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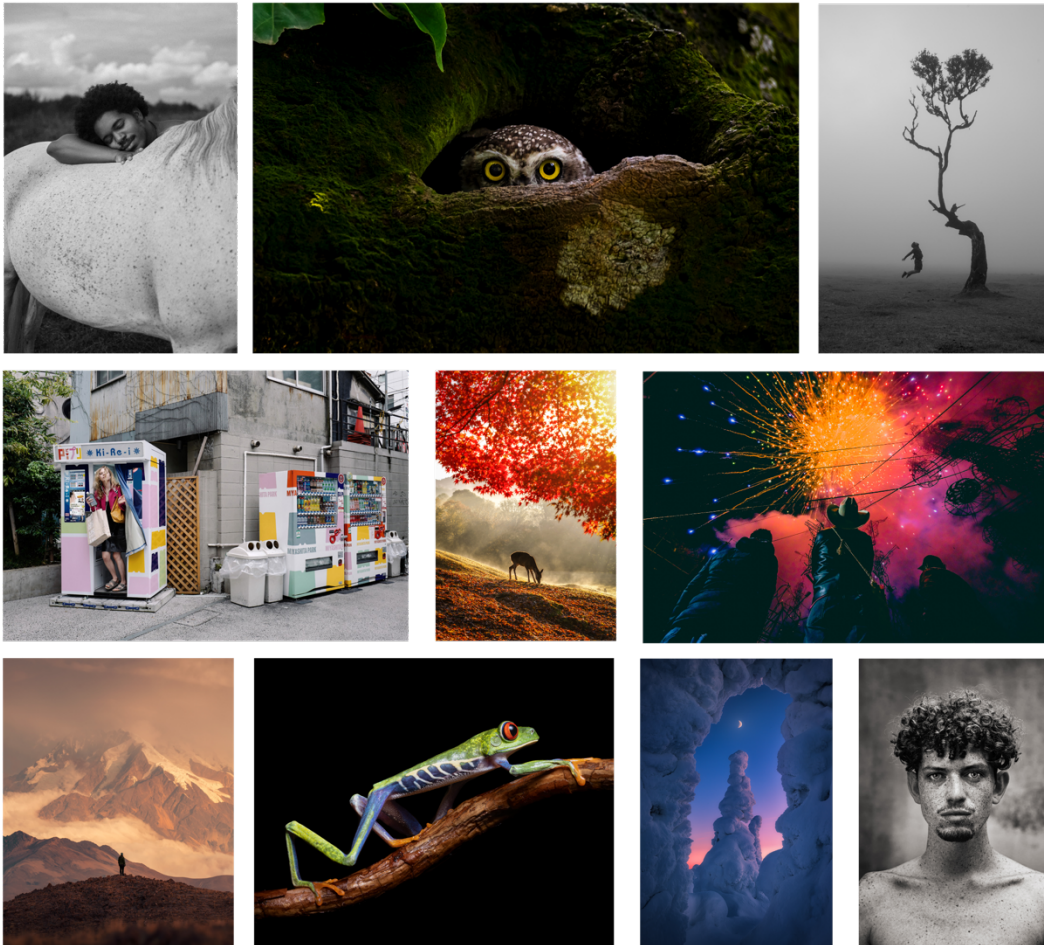


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NATIONAL AWARDS 2023

WINNERS ACROSS 55 COUNTRIES ANNOUNCED

EXHIBITION: 14 APRIL – 1 MAY 2023 | SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON



The World Photography Organisation is delighted to reveal the National Award winners for the Sony World Photography Awards 2023.

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 55 countries taking part this year.

Over 415,000 images from over 200 countries and territories were submitted to the Sony World Photography Awards 2023 and over 200,000 were entered to the Open competition (from which the National Awards winner was selected).

New to this year's Awards are four new Regional Awards set up by the World Photography Organisation and Sony Europe. The new Awards spotlight the breadth of photographic talent from a range of countries across Europe and are divided into four categories: the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, the Romania & Moldova Regional Award; the Latvia, Estonia & Lithuania Regional Award; the Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Bosnia & Herzegovina Regional Award; and the Cyprus, Greece, Bulgaria & North Macedonia Regional Award.

