

The world's best single photographs revealed by 2017 Sony World Photography Awards

- World's largest photography competition announces winners of its Open categories and National Awards programme
- Open category winners competing to win trip to London and \$5,000 (USD) cash prize
- Images available for publication at press.worldphoto.org

28th March, 2017: Ten extraordinary photographs from across the globe are today revealed as the winners of the Open categories of the 2017 Sony World Photography Awards, the world's largest photography competition.

The winners were selected from more than 105,000 entries to the Awards' Open competition, with the expert panel of judges looking for the best single photographs across ten categories.

The ten Open category winners are:

- **Architecture - Tim Cornbill (UK)**
- **Culture - Jianguo Gong (China)**
- **Enhanced - Lise Johansson (Denmark)**
- **Motion - Camilo Diaz (Colombia)**
- **Nature - Hiroshi Tanita (Japan)**
- **Portraits - Alexander Vinogradov (Russia)**
- **Still Life - Sergey Dibtsev (Russia)**
- **Street Photography - Constantinos Sofikitis (Greece)**
- **Travel - Ralph Gräf (Germany)**
- **Wildlife - Alessandra Meniconzi (Switzerland)**

Each of the ten winning photographs display huge photographic talent and creativity, from a stunning wildlife shot of flamingos in Walvis Bay, Namibia (**Alessandra Meniconzi**) to the ice blue and white of winter (**Hiroshi Tanita**) and a beautifully simple portrait (**Alexander Vinogradov**). Scale is used to stunning effect to capture more than 1300 people practicing Tai-Chi in China (**Jianguo Gong**) and architecture in Berlin (**Tim Cornbill**) while a crucial goal-scoring moment in an underwater rugby match is photographed by **Camilo Diaz**. A subtle palette of color is used in both the Enhanced

(**Lise Johansson**) and Travel (**Ralph Gräf**) category winners while black and white photography is the choice for the Street Photography winner (**Constantinos Sofikitis**).

Each winning photographer receives a Sony [α7 II](#) with lens kit and will now compete to win the prestigious Sony World Photography Awards' Open Photographer of the Year title, a trip to the winners' awards ceremony in London in April and \$5,000 US dollars in cash prizes. The overall winner will be announced on the 20th April alongside the winners of the Professional competition (judged on a body of work).

Chair of the Open competition, journalist and photographer Damien Demolder, said of the winning Open images: *"It has been a pleasure and an inspiration to be exposed to such a volume of great work, and a privilege too that I could share in the personal moments, the joys, tears, life and losses of photographers from all around the globe who recorded their experiences through their pictures."*

National Awards

The winners of the Sony World Photography Awards National Awards, a global program to find the best single photographs taken by local photographers in 66 countries, were also announced today.

Now in its fourth year, the National Awards is unique in both scope and reach and opened up to photographers from Cambodia, Nepal, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates for the first time this year.

Winners and runners-ups across all 66 National Awards were announced today, and can be viewed [here](#).

Exhibition

The winners of the Open categories and the National Awards will all be shown at the **Sony World Photography Awards & Martin Parr – 2017 Exhibition** at Somerset House, London which opens on the 21st April and runs until the 7th May.

The exhibition will include all the winning, shortlisted (top 10) and commended (top 50) photographs drawn from more than 227,000 entries from 183 countries to the 2017 Sony World Photography Awards. It will also feature a special dedication to British photographer Martin Parr, recipient of the Awards' Outstanding Contribution to Photography prize.

Sony World Photography Awards

Produced by the World Photography Organisation, 2017 sees the 10th anniversary of the Sony World Photography Awards and a decade-long partnership with its headline sponsor, Sony. The Awards recognise and reward the very best contemporary photography captured over the last year, and incorporate four competitions - Professional, Open, Youth and Student Focus. The overall winners of the 2017 Sony World Photography Awards will be announced on the 20th April.

Images by all Open category and National Award winners are available for publication at press.worldphoto.org

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227,596 images were entered into the 2017 Sony World Photography Awards across all competitions

- Professional competition: 110,270 entries
- Open competition: 105,692 entries
- Youth: 11,634 entries

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 and our industry-leading partners around the world. We host a year-round portfolio of events including: the Sony World Photography Awards (the world's largest photography competition, marking its 10th anniversary in 2017), various local meetups/talks throughout the year, and PHOTOFAIRS, International Art Fairs Dedicated to Photography, with destinations in Shanghai and San Francisco.

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