

World's best single images revealed by the 2018 Sony World Photography Awards

- Winners of the 10 Open categories, plus all 63 National Awards announced today
- Huge diversity of genres and topics across the global winners
- Images available at www.worldphoto.org/press

EMBARGOED UNTIL 00.01 GMT ON TUESDAY 20 March: Selected from hundreds of thousands of entries worldwide, the winners of the Open competition and National Awards of the 2018 Sony World Photography Awards are announced today.

The 10 Open category winners were chosen by an expert panel of judges as the world's very best single photographs, and the National Awards winners selected as the strongest single image taken by a local photographer across nearly 70 countries. The winning works and their photographers are truly international, with images coming from Australia, Argentina, Cambodia, China, Kenya, Saudi Arabia and beyond.

Subject matter across the photographs could also not have been more diverse. Photographers chose a variety of stunning landscapes, personal portraits, touching encounters and sporting moments as their inspiration.

Chair of judges Zelda Cheatle comments: *"Judging the Open competition and National Awards allowed me to discover high calibre international work of great interest. In choosing the winners, the images all had to have something special - whether it be composition, impact, skill, a portrayal of a unique event or informing in a new way. Above all else, each winner had to be an exceptional photograph."*

All Open category and National Award winners receive the latest digital imaging equipment from Sony. In addition, the winning work will be published in the 2018 Awards' book and shown at the Sony World Photography Awards Exhibition in London from April 20 – May 6.

The ten Open category winners will now go on to compete for the *Open Photographer of the Year*, winning \$5,000 (USD). This photographer, along with the Professional categories winners, will be announced in London on April 19.

Produced by the World Photography Organisation, the Sony World Photography Awards is the world's most diverse photography competition. The 11th edition saw a record breaking 320,000 submissions by photographers from more than 200 countries and territories, presenting some of the world's finest contemporary photography captured over the past year.

Open category winners

Photographers worldwide may enter any of the Open competition's 10 categories, with judges looking for the best single image fitting each categories' brief. Many of the winners are non-professional photographers, making their achievement even more remarkable.

The Open category winners are:

- Architecture: Andreas Pohl, German with the image *The Man and the Mysterious Tower*
- Culture: Panos Skordas, Greek with image *Young Minotaur*
- Enhanced: Klaus Lenzen, German with image *Every Breath you Take*
- Landscape & Nature: Veselin Atanasov, Bulgarian with image *Early Autumn*
- Motion: Fajar Kristianto, Indonesian with image *The Highest Platform*
- Portraiture: Nick Dolding, British with image *Emile*
- Still Life: Richard Frishman, American with image *Sunday Buffet at Jerry Mikeska's BBQ; Columbus, Texas 2017*
- Street Photography: Manuel Armenis, German with image *Old Friends*
- Travel: Mikkel Beiter, Danish with image *Shapes of Lofoten*
- Wildlife: Justuna Zduńczyk, Polish with image *An Unexpected Meeting*

National Awards winners

Running across nearly 70 countries, the National Awards program seeks to recognise and reward the best single image taken by a local photographer.

The 63 National Award winners can be found in full at:

<https://www.worldphoto.org/2018-national-awards>

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All shortlisted and commended images are available to download for publication at

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The World Photography Organisation is a global platform for photography initiatives. Working across more than 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, international art fairs dedicated to photography with destinations in Shanghai and San Francisco. For more details see www.worldphoto.org.

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