

Sony World Photography Awards reveal stunning shortlist for 2019 Open and Youth competitions

The 2019 Awards' first shortlist announcement shows exceptional single images from around the world

- All Open and Youth shortlisted images available at worldphoto.org/press
- Record-breaking entries to this prestigious, global awards: 326,000 submissions from 195 countries and territories
- Professional shortlist rewarding bodies of work to be announced March 26, 2019
- Ten Open category winners revealed February 26, with overall Open and Youth winners announced April 17, 2019

LONDON: FEBRUARY 5, 2019: The World Photography Organisation today reveals the shortlisted photographers for the Open and Youth competitions of the 2019 Sony World Photography Awards, recognising the world's best single images from 2018. As one of the world's largest and most prestigious global photography competitions, the Awards annually celebrate and promote the best contemporary photography from the past year across a wide variety of photographic genres.

Over 326,000 entries were submitted across the four competitions of the 2019 Awards, the highest ever number to date. The judges were impressed by the high standard of submissions and noted a wide range of creative approaches, influences and techniques throughout the shortlists.

Across the competitions, the highest volume of entries were submitted by photographers from the UK, Italy and USA, with Mexico, India, Korea and the UK seeing the greatest increase in entry numbers. The Landscape and Portraiture categories across the competitions proved their enduring popularity and newer categories such as Creative proved photographers real opportunity to push the boundaries of what photography can do.

The Open and Youth shortlists announced today showcase stunning and diverse individual images taken by photographers from around the world throughout 2018. The Professional shortlist, recognising bodies of work, will be announced February 26.

The **Open shortlist** comprises of stunning works selected across ten diverse categories. Subject matter across the shortlist varied from striking underwater photographs to majestic portraits, to urban scenes and magical landscapes. This year's Open categories included the introduction of a new *Creative* category, as well as welcoming Culture Trip as *Culture* category partner and Eurostar as *Travel* category partner.

All Open shortlisted photographers will now go on to compete to become category winners, with the chance to be selected as *Open Photographer of the Year* winning \$5,000 (USD).

The **Youth shortlist** features the top eight single images taken by 12-19 year olds responding to the theme of 'Diversity'. Shortlisted photographers come from across the world from China and Zimbabwe to Bangladesh and Moldova, showing a truly international array of upcoming talent. One young photographer will be announced as *Youth Photographer of the Year* in April.

Produced by the World Photography Organisation, the internationally acclaimed Sony World Photography Awards are one of the most important fixtures on the global photographic calendar. The Awards are now in their 12th year of partnership with headline sponsor Sony and consist of four competitions in total: **Professional** (for a body of works), **Open** (for a single image), **Student** (for academic institutions) and **Youth** (for 12-19 year olds).

Judging the Open and Youth shortlists

The Sony World Photography Awards are judged anonymously by internationally acclaimed industry professionals, including representatives from international museums, publishing and the media.

This year's Open and Youth competition judging was chaired by **Rebecca McClelland**, Photography Director & Head of Art Production for Saatchi Saatchi & Prodigious (UK).

McClelland comments: *"I was astonished with the diversity of work that was entered into the Open and Youth competitions. The award represents a very democratic appreciation of photography, from tradition to emergent trends across all genres from nature to fashion. The competition allows the broadest demographic to have a platform."*

"Judging single images is never easy, it is important to give equal appreciation regardless of genre to allow the fairest outcome. The judging is hosted blind to prevent nepotism or bias, which is extremely important. I look forward to seeing these striking contemporary images on display at this year's exhibition at Somerset House."

