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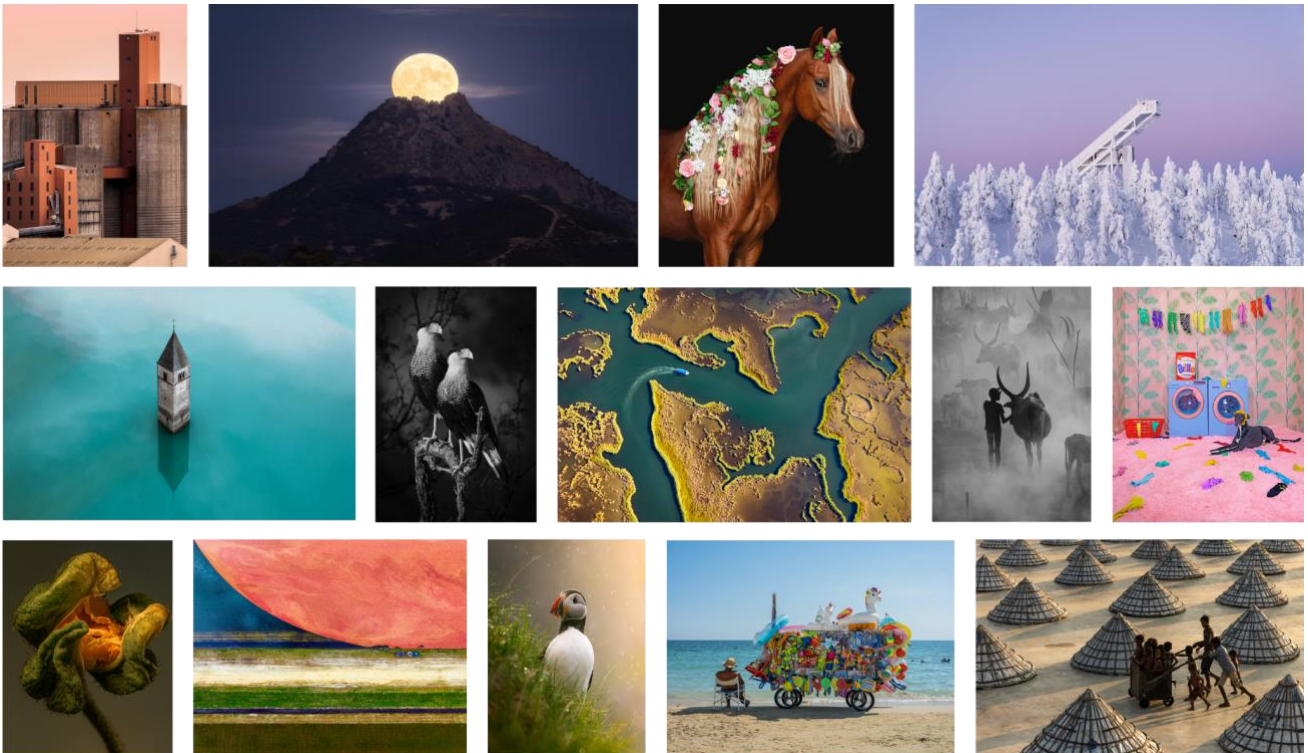
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OPEN COMPETITION 2023

CATEGORY WINNERS & SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED

EXHIBITION: 14 APRIL - 1 MAY 2023 | 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 2023, recognising the best single shots from 2022.

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 into the Open competition. Each 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 **13 April**. Selected winning and shortlisted images will be shown as part of the Sony World Photography Awards exhibition at Somerset House from **14 April-1 May 2023**.

The ten category winners are:

ARCHITECTURE

Mark Benham (United Kingdom) for *The Silos*, a collage-like image of silos and surrounding buildings in eye-catching rosy hues at the Port of Brest in France.

CREATIVE

Boris Eldagsen (Germany) for *PSEUDOMNESIA | The Electrician*, a haunting black-and-white portrait of two women from different generations, reminiscent of the visual language of 1940s family portraits.

