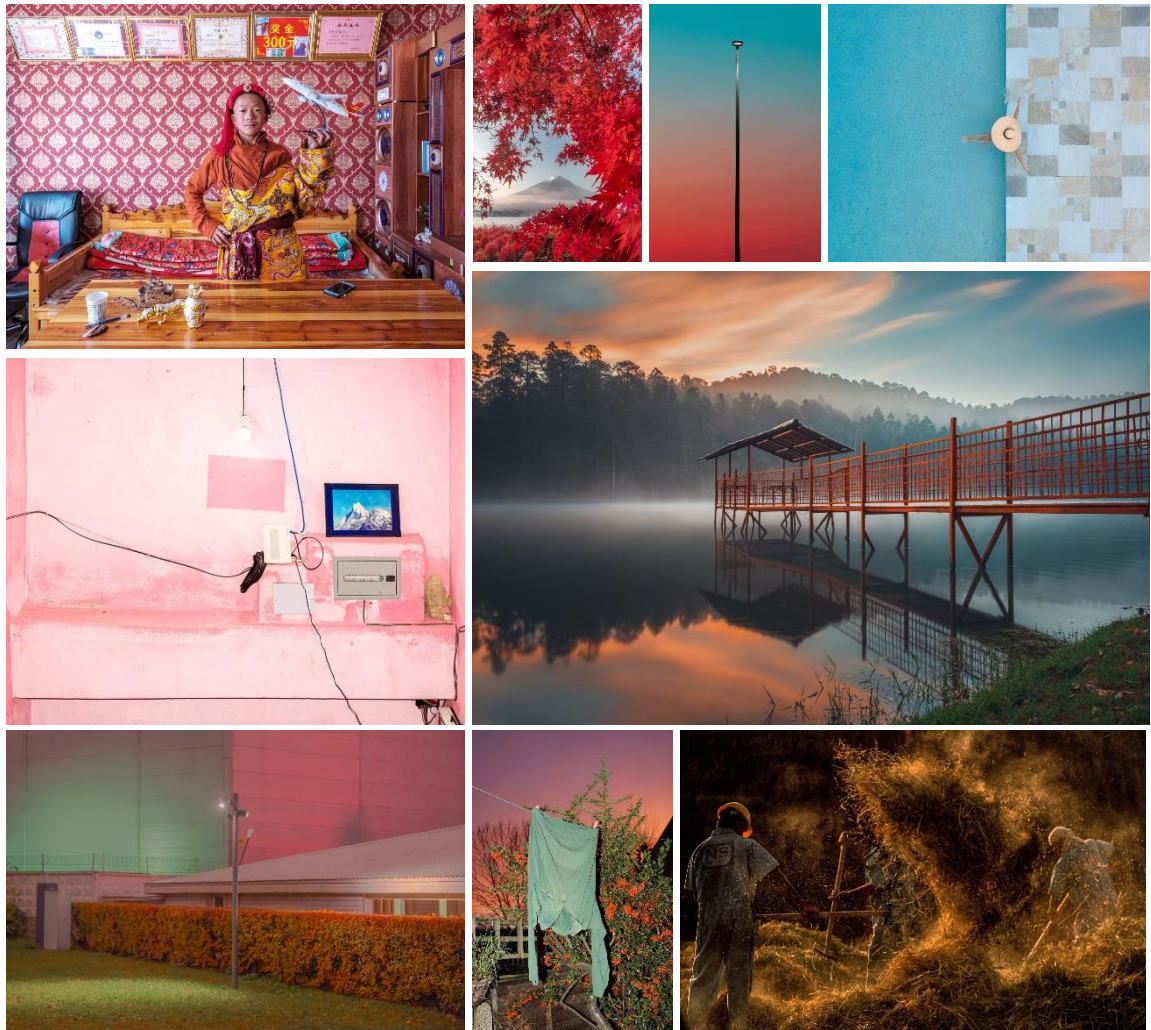


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## **OPEN COMPETITION 2021** CATEGORY WINNERS AND SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED



The World Photography Organisation is delighted to announce this year's category winners and shortlist in the Open competition of the Sony World Photography Awards 2021, recognising the best single images from 2020.

Over 100 photographers were shortlisted in the 2021 competition alongside ten category winners. Each winner receives the latest digital imaging equipment from Sony to develop their vision and will go on to compete for the prestigious *Open Photographer of the Year* title and a \$5,000 (USD) reward.

