

PRESS RELEASE

NATIONAL & REGIONAL AWARDS: WINNERS ANNOUNCED

- The Sony World Photography Awards announces the winning photographers of the 2025 National and Regional Awards
- 56 countries took part in this year's National and Regional Awards
- 2025 exhibition opens at Somerset House from 17 April – 5 May 2025

LONDON, 4 FEBRUARY 2025 – The Sony World Photography Awards announces today the 2025 National & Regional Award winners, celebrating a great diversity of visual storytelling from across the globe.

The National & Regional Awards programme is an initiative set up by Sony and Creo under its photography strand the World Photography Organisation to support local photographic communities around the world, with 56 countries taking part this year. Across this year's Awards over 419,000 images from over 200 countries and territories were submitted to the Sony World Photography Awards 2025.

National and Regional Award winners were selected from the Open competition, which champions the best single images taken in the past year. All National and Regional 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 2025 will be announced on 16 April and will go on display as part of the exhibition at Somerset House, London (17 April – 5 May 2025). For more information about upcoming announcements and winners please visit worldphoto.org.

This year's National and Regional Awards winners are:

Bangladesh – Syed Mahabubul Kader	Republic of Korea – Kibong Nam, Winner	Qatar – Ridhwan Mohammed Rafi
Cambodia – Sam Ang Ourng	Republic of Korea – Gilyoung Pyo, 2 nd Place	Saudi Arabia – Mohammed Muhtasib
China Mainland – Hao Guo, Winner	Republic of Korea – Kyunghwan Oh, 3 rd Place	Singapore – Ng Guang Ze
China Mainland – Yaping Du, 2 nd Place	Kuwait – Mohammad Mirza	South Africa – Werner De Kock
China Mainland – KunPeng Zhu, 3 rd Place	Malaysia – Wan Yong Chong	Sri Lanka – Sasindu Pramuditha
Egypt – Ahmed Abdallah	Myanmar – Zay Yar Lin	Taiwan – Chen De-Huang
Germany – Timo Zilz	Nepal – Rabik Upadhayay	Thailand – Kiyoshi Hijiki
India – Rajeev Gaikwad	Nigeria – Nsikanabasi Effiong	Turkey – Rahsan Firtina
Indonesia – Sim Jhones Gozali	Pakistan – Ali Sohail	United Arab Emirates – Donell Gumiran
Kazakhstan – Anel Bazylova	Philippines – Renzer Rev Damaso	Uzbekistan – Mubina Fayzullaeva
	Poland – Hanna Kantor	Vietnam – Việt Văn Trầ

EUROPEAN REGIONAL AWARDS

Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania & Moldova:

Peter Svoboda (Slovakia), Winner
Tomáš Havrda (Czech Republic), Shortlist
Attila Domokos (Hungary), Shortlist
Irina Zaiteva (Moldova), Shortlist
Marian Plaino (Romania), Shortlist

Latvia, Estonia & Lithuania:

Ieva Gaile (Lithuania), Winner
Raido Nurk (Estonia), Shortlist
Niks Freimanis (Latvia), Shortlist

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

Marko Buntić (Croatia), Winner
Sanja Vrzić (Bosnia & Herzegovina), Shortlist
Suer Celina (Kosovo), Shortlist
Radojko Bošković (Montenegro), Shortlist
Slobodan Blagojević (Serbia), Shortlist
Ivan Borko (Slovenia), Shortlist

Cyprus, Greece, Bulgaria & North Macedonia:

Panagiotis Rontos (Greece), Winner
Yavor Michev (Bulgaria), Shortlist
Elena Georgiou (Cyprus), Shortlist
Vlatko Rafeski (North Macedonia), Shortlist

LATIN AMERICA REGIONAL AWARDS

Lucero Mora Ardila (Mexico), Winner
Pedro Jarque Krebs (Peru), 2nd Place
Kevin Molano (Colombia), 3rd Place
Carola Pettis (Argentina), Shortlist
Brian Delgadillo (Bolivia), Shortlist

Jean Paul De la Harpe Zubiaur (Chile), Shortlist
Lior Berman Fernández (Costa Rica), Shortlist
Carlos Espinosa (Ecuador), Shortlist
Rafael Valladares (Guatemala), Shortlist
Cecilia Nion (Uruguay), Shortlist

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A selection of images is available to download on press.creoarts.com.

SONY WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Produced by Creo under its photography strand 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 18th 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 acclaimed photographer Susan Meiselas is the 2025 recipient of this award, joining a distinguished list of iconic names including William Eggleston (2013), Mary Ellen Mark (2014), Martin Parr (2017), Graciela Iturbide (2021), Edward Burtynsky (2022) and Sebastião Salgado (2024). The Awards showcase the works of winning and shortlisted photographers at a prestigious annual exhibition at Somerset House, London. worldphoto.org/exhibition

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, which initiates events and programming across three sectors: photography, film and contemporary art. worldphoto.org

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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 and Photo London. 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. creoarts.com

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