LANDSCAPE

Giorgos Rousopoulos (Greece) for his image of a Greek mountain landscape featuring a hiker climbing up Mount Tymfi, standing majestically in the background and overlooking Pindus National Park.

LIFESTYLE

Azim Khan Ronnie (Bangladesh) for *Childhood*, capturing children weaving in and out of scores of giant cones (*topas*) in a Bangladeshi rice processing plant as they play with a cart used by workers to carry and dry rice.

MOTION

Zhenhuan Zhou (China Mainland) for *Slam on the Brakes*, capturing a cowgirl in a barrel racing competition in Ontario, Canada. In these competitions, cowgirls ride around barrels with the quickest one crowned as the winner.

NATURAL WORLD & WILDLIFE

Dinorah Graue Obscura (Mexico) for *Mighty Pair*, a black-and-white portrait taken during a trip in South Texas, featuring two crested caracara birds standing still and looking out beyond the camera in the same direction, as if posing for the photographer.

OBJECT

Mieke Douglas (Netherlands) for *Recycled*, all is not as it seems in a trompe l'oeil shot of flower-like plastic bags and tulle arranged as a bouquet, inviting us to take a second look.

PORTRAITURE

Sukhy Hullait (United Kingdom) for *Charlie*, a portrait shot centre-frame of a young teenager who, along with his friends, decided to turn an abandoned pub car park into a skatepark when most of them were closed during the pandemic.

STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

Andreas Mikonauschke (Germany) for *Exhausted*, an evocative black-and-white portrait of men at the point of exhaustion after lifting and carrying heavy wooden frames with statues showing biblical scenes through the streets of Andalusia during the traditional Easter processions of 'Semana Santa'.

TRAVEL

Max Vere-Hodge (United Kingdom) for *Ghosts*, a dramatic black-and-white photograph of the Mundari tribe of South Sudan appearing among the nightly fires they light to keep the tsetse flies and mosquitoes off their beloved Ankole-Watusi cows.

This year's Open competition was judged by **Eric Schlosser**, Art Director, Tbilisi Art Fair, Georgia.

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 from 14 April–1 May 2023. For more information about winners and shortlists please visit www.worldphoto.org

OPEN COMPETITION 2023 WINNERS AND SHORTLIST

ARCHITECTURE

Category Winner

Mark Benham, UK

Shortlist

Robert Bolton, UK
Tony Cowburn, UK
Fabio Del Ghianda, Italy
Peter Dulis, Canada
Donell Gumiran, Philippines
Yichien Lee, Taiwan
Angiolo Manetti, Italy
Desmond Chien Yew Ngu, Malaysia
Margit Lisa Roeder, Germany
Yuya Takahashi, Japan
George Turnbull, UK
Kjell Vikestad, Norway
Albrecht Voss, Germany
Beatrice Wong, Hong Kong

CREATIVE

Category Winner

Boris Eldagsen, Germany

Shortlist

Elli Asker, Azerbaijan
Nicolas Bigot, France
Hardijanto Budyman, Indonesia
Enda Burke, Ireland
Bilal EL Harousse, Morocco
Mariola Glajcar, Poland
Yi Han, China Mainland
Peter Irungu, Kenya
Richard Poe, USA
Angel Ros Die, Spain
Namukolo Siyumbwa, Zambia
Kinga Wnuk, Poland
Chenghao Zhao, China Mainland

LANDSCAPE

Category Winner

Giorgos Rousopoulos, Greece

Shortlist

Olivia Bennett, UK
Isabel Bielderman, Netherlands
Robert Bilos, Croatia
Jordi Coy, Spain
David Del Rosario Dávila, Spain
Gill Fry, Australia
Judith Kuhn, Germany
Bing Li, Canada
Roberto Pavić, Croatia
Michael Prince, USA
Martin Rak, Czech Republic
Andreja Ravnak, Slovenia
Indirani Thevar, India
Marcin Zajac, Poland