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 competitions of the Sony World Photography Awards 2023 will be announced on 13 April 2023 and will go on display as part of the exhibition at Somerset House, London (14 April-1 May 2023). For more information about upcoming announcements and winners please visit www.worldphoto.org

This year's National Awards winners are:

Austria – Fabian Jung	Republic of Korea – Gyu Seob Shim, Winner	Qatar – Abdulla AL-Mushaifri
Bangladesh – Protap Shekhor Mohanto	Republic of Korea – Kyujin Jeong, 2 nd Place	Saudi Arabia – Mansoor Mohsen
Cambodia – Chan Sithy Heng	Republic of Korea – Lee Jongkee, 3 rd Place	Singapore – Huazheng Hong
Egypt – Abdelrahman Gabr	Kuwait – Adil Javed	South Africa – Tshabalala Bongani
France – Samia Berbiche	Malaysia – Eng Tong Tan	Sri Lanka – Rajeev Abeysekara
Germany – Andreas Mikonauschke	Myanmar – Si Thu Ye Myint	Switzerland – Sandra Handschin
India – Pradeep Kodimana Ramakrishnan	Nepal – Rabik Upadhyay	Taiwan – Leo Huang
Indonesia – Mawaruddin Mawaruddin	Nigeria – Nukabari Opuama	Thailand – Saravut Vanset
Japan – Hajime Hirano, Winner	Pakistan – Yawar Abbas	Turkey – Erhan Coral
Japan – Kazutoshi Ono, 2 nd Place	Philippines – Donell Gumiran	United Arab Emirates – Oday Shanshal
Japan – Takahiro Toh, 3 rd Place	Poland – Mateusz Żurowski	United States – Angela Perez
		Vietnam – Thiện Nguyễn Ngọc

EUROPEAN REGIONAL AWARDS

Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania & Moldova:

Cristina Băzăr (Romania), Winner
Ivana Dostálová (Czech Republic), Shortlist
Dávid Balogh (Hungary), Shortlist
Maria Guțu (Moldova), Shortlist
Filip Hrebenda (Slovakia), Shortlist

Latvia, Estonia & Lithuania:

Milda Vysniauskaite (Lithuania), Winner
Uku Sööt (Estonia), Shortlist
Niks Freimanis (Latvia), Shortlist

Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Bosnia & Herzegovina:

Roberto Pavić (Croatia), Winner
Armin Durgut (Bosnia & Herzegovina), Shortlist
Suer Celina (Kosovo), Shortlist
Ivana Todorović (Montenegro), Shortlist
Vladimir Zivojinovic (Serbia), Shortlist
Andrej Tarfila (Slovenia), Shortlist

Cyprus, Greece, Bulgaria & North Macedonia:

Sima Bivolarska-Stoyanova (Bulgaria), Winner
Elena Georgiou (Cyprus), Shortlist
Alexandros Othonos (Greece), Shortlist
Vlatko Rafeski (North Macedonia), Shortlist

LATIN AMERICA NATIONAL AWARDS

Mexico – Pável Vélez, Winner
Ecuador – Kevin Moncayo, 2nd Place
Peru – Alejandra del Carmen Elías Zambrano, 3rd Place
Argentina – Solange Avena
Bolivia – Reynaldo San Martín

Chile – Oscar Seguel Mangiola
Colombia – Hernan Jaramillo
Costa Rica – Manuel Rodríguez
Guatemala – Andres Novales

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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 16th 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 renowned Japanese photographer Rinko Kawauchi is the 2023 recipient of this award, joining a distinguished list of iconic names including Martin Parr, William Eggleston, Candida Hofer, Nadav Kander, Gerhard Steidl, Edward Burtynsky and 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

ABOUT WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY ORGANISATION

World Photography Organisation is a leading global platform dedicated to the development and advancement of photographic culture. Its programming and competition initiatives provide valuable opportunities for artists working in photography and help broaden the conversation around their work. The Sony World Photography Awards is World Photography Organisation's principal programme. Established in 2007, it is one of the world's biggest and most prestigious photography competitions; celebrating the work of leading and emerging practitioners and attracting tens of thousands of visitors annually to its exhibitions worldwide. World Photography Organisation is the photography strand of Creo, responsible for delivering initiatives and programming across three sectors: photography, film and contemporary art. Follow the World Photography Organisation on Instagram ([@worldphotoorg](https://www.instagram.com/worldphotoorg)), Twitter ([@WorldPhotoOrg](https://twitter.com/WorldPhotoOrg)) and LinkedIn/Facebook ([World Photography Organisation](https://www.facebook.com/WorldPhotographyOrganisation)). Our hashtags to follow are #sonyworldphotographyawards #swpa #swpanews.

CREO

Creo initiates and organises events and programming across three key strands: photography, film and contemporary art. Established in 2007 as World Photography Organisation, Creo has since grown in scope, furthering its mission of developing meaningful opportunities for creatives and expanding the reach of its cultural activities. Today, its flagship projects include the Sony World Photography Awards, Sony Future Filmmaker Awards, PHOTOFAIRS Shanghai, Photo London and the forthcoming PHOTOFAIRS New York (Sep 2023). Working in partnership with Angus Montgomery Arts, Creo helps deliver the group's ventures, comprising some of the world's leading art fairs. Taking its name from the Latin for 'I create', it is in this spirit that Creo sets out to empower and give agency to creative voices. www.creoarts.com

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