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Making Helsinki the photo capital of the North!

Helsinki Photo Festival July 5 - September 9, 2019

“An exciting range of the most experimental works created today from both Nordic and international photographers. Encourages the audience to meet and interact with the arts directly in public spaces.”

- **Anna Bonita Evans** World Photography Organisation

Night of the Arts, August 15th – Helsinki Photo Festival has opened their main exhibition at one of the most iconic historic warehouses in Helsinki, the “Katajanokan Tulli- ja Pakkehuone (entrance from Katajanokanlaituri). The theme for this year is “Anarchy”, and the exhibition presents the works of 50 winning finalists, including 25 winners of the Best Image competition and a multimedia presentation of 24 shortlisted artists from all over the world.

Helsinki Photo Festival started July 5th bringing photography to the streets by exhibiting the work of Finnish and international photographers in various indoor and outdoor exhibitions throughout Helsinki. The festival is also proud to introduce our novel, photography display stands, that were designed by Helsinki-based Taiwanese Tien Yi Chiao and produced in Denmark solely for the main exhibition.

This is the second edition of the Helsinki Photo Festival. The size of this year’s festival enables the largest possible number of spectators to experience the creativity and innovation of photography, during the 9 weeks exhibitions, artist talks, workshops, seminars 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.

Outdoor exhibitions can be found at the Cultural Centre Stoa in Itäkeskus, Pyhän Birgitan Puisto in Munkkisaari, Hernesaaren Ranta 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.

Indoor exhibitions are set up in Nordic Culture Point, Pasila Urban Art Center and Cafe Rupla. The main exhibition is held at Katajanokka’s Old Customs House, Kanavakatu 6 from 11:00am - 8:00pm each day until the 9th of September.

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

www.helsinkiphotofestival.com

Helsinki Photo Festival is 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 and cultural event happening in the metropolitan area of Helsinki, pushing the boundaries of how one explores and experiences photography by giving the audience an opportunity to view the work in the public sphere. The festival program includes exhibitions, artist talks, workshops, seminars, photo walks and modular outdoor photo installations.

HEL SINKI PHOTO FESTIVAL LOCATIONS

OUTDOOR EXHIBITIONS JULY-SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sörnäistenlaituri
- 2 Pyhän Birgitan Puisto Hernesaarenranta
- 3 Helsinki Zoo Korkeasaari
- 4 Cultural Centre Stoa Turunlinnantie 1
- 5 Hesperian esplanadi Runeberginkatu 32-34

POP-UP EVENTS JULY 14TH

- 6 Afrojazz Goes Alppipuisto Viipurinkatu

INDOOR EXHIBITIONS AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

- 4 Cultural Centre Stoa Turunlinnantie 1
- 7 Pasila Urban Art Center Kasöörinkatu 3
- 8 Katajanokka Old Customs House Kanavakatu 6
- 9 Nordic Culture Point Kaisaniemenkatu 9
- 10 Cafe Rupia Helsinginkatu 16

SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS / ARTIST TALKS

- 9 Nordic Culture Point Kaisaniemenkatu 9
- 7 Pasila Urban Art Center Kasöörinkatu 3
- 11 Korjaamo Töölönkatu 51 A-B

PHOTO WALKS

- 3 Helsinki Zoo Korkeasaari

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The open call finalists of Helsinki Photo Festival 2019

Y, China / Dieter Schamne, Germany / Federico Estol, Uruguay / Seunggu Kim, South Korea / Charles Park, United States / Marco Sanges, Italy / Denise Prince, United States / Svante Gullichsen, Finland / Robert Rutoed, Austria / Janne Körkkö, Finland / Valerio Polici, Italy / David Arribas Gonzalez, Spain
Tine Bek, Denmark / Ruben Martin, Spain / Christa Blackwood, United States / Minoo Hassanzadeh, Iran
Hossein Fardinpard, Iran / Sem Langendijk, Netherlands / Alex Yudzon, United States / Diego Saldiva, Brazil
Neha Hirve, Sweden / David Sladek, Czech Republic / Maxime Reynie, France / Ma Siliang, China
Vitor Queiroz, Portugal / David Verberckt, Belgium / Laura Brichta, Germany / Sadaf Rassoul Cameron, USA
Emilie Royer, France / Ryan Walker, Canada / Marcus Gustafsson, Sweden / Ute Behrend, Germany
Victoria Crayhon, United States / Henri Blommers, Netherlands / Isadora Frost, Brazil / Niina Vehmaa, Finland
Kasa Loka collective: Verónica Borsani, Luzía Fernández Loiza, Paula Marinaro and Loreley Ritta, Argentina
Evgeni Attsetski, Belarus / Claudio Verbano, Germany / Thadé Comar, France / Penelope Thomaidi, Greece
Arianne Clément, Canada / Saara Tuominen, Finland / Jenni Emilia Toivonen, Finland / Jon Lanbroa, Spain
Tatiana Bondareva, Russia / Annagenia Jacob, Germany / Daniel Minsky, Argentina / Jorge López Muñoz, Spain / Michael P Martin, United States

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