

The LUCIE TECHNICAL AWARDS

6th ANNUAL LUCIE TECHNICAL AWARDS ANNOUNCE FINALISTS

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October 13, 2021 (*Los Angeles, CA*) - The sixth annual [Lucie Technical Awards](#), an initiative of the Lucie Foundation and sister program of The Lucie Awards, announces the 2021 finalists. Winners will be announced online Thursday, October 21 at <https://www.luciefoundation.org/tech-awards>. These awards honor the most innovative products from the past year and the innovators who have shaped the industry.

More information is available here: <https://www.luciefoundation.org/tech-awards>

The Lucie Technical Awards honor the highest achievements in the world of technology. Professional photographers and consumers are taking more pictures than at any other time in history. They are seeking the best solutions to elevate their craft and rely on industry experts to guide them in their purchases. The esteemed LTA board members aim to pay tribute to the hard-working engineers and manufacturers who contribute to taking photographic images to the next level. Once again, the Chuck Westfall Award will honor one of our industry's finest influencers and educators.

The newly established Lucie Technical Awards Advisory Board will take part in recognizing and rewarding deserving companies and individuals who share the passion of making incredible imagery through innovative technology. The panel consists of editors, technology experts, writers, and industry professionals – all of whom have dedicated their careers to photography and the technology behind it.

The Finalists are:

CAMERA:

Best Compact Camera

Canon PowerShot ZOOM
DJI Pocket 2
The Moin Camera

Best Compact Cinema Camera

Sony FX3
Canon EOS C70 4K Digital Cinema Camera
Blackmagic Pocket Cinema Camera 6K Pro

Best Small-Format Camera

Nikon Z fc
Fujifilm X-E4
Fujifilm X-S10

Best Full-Frame Camera

Canon EOS R3
Nikon Z 7II
Sony Alpha 1

Best Medium Format Camera

Fujifilm GFX 50S II
Fujifilm GFX 100S
Fujifilm GFX 100 IR

CAMERA ACCESSORIES:

Best Day-Use Camera Bag

WANDRD PRVKE 2 Lite
Think Tank BackStory Backpack
WANDRD 21

Best Adventure Camera Bag

MINDSHIFT Rotation 50L+ Backpack
LowePro PhotoSport III
Shimoda Explore Series V2

Best Camera Accessory

RØDE Wireless Go II
Gitzo Ball Head Series 4
SanDisk Extreme PRO® Portable SSD V2 (4TB)

LENS:

Best Wide-Angle Prime Lens

Sony FE 35mm f/1.4 GM
Sony 24mm f/2.8 G
Sigma 35mm f/1.4 DG DN Art
Sony 14mm f/1.8 GM
Sigma 35mm f/2 DG DN Contemporary Lens

Best Standard Prime Lens

Nikon NIKKOR Z MC 50mm f/2.8 Macro
Nikon NIKKOR Z MC 105mm f/2.8 VR S Macro
Sigma 65mm f/2 DG DN Contemporary Lens
Sony 50mm f/1.2 GM
FUJIFILM GF 80mm f/1.7 R WR Lens

Best Telephoto Prime Lens

Sigma 105mm f/2.8 DG DN Macro
Canon EF 600mm f/4L IS III USM
Canon EF 400mm f/2.8L IS III USM
Nikon AF-S VR Micro-NIKKOR 105mm f/2.8G IF-ED
Canon RF 100mm f/2.8L Macro IS USM Lens

Best Wide Angle Zoom Lens

Tamron 11-20mm F/2.8 Di III-A RXD
Canon RF 14-35mm f/4L IS USM
FUJIFILM XF 10-24mm f/4 R OIS WR
Canon RF14-35mm F4 L IS USM
Nikon NIKKOR Z DX 16-50mm f/3.5-6.3 VR

Best Standard Zoom Lens

Tamron 28-75mm F/2.8 Di III VXD G2
Sigma 28-70mm f/2.8 DG DN Contemporary Lens
Tamron 35-150mm F/2-2.8 Di III VXD
Tamron 17-70mm F/2.8 Di III-A VC RXD
Pentax smc DA* 16-50mm f/2.8 ED AL (IF) SDM Lens

Best Telephoto Zoom Lens

Tamron 150-500mm F/5-6.7 Di III VC VXD
Canon 70-200mm f/4L IS USM
Nikon Nikkor Z DX 18-140mm f/3.5-6.3 VR
Sigma 150-600mm f/5-6.3 DG OS HSM Contemporary Lens

Best Special Purpose Lens

Nikon Nikkor Z MC 105mm f/2.8 VR S
Canon RF100mm F2.8 L MACRO IS USM
Nikon NIKKOR Z MC 50mm f/2.8 Macro Lens
Lomography Petzval 80.5 mm f/1.9 MKII SLR Bokeh Control Art Lens Nikon F
Tamron 18-300mm F/3.5-6.3 Di III-A VC VXD

LIGHTING:

Best Constant Light Source

Arri Orbiter
Luxli Fiddle
Luxli Cello Mark 2

Best Strobe Light Source

Westcott FJ200 Strobe
PIXLIGHT A lightweight, portable, and off-camera speedlight

SOFTWARE:

Best Photo Editing Software

Capture One Pro, Apple M1
Adobe Lightroom
Adobe Photoshop
Photoshop Apple M1
Luminar AI

Best Software Plugin

Nik Collection by DxO
Exposure X6
Luminar AI
Creative Force Kelvin App Integration with Capture One

Best Video Editing Software

Adobe Premiere Pro

CAMERA OF THE YEAR 2020/2021:

Canon EOS R3
Sony Alpha 1
Nikon Z7 II
Fujifilm GFX 100S

ACHIEVEMENT OF INNOVATION 2021:

Canon Eye-Control AF combined with mirrorless technology in the EOS R3
Adobe Super Illumination
Sony Backside illuminated stacked 50-megapixel full-frame sensor in the Alpha 1

THE 2021 CHUCK WESTFALL TECHNICAL EDUCATION AWARD NOMINEES:

This distinguished honor is awarded to an influential voice in the photographic industry who displays an extraordinary commitment and love for the art and technology of photography. It is named in the honor of Chuck Westfall, a longtime Canon employee who became known as the “teacher of technology” to journalists and the photo industry in general.

GEORGE SCHAUB

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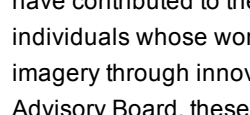
Photographer, Educator, Podcaster, Host & MC

The Lucie Technical Awards aim to honor large and small companies, as well as the individuals who have advanced the photographic industry in a given year. All-inclusive, these awards intend to encompass such things as cameras, lenses, lighting, accessories, software, and more. Experts in the field of photography as well as members of the public have contributed to the nomination process with the goal to recognize and reward deserving companies and individuals whose work has advanced the careers of so many. They all share a passion for creating extraordinary imagery through innovative technology. With the invaluable advice and guidance of the Lucie Technical Awards Advisory Board, these awards will honor the people and companies who have assisted and inspired so many on their photographic journeys.

About Lucie Foundation - Lucie Foundation's mission is to honor master photographers, discover and cultivate emerging talent, and promote the appreciation of photography worldwide. The foundation presents year-round programming to support emerging and professional photographers through the Lucie Scholarship and master photographers through The Lucie Awards. Lucie Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable foundation. www.luciefoundation.org

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