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## **Making Helsinki the photo capital of the north!**

**Helsinki Photo Festival July 5 - September 9, 2019**

**Helsinki Photo Festival brings photography to the streets by exhibiting the work of 50 Nordic and international photographers in various easily accessible outdoor and indoor exhibitions throughout Helsinki. The theme all photographers are working with this year is Anarchy. Outdoor exhibitions can already be visited while indoor exhibitions open August 12.**

This is the second edition of the Helsinki Photo Festival. The festival enables more than 200 000 people to experience the creativity and innovation of photography during the 9 weeks of indoor and outdoor exhibitions, artist talks, workshops, and photowalks.

Photographers were chosen by a team of experienced jurors (Stefan Bremer, Curt Richter, Karoliina Korpilahti) including Helsinki Photo Festival curatorial team (Alexandra Stroganova and Rafael Rybczynski) out of 170 open call submissions from more than 40 countries. The team shortlisted 72 photographers out of which 50 were selected as winners. The team also selected 25 images as winners of the Best Image competition.

Outdoor exhibitions are in visible and easily accessible locations: the Cultural Centre Stoa in Itäkeskus, Pyhän Birgitan Puisto at the Hernesaaren Ranta in Munkkisaari and Hesperian Esplanadi in Etu-Töölö. The festival is also exhibiting the work of Indonesian photographer Dilla Djalil-Daniel at the Tropical House in the Helsinki Zoo in Korkeasaari. Djalil-Daniel was one of the finalists from last year's festival and works with issues of orangutan preservation.

From August 7th until September 9th the festival will add indoor exhibitions, seminars, workshops, artist talks and photo walks to the programme. Indoor exhibitions are set up in Nordic Culture Point, Pasila Urban Art Center and Cafe Rupa. The main exhibition will be held at Katajanokka's Old Customs House, Kanavakatu 6.

Visit our website for news, programme and detailed information about the events:

**[helsinkiphotofestival.com](http://helsinkiphotofestival.com)**

We're also happy to announce that the festival was selected by World Photo Organisation as one of the best 15 photo festivals to visit this summer! <https://bit.ly/30LbxqO>

### **About Helsinki Photo Festival**

Helsinki Photo Festival is a non-profit association created to present cutting-edge work from Nordic and international photographers to attract interest in photography and visual media in Finland and abroad. We want to present and promote these art forms in an accessible way to help artists connect with new audiences, critics and curators - and vice versa.