Commenting on this year's overall entry figures and shortlists, **Scott Gray** (CEO, World Photography Organisation) notes: *"The Sony World Photography Awards were created as a global platform for photographers of all abilities to showcase their work. I am therefore delighted that the World Photography Organisation can give this year's shortlisted Open and Youth photographers the exposure and recognition that they richly deserve. Photography is a vibrant and energetic medium that is easily accessible and used throughout our daily lives. Today's outstanding shortlists demonstrate the very high quality of imagery one must achieve in order to be shortlisted at the Awards. Congratulations to all our shortlisted photographers."*

Prizes

All shortlisted and winning images will be exhibited as part of the [2019 Sony World Photography Awards Exhibition](#) at Somerset House, London. This exhibition will include a dedicated section featuring specially selected works by the 2019 recipient of the *Outstanding Contribution to Photography* prize. The exhibition will run from April 18 until May 6, 2019 at Somerset House, London.

The Awards' overall winners will be announced at a ceremony in London on **April 17**. The *Photographer of the Year*, *Open Photographer of the Year*, *Youth Photographer of the Year*, the Professional competitions' category winners and the ten shortlisted Student entrants will all be flown to London to attend. Winners will also receive the latest Sony digital imaging equipment and will be included in the 2019 Awards' book.

2019 Key Dates

- February 26 - Open category and National Awards winners' announcement
- March 5 - *Outstanding Contribution to Photography* recipient revealed
- March 26 - Professional and Student competitions' shortlist announcement
- April 17 - *Photographer of the Year*, Overall Open, Student, Youth winners and Professional category winners' revealed
- April 18 - May 6, 2019 - 2019 Sony World Photography Awards Exhibition (Somerset House, London)

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Notes to Editors

Further press information and all shortlisted Open and Youth competition images are available to download for publication at www.worldphoto.org/press

The 2019 Awards received 326,997 entries across its 4 competitions.

The full list of shortlisted photographers is below.

About World Photography Organisation

The World Photography Organisation is a global platform for photography initiatives. Working across up to 180 countries, our aim is to raise the level of conversation around photography by celebrating the best imagery and photographers on the planet. We pride ourselves on building lasting relationships with both individual photographers as well as our industry-leading partners around the world. The World Photography Organisation hosts a year-round portfolio of events including the **Sony World Photography Awards**, one of the world's leading photography competitions, and **PHOTOFAIRS**, leading international art fairs dedicated to photography. For more details see www.worldphoto.org

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2019 Sony World Photography Awards

SHORTLISTED PHOTOGRAPHERS

OPEN CATEGORIES

Rewarding the best single images across ten categories. Up to 15 photographers were shortlisted in each category. Category winners will be announced March 26, and the *Open Photographer of the Year* revealed on April 17.

Shortlist

Architecture

- Connor Henderson, Australian
- Shaun Mills, British
- Dean Grossmith, British
- Christopher Madden, British
- Dan Portch, British
- Jennifer Bin, Canadian
- Liu Rui, China Mainland
- Carole Pariat, French
- Philippe Sarfati, French
- Klaus Lenzen, German
- Frank Machalowski, German
- Katherine Young, South African

Creative

- Antoine Tiggart, American
- Martin Stranka, Czech
- Oscar van Heek, Dutch
- Mariëtte Aernoudts, Dutch
- Kelly Ts, Greek
- Stéphane Anthonioz, French
- Alexandra Fink-Milosavljevic, German
- Alessandro Zunino, Italian
- Hardijanto Budyman, Indonesian
- Dhiky Aditya, Indonesian
- Masatou Hikichi, Japanese
- Arvids Baranovs, Latvian
- Patryk Kuleta, Polish
- Alexandr Vlassyuk, Russian

Culture (supported by Culture Trip)

- Yi Han, China Mainland
- Lifeng Chen, China Mainland
- Pan Jianhua, China Mainland
- Georgios Papapostolou, Greek
- Ming Kai Chan, Hong Kong SAR
- Alimohammad Karami, Iranian
- Alessandro Zanoni, Italian
- Michael Chee Yen Chuan, Malaysia
- Eng Chung Tong, Malaysian
- Dikpal Thapa, Nepalese
- Tomek Kozlowski, Polish
- Remus Daescu, Romanian
- Alex Robciuc, Romanian

