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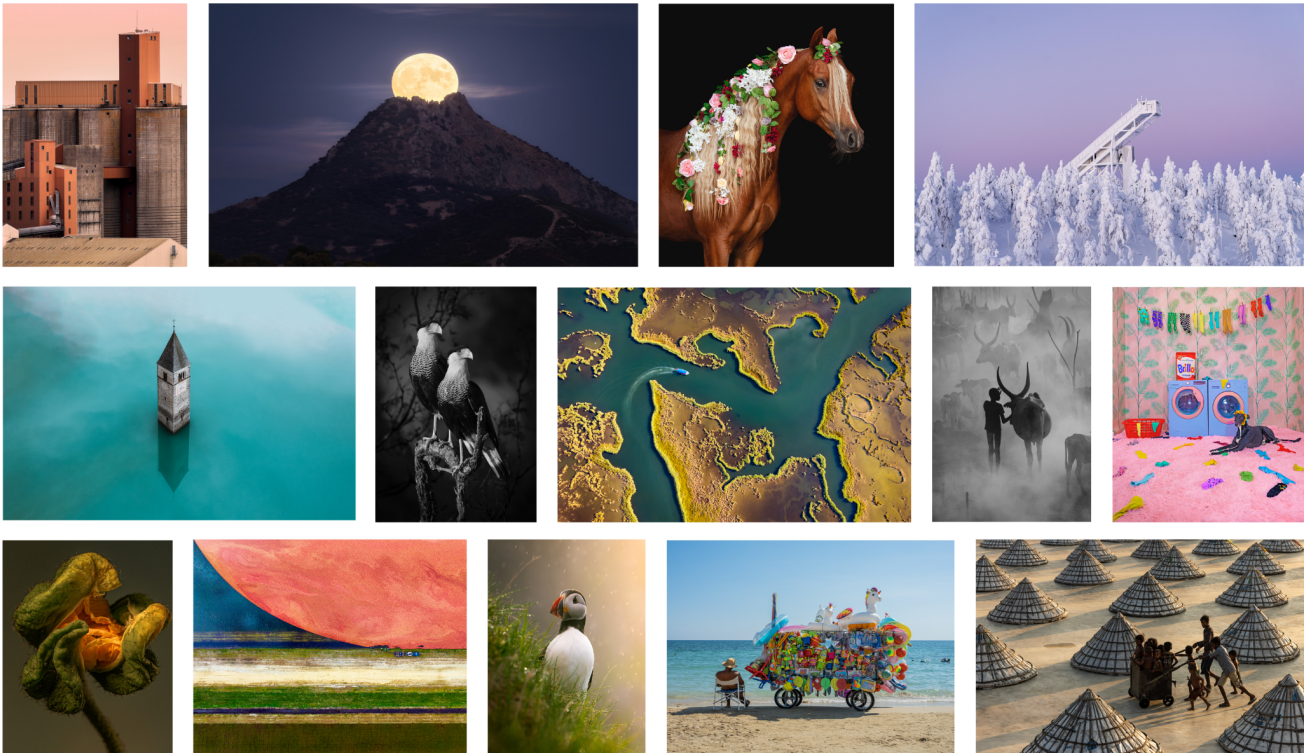
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# OPEN COMPETITION 2023

## 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.

### 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](http://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

#### 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 Clérissse, 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

### PORTRAITURE

#### Category Winner

Sukhy Hullait, UK

### STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

#### Category Winner

Andreas Mikonauschke, Germany

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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  
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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](https://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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