Awards winners are:

Austria – Sonja Ivancsics	Republic of Korea – Wonyoung Choi, Winner	South Africa – Tshabalala Bongani
Bangladesh – Kazi Arifuzzaman	Republic of Korea – Wookeun Choi, 2nd Place	Spain – Mariano Belmar Torrecilla
Belgium – Mathis Vandermeeren	Republic of Korea – Jung Woon Park, 3rd Place	Sri Lanka – Uditha Prabhasha Dharmarathna
Bulgaria – Minko Mihaylov	Latvia – Viktors Rimarevs	Sweden – Peter Angvarson
Cambodia – Sean Channal	Lithuania – Virginija Mureikienė	Switzerland – Tinu Müller
Croatia – Majda Pavlekovic	Malaysia – Yih Chang Chew	Taiwan – Chihao Wang
Czech Republic – Martina Dimunova	Myanmar – Swe Tun	Thailand – Kunuch Chutmongkolporn
Denmark – Sussi Charlotte Alminde	Nepal – Dikpal Thapa	Turkey – Cigdem Ayyildiz
Egypt – Sherif Salem	Netherlands – Harrie Coehorst	United Arab Emirates – Salem Alsawafi
Estonia – Raido Nurk	Nigeria – Samakinwa Emmanuel Temitope	United States – Jenny Zhao
Finland – Damon Beckford	Norway – Hans Kristian Strand	Vietnam – Thanh Nguyen Phuc
France – Patrick Bosc	Pakistan – Yawar Abbas	
Germany – Frank Loddenkemper	Philippines – Mariah Zamora	
Greece – Foteini Zaglora	Poland – Marcin Giba	
Hungary – Edina Csoboth	Portugal – Jose Pessoa Neto	
Iceland – Viktor Einar Vilhelmsson	Qatar – Amal Prasad	
India – Haider Khan	Romania – Teodor Toma	
Indonesia – Metha Meiryana	Russian Federation – Marianna Smolina	
Italy – Antonino Pellicano	Saudi Arabia – Mazin Alhassan	
Japan – Kaoru Sugiyama, Winner	Serbia – Vladimir Zivojinovic	
Japan – Yasuhiro Takachi, 2nd Place	Singapore – Chin Leong Teo	
Japan – Mitsuhiro Okabe, 3rd Place	Slovakia – Filip Hrebenda	
Kuwait – Mohammad Mirza	Slovenia – Matjaž Šimic	

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Colombia – Bernardo del Cristo Hernandez Sierra, Winner
Argentina – Gonzalo Javier Santile, 2nd Place
Peru – Pedro Jarque Krebs, 3rd Place
Bolivia – Paola Lambertin Murillo
Chile – Oscar Seguel
Costa Rica – Juan Carlos Rodriguez
Ecuador – Joel Alonso Rodríguez
Guatemala – Juan Pablo Méndez Garzona
Mexico – Sergio Carrasco

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ABOUT SONY WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Established 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 15th year, the free-to-enter Awards are a global voice for photography, providing a vital insight into contemporary photography and offering leading and emerging artists world-class opportunities for exposure of their work. The Awards additionally recognises the world's most influential artists working in the medium through the *Outstanding Contribution to Photography*; the acclaimed Canadian photographer Edward Burtynsky is the 2022 recipient of this award joining a distinguished list of iconic names including Martin Parr, William Eggleston, Candida Hofer, Nadav Kander, Gerhard Steidl, Graciela Iturbide. The Awards showcase the works of winning and shortlisted photographers at a prestigious annual exhibition at Somerset House, London. worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards-exhibition

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