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 15th 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 15th 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 *Días 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)
ARCHITECTURE:

Category Winner: Klaus Lenzen, Germany

Shortlist:
- Farshid Ahmadpour, Islamic Republic of Iran
- Abdulla Al-Mushafri, Oman
- Steffen Esbert, Germany
- Simone Hutch, Germany
- Vytenis Jankūnas, United States
- Klaus Lenzen, Germany
- Kunikun Liu, China Mainland
- Aleksandr Leffler, Russian Federation
- Jordan McChesney, Canada
- Vitaly Medvedev, Russian Federation
- Da Miane, Georgia
- Jose Pessoa Neto, Portugal
- Holger Ostwald, Germany
- Ashwani Sarda, India

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
- Allreza Movahedi, Islamic Republic of Iran
- Hoije Nuuter, Estonia
- Nara O'Neil, Australia
- Jing Shen, China Mainland

LANDSCAPE:

Category Winner: Juan López Ruiz, Spain

Shortlist:
- Luca Donegani, Italy
- Kevin Frank, Switzerland
- Jining Lyu, China Mainland
- Joaquin Marco, Spain
- Andrea Ortlieb Díaz, Colombia
- Mehdi Parsaee, 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

LIFESTYLE:

Category Winner: Mariano Belmar, Spain

Shortlist:
- Antonino Barone, Italy
- Isabela Teresa Basilio Neri, Brazil
- Gemma Brunton, United Kingdom
- Holger Böcker, Germany
- Stefano Butturini, Italy
- Aimee Glucina, New Zealand
- Michal Karagianis, Greece
- Hamed Rahmati, Islamic Republic of Iran
- Alexey Tsiler, Russian Federation
- Brad Walls, Australia

MOTION:

Category Winner: Marijo Maduna, Croatia

Shortlist:
- Sandi Bertoncelj, Slovenia
- Hersley Ven Casero, The Philippines
- Serkan Çolak, Turkey
- Tadiwanashe Murowe, Zimbabwe
- Mary Nhoileen Maypa, The Philippines
- Ruud Peters, The Netherlands
- Jarod Mauws, Belgium
- 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 Mrozek, Poland
- Paolo Paccagnella, Italy
- Stefan Pankow, United Kingdom
- Ann Petrukevitch, United Kingdom
- Manuel Schmidt, Germany
- Masumi Shiohara, Japan

PORTRAITURE:

Category Winner: Lyudmila Sabanina, Russian Federation

Shortlist:
- Frederic Aranda, United Kingdom
- Shiri Banon, Israel
- Paul Benns, United Kingdom
- Bella von Einsiedel, Germany
- Reinis Fjodorovs, Latvia
- Sabbir Hossen, Bangladesh
- Zeng Jingwen, China Mainland
- Justin Keene, United Kingdom
- King Mambisi, Zimbabwe
- Rianna Payne, United Kingdom
- Jose Pessoa Neto, Portugal
- Elif Öztrük, Turkey
- Mireia Vilaplana, Spain

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REAL WORLD & WILDLIFE:

Category Winner: Cristo Pihlamäe, Estonia

Shortlist:
- Hin Man Au, Hong Kong
- Amish Chhagan, Zambia
- Yuta Doto, Japan
- Arturo de Frías, Spain
- Tatjana Nemova, Russian Federation
- Alex Pansier, The Netherlands
- Alexandre Pietra, Switzerland
- Mati Puum, Estonia
- Inger Rønnenfelt, Denmark
- Koki Shinoda, Japan
- Andrew Suryono, Indonesia
- Iakovos Thoedoros, Greece

STREET PHOTOGRAPHY:

Category Winner: F.Dilek Uyar, Turkey

Shortlist:
- Dina Alfasi, Israel
- Dimpy Bhattacharjya, India
- David Keith Brown, United States
- Gary Cummins, Ireland
- Ramunas Danisevicius, Lithuania
- Basu Deb, India
- Tommaso Galli, Italy
- Vytenis Jankūnas, United States
- Ares Jonëskas, Indonesia
- Bartłomiej Jurczyk, Poland
- Tomasz Kowalski, Poland
- Francesco Lopazio, Italy
- Zhang Weijian, China Mainland

TRAVEL:

Category Winner: Khanh Phan, Vietnam

Shortlist:
- Marios Foros, Greece
- Alexis Guevara, Mexico
- Graeme Haunholter, Canada
- Martina Lo Castro, Italy
- Rune Mattsson, Norway
- Hiroki Nose, Japan
- Yukihito Ono, Japan
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