The overall Open winner will be announced on the 15<sup>th</sup> April. Winning and shortlisted work will be presented in the form of a virtual exhibition available to view via the World Photography Organisation website from the 15<sup>th</sup> April.

The ten category winners are:

## ARCHITECTURE

**Klaus Lenzen (Germany)** for *The Blue Window*, depicting a ramp of stairs at the Hyatt hotel in Düsseldorf ascending towards a window from which a view of clear blue skies is reflected. Seemingly floating in space, the stairs and window are framed in dark shadows that highlight the design while also adding an element of surrealism.

## CREATIVE

**Tamary Kudita (Zimbabwe)** for *African Victorian*, a portrait of a young black woman dressed in Victorian dress and holding traditional Shona cooking utensils. The image probes at stereotypical contextualising of the black female body and offers an alternative visual language through which a multifaceted African identity is presented.

## LANDSCAPE

**Juan López Ruiz (Spain)** for *Electric Storm on Lavender*, a dramatic photograph capturing the moment lighting strikes a flowering field of lavender with a solitary tree at its centre, set against a dusky evening sky. Taken in the province of Guadalajara, Spain

## LIFESTYLE

**Mariano Belmar Torrecilla (Spain)** for *Dias de playa*, a softly focused picture of two women enjoying a morning walk on the beach in Alicante, Spain.

## MOTION

**Marijo Maduna (Croatia)** for *Girl Power*, a black & white photograph recording the moment when a woman dives off a cliff on the island of Lokrum near Dubrovnik, Croatia, while her friends stand-by and watch.

## NATURAL WORLD & WILDLIFE

**Cristo Pihlamäe (Estonia)** for *Little Kiss*, an amusing picture of a hare looking out into the field with its tongue sticking out.

## OBJECT

**Kata Zih (Hungary)** for *Memento*, depicting a tailor's mannequin in an empty room. For Zih, the stillness of the scene evokes a feeling of solitude and stirs up memories of lockdown.

## PORTRAITURE

**Lyudmila Sabanina (Russian Federation)** for *Son*, featuring a young child sitting on a table while gazing into space, lost in contemplation. The photograph shows another side to childhood, one of calmness and reflection.

## STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

**F. Dilek Uyar (Turkey)** for *Disinfection*, a cinematic image documenting an employee of the Health Affairs unit of Ankara Municipality in protective gear walking along the train platform while spraying it with disinfectant.

## TRAVEL

**Khanh Phan (Vietnam)** for *Drying Fish*, a photograph of a lone woman surrounded by hundreds of trays of drying fish in the Long Hai fish market in Ba Ria - Vung Tau, Vietnam. Taken from above the pattern, of the fish in trays resembles a large piece of fabric with the woman seemingly weaving it all together.

This year's Open competition was judged by **Gastón Deleau**, Director, FOLA, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The overall winners of the Open, Professional, Student and Youth competition of the Sony World Photography Awards 2021 will be announced on the 15 April 2021 via the World Photography Organisation's digital and video platforms. For more information about winners and shortlists please visit [www.worldphoto.org](http://www.worldphoto.org)

# OPEN COMPETITION 2021 CATEGORY WINNERS AND SHORTLIST

## ARCHITECTURE:

### Category Winner:

Klaus Lenzen, Germany

### Shortlist:

Farshid Ahmadpour,, Islamic Republic of Iran  
Abdulla Al-Mushaifri, Oman  
Steffen Ebert, Germany  
Simone Hutsch, Germany  
Vytenis Jankūnas, United States  
Klaus Lenzen, Germany  
Kunkun Liu, China Mainland  
Aleksandr Lefler, Russian Federation  
Jordan McChesney, Canada  
Vitaly Medvedev, Russian Federation  
Da Miane, Georgia  
Jose Pessoa Neto, Portugal  
Holger Ostwald, Germany  
Ashwani Sarda, India

## LIFESTYLE:

### Category Winner:

Mariano Belmar, Spain

### Shortlist:

Antonino Barone, Italy  
Isabela Teresa Basilio Neri, Brazil  
Gemma Brunton, United Kingdom  
Holger Bucker, Germany  
Stefano Butturini, Italy  
Aimee Glucina, New Zealand  
Michail Karagiannis, Greece  
Hamed Rahmati, Islamic Republic of Iran  
Alexey Tsiler, Russian Federation  
Brad Walls, Australia