LIFESTYLE

Category Winner

Azim Khan Ronnie, Bangladesh

Shortlist

Francesco Bambi, Italy
Ruth Chamberlain, UK
Raffaella De Luise, Italy
Mohamad Ali Harisi, Lebanon
Sabbir Hossen, Bangladesh
Jessica Innemee, Netherlands
Kathryn Mussallem, Canada
Ninoshka Pais, Canada
Markus Pasa, Austria
Jean Veron, France
Zuojian Wang, China Mainland

MOTION

Category Winner

Zhenhuan Zhou, China Mainland

Shortlist

Zacarías Abad Torres, Spain
Pedro Luis Ajuriaguerra Saiz, Spain
Kristian Hvidtfeldt Buus, Denmark
Ricardo García Mainou, Mexico
Gabriel Hernandez, Spain
Leo Huang, Taiwan
Andres Moreno, Colombia
Francesco Junior Mura, Italy
Raido Nurk, Estonia
Kazutoshi Ono, Japan
Ata Ranjbar Zeydanloo, Iran, Islamic Republic Of
Martin Rickett, UK

NATURAL WORLD &

WILDLIFE

Category Winner

Dinorah Graue Obscura, Mexico

Shortlist

Vince Burton, UK
Charly Clérisse, France
Subrata Dey, Bangladesh
Patrick Ems, Switzerland
Marcio Esteves Cabral, Brazil
Mark Fitzsimmons, Australia
Pietro Formis, Italy
Jose Manuel Grandio, Spain
James Hunter, USA
Arnfinn Johansen, Norway
Andrea Michelutti, Italy
Protap Shekhor Mohanto, Bangladesh
Alex Pansier, Netherlands
Tibor Prisznyák, Hungary

OBJECT

Category Winner

Mieke Douglas, Netherlands

Shortlist

Masahiko Abe, Japan
Giuseppe Colarusso, Italy
Zeynep Demirhan, Turkey
Tim Green, UK
Andrius Kundrotas, Lithuania
Xiaoye Jin, China Mainland
Roberto Emiliano Porsella Jurado, Argentina
Masumi Shiohara, Japan
Nan Lay Thwe Oo, Myanmar
Catherine Wang, USA

PORTRAITURE

Category Winner

Sukhy Hullait, UK

Shortlist

Brian Cassey, UK
Jonathan Damslund, Denmark
Donell Gumiran, Philippines
Glenn Homann, Australia
Sandra Mickiewicz, Poland
Nukabari Opuama, Nigeria
Lukas Palatinus, Slovakia
Louis Park, New Zealand
Angela Perez, USA
Mwana Pwo, Angola
Gemma Sains, UK
Christopher Wonder, Nigeria
Mateusz Zurowski, Poland

STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

Category Winner

Andreas Mikonauschke, Germany

Shortlist

Nazly Ahmed, Sri Lanka
Stan De Zoysa, Spain
Lorenzo Grifantini, Italy
Rizwan Hasan, Bangladesh
Barbara Iwińska, Poland
Lucian Alexandru Micu, Romania
Cath Muldowney, UK
Kathryn Mussallem, Canada
Benson Spiers, UK
Chin Leong Teo, Singapore
Takahiro Toh, Japan
Ting Hao Tseng, Taiwan
Tommaso Vaccarezza, Italy
Pável Vélez, Mexico

TRAVEL

Category Winner

Max Vere-Hodge, UK

Shortlist

Pamela Chiang, Taiwan
Erhan Coral, Turkey
Tim Daniels, UK
Callie Eh, Malaysia
Marios Forsos, Greece
Takahiro Gamou, Japan
Paweł Jagiełło, Poland
Guojia Li, China Mainland
Yukihito Ono, Japan
Adrian Pearce, UK
Fabian Pfeifhofer, Italy
Ismail Serhat Sahin', Turkey
Ankur Tambde, India
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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.

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