

Sony World Photography Awards & Martin Parr - 2017 Exhibition Somerset House, London - April 21 - May 7, 2017

- Unique selection of the finest contemporary photography from the world's largest photography competition
- Includes rarely seen work by British photographer Martin Parr, recipient of the awards' Outstanding Contribution to Photography prize
- Tickets available at www.worldphoto.org/2017exhibition
- Press images available from www.worldphoto.org/press

April 2017: The Sony World Photography Awards & Martin Parr - 2017 Exhibition opens today at London's Somerset House. This major exhibition of the world's finest contemporary photography is a complete celebration of the medium and runs in London until 7 May, before embarking on a worldwide tour.

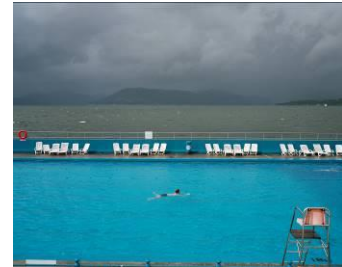
The exhibition will feature the winning, shortlisted and commended work of the 2017 Sony World Photography Awards alongside rarely seen images by British photographer Martin Parr, recipient of the Awards' Outstanding Contribution to Photography prize.

Captured by photographers from across the world, the images showcase a variety of genres including architecture, documentary, landscape, portraiture, street photography, wildlife and more.

Martin Parr, Outstanding Contribution to Photography



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The life and work of internationally renowned photographer, Martin Parr is honoured at the exhibition. Across three rooms, a hand-picked selection of rarely seen black and white images from Parr's early career are exhibited together with some of the artist's most talked about work, books and films and original exhibition posters.

2017 Sony World Photography Awards



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The exhibition will also see the début of the winning, shortlisted and commended work from the 2017 Sony World Photography Awards, the world's largest photography competition. Many of the works in the

exhibition will be shown in the UK for the first time, giving audiences a chance to sample the latest photographic trends from around the world in one historic London location.

Highlights include: stunning snow-filled landscapes by Photographer of the Year winner, **Frederik Buyckx**; a personal exploration of love in Saudi Arabia by **Tasneem Alsultan**; never-before-seen images of African wildlife at night from British photographer **Will Burrard-Lucas**, and the struggle of two young Chinese twins training to be world-class gymnasts by **Yuan Peng**.

Zelda Cheatle, curator of the exhibition comments: "The sheer scale and diversity of imagery from around the globe is enthralling, but the depth of knowledge, the scope of ideas and the ingenuity and skill involved in each image make this an outstanding year for the Sony World Photography Awards and its exhibition."

Tickets for the exhibition are on sale now at <https://www.worldphoto.org/2017exhibition>. Prints from the show will be available to buy via theprintspace, the UK's leading professional photo and fine art printing service.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- Sony World Photography Awards & Martin Parr - 2017 Exhibition
Dates: 21 April - 7 May 2017
- Opening hours: Monday - Friday, 10am - 9pm / Weekends and Bank Holiday Monday, 10am - 8pm
- Venue: Somerset House, London, WC2R 1LA
- Buy tickets online at www.worldphoto.org
- Price: £7-11

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 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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About Somerset House

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