## PORTRAITURE:

### Category Winner:

Lyudmila Sabanina, Russian Federation

### Shortlist:

Frederic Aranda, United Kingdom  
Shirsendu Banerjee, India  
Paul Bennis, United Kingdom  
Bella von Einsiedel, Germany  
Reinis Fjodorovs, Latvia  
Sabbir Hossen, Bangladesh  
Zeng Jinwen, China Mainland  
Heun Jung Kim, South Korea  
Justin Keene, United Kingdom  
King Mtambisi,, Zimbabwe  
Rhianna Payne, United Kingdom  
Jose Pessoa Neto, Portugal  
Elif Öztürk, Turkey  
Mireia Vilaplana, Spain

## CREATIVE:

### Category Winner:

Tamary Kudita, Zimbabwe

### Shortlist:

Edita Bizová, Czech Republic  
Tatenda Chidora, Zimbabwe  
Maximilien Diaz, France  
Vyacheslav Ivanov, Russian Federation  
Ali Jamshidi,, Islamic Republic of Iran  
Joosep Kivimäe, Estonia  
Angiolo Manetti, Italy  
Jarod Mauws, Belgium  
Alireza Movahedi, Islamic Republic of Iran  
Hojje Nuuter, Estonia  
Nara O'Neil, Australia  
Jing Shen, China Mainland  
George Shpuntov, Russian Federation  
Kylli Sparre, Estonia

## MOTION:

### Category Winner:

Marijo Maduna, Croatia

### Shortlist:

Sandi Bertoneelj, Slovenia  
Hersley-Ven Casero, The Philippines  
Serkan Çolak, Turkey  
Tadiwanashe Murowe, Zimbabwe  
Mary Nhoileen Maypa, The Philippines  
Ruud Peters, The Netherlands  
Daniel Portch, United Kingdom  
Zdeněk Vošický, Czech Republic  
Brad Walls, Australia  
Xianshe Ye, China Mainland

## OBJECT:

### Category Winner:

Kata Zih, Hungary

### Shortlist:

Steve Chandler, United Kingdom  
Christian Holz, Argentina  
Uwe Langmann, Germany  
Klaus Lenzen, Germany  
Agata Mroczek, Poland  
Paolo Paccagnella, Italy  
Stefan Pankow, United Kingdom  
Ann Petruckevitch, United Kingdom  
Manuel Schmidt, Germany  
Masumi Shiohara, Japan

## TRAVEL:

### Category Winner:

Khanh Phan, Vietnam

### Shortlist:

Marios Forsos, Greece  
Alexis Guevara, Mexico  
Graeme Haunholter, Canada  
Martina Lo Casto, Italy  
Rune Mattsson, Norway  
Hiroki Nose, Japan  
Yukihito Ono, Japan  
Franz Sußbauer, Germany  
F.Dilek Uyar, Turkey  
Min Min Zaw, Myanmar

## LANDSCAPE:

### Category Winner:

Juan López Ruiz, Spain

### Shortlist:

Luca Donegani, Italy  
Kevin Frank, Switzerland  
Jinjing Lyu, China Mainland  
Joaquin Marco, Spain  
Andrea Ortiz Diaz, Colombia  
Mehdi Parsaeian Islamic Republic of Iran  
Lorenzo Poli, Italy  
Scott Portelli, Australia  
James Rushforth, United Kingdom  
Hans Kristian Strand, Norway  
Markus Wiedmann, Germany  
  
Parker Yost, United States

## NATURAL WORLD &

## WILDLIFE:

### Category Winner:

Cristo Pihlamäe, Estonia

### Shortlist:

Hin Man Au, Hong Kong  
Amish Chhagan, Zambia  
Yuta Doto, Japan  
Arturo de Frias, Spain  
Tatyana Nemova, Russian Federation  
Alex Pansier, The Netherlands  
Alexandre Pietra, Switzerland  
Mati Puum, Estonia  
Inger Rønnefelt, Denmark  
Koki Shinoda, Japan  
Andrew Suryono, Indonesia  
Iakovos Thodoros, Greece

## STREET PHOTOGRAPHY:

### Category Winner:

F.Dilek Uyar, Turkey

### Shortlist:

Dina Alfasi, Israel  
Dimpy Bhalotia, India  
David Keith Brown, United States  
Gary Cummins, Ireland  
Ramunas Danisevicius, Lithuania  
Basu Deb, India  
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