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IPA ANNOUNCES 2018 COMPETITION FINALISTS

IPA WINNERS PRESENTED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, ZANKEL HALL AT CARNEGIE HALL, NY

SATURDAY, OCT. 27, IPA BEST OF SHOW + SECOND ANNUAL LUCIE PHOTO BOOK PRIZE EXHIBITIONS, HOSTED BY SPLASHLIGHT, NYC

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October 16, 2018 *(Los Angeles, CA*) - The International Photography Awards (IPA) announces its 2018 competition finalists. A sister effort of Lucie Foundation, the IPA winners are revealed at The Lucie Awards gala, on Sunday, October 28 at Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York. An international jury of renowned photography experts http://www.photoawards.com/jury/ has selected these outstanding finalists from approximately 16,000 submissions (38,000 images) from over 130 countries. From the 32 finalists, one winner will be named for each of two categories: International Photographer of the Year, and Discovery of the Year.

Respected educator and contemporary photography specialist, Catherine Edelman is guest curator of the IPA Best of Show Exhibition, which premieres at Splashlight on Saturday, October 27, during the 2018 Lucie Weekend. Since its founding in 1987, the Catherine Edelman Gallery has established itself as one of the leading galleries in the Midwest devoted to the exhibition of prominent living photographers, alongside new & young talent. The gallery showcases a broad range of subject matter, attracting both the seasoned collector and first time buyer. Recently, CEG has expanded its program to include mixed-media photo based art, as it seeks to expand the vocabulary of photography. Their website provides a wealth of information, including artist talks, interviews with art world professionals, an online only gallery for local talent, and extensive educational material. The gallery hosts 6 exhibitions a year, and participates in art fairs throughout the country. Catherine is an active member of the Association of International Photography Art Dealers (AIPAD). This is the first time Edelman has curated the International Photography Awards Best of Show exhibition.

Susan Baraz, Lucie Awards Co-Chair added, "For the 16th year, we are privileged to honor exceptional icons in our photo community at the Lucie Awards Gala on October 28. And the night before, we get a preview of work submitted to the International Photo Awards at the IPA Best of Show and Party, hosted by Splashlight, on October 27. As photography itself is metamorphosing due to technical input, digital work, Instagram, etc., these outstanding photographers provide a touchstone to an art that remains in its pure unadulterated form. The Lucies and the Best of Show exhibit of IPA work provide a reminder of the passion we have for the still image in a now very un-stilled present."

The IPA finalists are:
INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR cash prize sponsored by ATEDGE
Sandro Miller - Advertising - United States
Stephan Zirwes – Architecture – Germany
Randal Ford – Book – United States
Rasmus Flindt Pedersen – Editorial – Denmark
Mia Collis – Event – Kenya
Rodd Owen – Fine Art – Australia
Melissa Cormican – Nature – United States
Tawny Chatmon – People – United States
James Rushforth – Special – United Kingdom
Dlvyakant Solanki – Sports – India
Emily Kassie – Moving Image – United States
Barry Salzman – Deeper Perspective – United States

DISCOVERY OF THE YEAR
Daz Wang – Advertising – Taiwan
Naoki Fujihara – Architecture – Japan
Tom Hegen – Book – Germany
Urim Hong – Editorial – United States
F. Dilek Uyar – Event – Turkey
Klaus Lenzen – Fine Art – Germany
Magdalena Wasiczek – Nature – Poland
Natalia Evelyn Bencicova – People – Slovakia (Slovak Republic)
Kos Karathanasis – Special – Netherlands
Thomas Vuillaume – Sports – France
Remo Camerota – Moving Image - United States
Mohammad Rakibul Hasan – Deeper Perspective – Bangladesh

Additionally, the winners of the regional IPA competitions have been announced and are included below.
IPA China:
Photographer of the Year: **Shuangyin Dong**
Discovery of the Year: **Wei Zeng**

IPA Philippines:
Photographer of the Year: **Basilio Sepe**
Discovery of the Year: **Swan Gavileno**

IPA Russia:
Photographer of the Year: **Anton Unitsyn**
Discovery of the Year: **Alexander Vinogradov**

IPA Spain:
Photographer of the Year: **Aitor Garmendia**
Discovery of the Year: **Santiago Martinez de Septien**

Sponsors include Splashlight, and Blazing Editions who will be printing the Best of Show exhibit at Splashlight, using Chromaluxe as the print substrate.
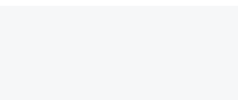
Free RSVP for Best of Show + Second Annual Lucie Photo Book Prize Exhibitions on Saturday, October 27 can be found here: https://www.eventbrite.com Tickets for The Lucie Awards on October 28 are now on sale at: http://www.lucies.org/buy-tickets/

ABOUT LUCIE FOUNDATION - Lucie Foundation's mission is to honor master photographers, discover and cultivate emerging talent and promote photography appreciation worldwide. The Lucie Awards ceremony is held annually to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the international photography community, recognizing those whose life's work deserves the highest acclaim. This is also where the Foundation's sister enterprise, the International Photography Awards (IPA), announces the winners of the competition. Cash prizes and statues are awarded. The Foundation presents year-round programming, including SNAPSHOP!, offers financial funding through the Lucie Scholarship Programs and presents MOPLA (Month of Photography LA), the west coast destination for a unique month of distinctive programming for photographers and those who appreciate the craft. The Lucie Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable foundation. www.luciefoundation.org

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