Landscape

- Hal Gage, American
- Chun Kit Kevin So, British
- Neil Burnell, British
- Gérard Bret, French
- Swapnil Deshpande, Indian
- Sara Bianchi, Italian
- Masako Metz, Japanese
- Robert Saunders, New Zealander
- Roslan Nasir, Malaysian
- Svein Nordrum, Norwegian
- Antonio Gandore, Romanian
- Oleg Kugaev, Russian
- Kuo Zei Yang, Taiwan Region

Motion

- Christy Lee Rogers, American
- Brooke Bartletta, American
- Francois Lenoir, Belgian
- Michele Allan, British
- Remy Whiting, British
- Qin Fan, China Mainland
- Filippos Alafakis, Greek
- Marlena Kurowska-Jankowiak, Polish
- Piotr Cyganik, Polish
- Alexey Holod, Russian
- Sergio Ferreira Ruiz, Spanish

Natural World and Wildlife

- Nadia Aly, American
- Nick Edwards, British
- Tracey Lund, British
- Sandi Little, Canadian
- Guillermo Ossa, Colombian
- Jeroen Beekelaar, Dutch
- Greg Lecoeur, French
- Roberto Marchegiani, Italian
- David Salvatori, Italian
- Msaaed Al Gharibah, Kuwaiti
- Pedro Jarque Krebs, Peruvian
- Manuel Enrique González Carmona, Spanish
- Angel Fitor, Spanish
- Yung-sen Wu, Taiwan Region

Portraiture

- Mikeila Borgia, Argentinean
- Yuliya Kalamiytsava, Belarusian
- Richard Ansett, British
- Sean Hayes, British
- Jasem Khlef, Canadian
- Tim Cavadini, German
- Niccolò Cozzi, Italian
- Hasan Torabi, Iranian
- Olga Urbanek, Polish
- Artem Mikryukov, Russian
- Sergio Aparicio Olivas, Spanish
- Elena Merce, Spanish

Still Life

- Maciek Jasik, American
- Billie-Maree Ward, Australian
- Diego Diaz, Colombian
- Alice van Kempen, Dutch
- N. A. Vague, German
- Rachel Yee Laam Lai, Hong Kong SAR
- Dalma Szondy, Hungarian
- Gaurav Doshi, Indian
- Pratik Parulekar, Indian
- Masumi Shiohara, Japanese

Street Photography

- Miranda Alam, American
- Md. Akhlas Uddin, Bangladeshi
- Zhou Dainan, China Mainland
- Arnaud Guillard, French
- Carole Pariat, French
- Yiannis Linosporis, Greek
- Rosaria Sabrina Pantano, Italian
- Daniel Gentelev, Israeli
- Audun Nygaard, Norwegian
- Stan De Zoysa, Spanish
- Jonas Dahlström, Swedish
- Fabian Ruchti, Swiss
- Denys Borysov, Ukrainian

Travel (supported by Eurostar)

- Agustin Belussi, Argentinean
- Lauren Hook, Australian
- Lu Quanhou, China Mainland
- Nicolas Boyer, French (2 images)
- Maxwell Gifted, French
- Johannes Laufs, German
- Leung Ho Chan, Hong Kong SAR
- Siddharth Sachar, Indian
- Marco Zaffignani, Italian
- Yukihiro Ono, Japanese
- Laily Hassan, Malaysian
- Jiho Park, South Korean
- Poramin Kanyakool, Thai
- Trung Pham Huy, Vietnamese

YOUTH COMPETITION

Photographers aged 12-19 were asked to respond to a theme of 'Diversity' with a single image. The *Youth Photographer of the Year* will be announced April 17.

Name / Nationality / Age on competition closing date

- Zelle Westfall / American / 17 years old
- Johannes Weigl / Austrian / 16 years old
- Faiyad Uzzaman / Bangladeshi
- Emma Last / British / 16 years old
- Xinyu Fu / China Mainland / 17 years old
- Ilia Bugaev / Moldovan / 17 years old
- Stepan Chubaev / Russian / 19 years old
- Jeremy Kupfuwa / Zimbabwean