



PRESS RELEASE

International Women Photographers Award – Edition 2018 announces laureate and finalists 2018 & Paris outdoor exhibition.

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International Women Photographers Award Exhibition Edition 2018

Opening: Thursday, July 5th 2018

Time: 7.00pm – onwards

July 5th - August 30th 2018

Location: City Hall of the 1st district, 4 place du Louvre, Paris.

Paris, France; April 10, 2018: The International Women Photographers Association is pleased to present the 11 photographers who have been selected from the 60 previously short-listed candidates. A total of more than 600 women photographers from 82 countries have submitted their entries to the International Women Photographers Award (IWPA). The results show the outstanding international success of the IWPA award as the selected photographers come from Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and South America.

Laureate:

Constanza Portnoy - Argentinian

Constanza's powerful and deeply moving series titled 'Force of Life' portrays the life of people with disabilities. With deep compassion and trust Constanza builds a relationship with each of the individuals she portrays in these compelling images.



"I feel excited, honored and very happy. Especially because in Argentina it is very difficult for now to raise awareness about this issue, unfortunately the rights of people with disabilities are very vulnerable".
Constanza Portnoy



Finalists :

Manyatsa Monyamane - South African
Annalisa Natali Murri - Italian
Laetitia Vancon - French
Elahe Abdolahaba - Iranian
Shu-Chen Chen - Taiwanese

Loulou D'aki - Swedish
Estelle Lagarde - French
Tahmineh Monzavi - Iranian
Alice Mann - South African
Marylise Vigneau - French

Loulou D'Aki



Alice Mann

The finalists' work will be on outdoor display at the City Hall of the 1st district, Paris, during the two summer months showing photographs taken by women from across the world. Focusing only on women photographers, both professional and amateur, we sincerely hope that this unique exhibition will be appreciated by the Parisian public as well as visiting tourists while raising the awareness on women's photography and its perspective in a domaine still largely dominated by men.

To further promote creativity, encourage fresh talent and create awareness around the globe, the itinerant exhibition travelling through the Middle East, Asia and Europe was inaugurated on March 8th with simultaneous openings in the UAE, Lebanon and Bangladesh, to coincide with International Women's Day. In addition, this year's laureate will also have an official solo exhibition held at the Canon Japan Headquarter Gallery in Tokyo.

The IWPA Award is a photography award organized by the International Women Photographers Association, Antidote art and design & MyArtSpy, in collaboration with Alliance Française Dubai and Canon Middle East (CME) as the official sponsor. This year IWPA received



more submissions from the Middle East North Africa region due to the support from the Canon ME.

“Canon’s sponsorship is an affirmation of our vision and commitment to nurture talent and recognise promising photographers and their art. The IWPA Award is a one-of-a-kind initiative which allows women’s perspectives in the art of photography to shine through and we look forward to the final announcements by the judges. Canon is especially supportive of women photographers and filmmakers in the Middle East and North Africa region. In fact, our brand ambassador in the region is the extremely talented, award winning, first woman film producer in the UAE Nayla Al Khaja. She has been incredibly inspirational to other aspiring female talents in the region, and I believe that the finalists from IWPA will further encourage women, especially youth, to take a serious interest in photography and experiment with all the possibilities it presents,” said Mai Youssef, Corporate Communications & Marketing Services Director, Middle East & Africa- Canon Middle East.

The founders of Antidote, Laure and Najeh believe strongly in the force of women in art and design. “It is an honour and privilege for us to use our resources to support and promote the IWPA which enables women photographers from around the world to gain recognition. The founder of IWPA, Séverine Blanchet is a photographer we have represented since the start of Antidote. We felt it was the right time to bring this unique Award which focuses solely on women photographers to Dubai and put women in the forefront.”

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Note to the editors:

International Women Photographers Association – IWPA promotes women photographers by highlighting and exposing their practices and talents to an international audience. This is mainly achieved by means of the IWPA Award and the promotion of exhibitions. The Association serves an important mission: to encourage and support women photographers on the path of reaffirming their personal voice and practice. The objectives are to: promote the diversity of women photographer coming from different traditions, cultures and religions, reveal to the public a new selection of photographic expression, expose the various testimonies of a global society.

Prizes: International Traveling show & Canon Cameras (EOS 80D 18-55IS STMX1 & EOS 1300D 18-55DC kit X10)



International Traveling Show:

Dates & Venues

March 2018 - Opening March 8th, 2018

Dubai - March 8th - March 30st La Galerie, Alliance Française

Beirut - March 8th - March 31st Institut Français

Chittagong - March 8th - March 15th Alliance Française

May 2018 - Opening May 7th - May 28th, 2018

Tokyo - Canon Japan Headquarter Gallery

July/August 2018 - Opening July 5th - August 30th, 2018

Paris - Marie (City Hall) 1st Arrondissement

September 2018

Casablanca - 12th September - 14th October Institut Français

Toulouse - 3 - 14th September - Alliance Française

New Delhi - 4th - 19th September, Alliance Française

Hyderabad - 30 August - 12th September - Alliance Française

Bangalore - 28th September - October 12th

October 2018

Marseille - 4 - 27 October - Agnes B Gallery in partnership with Film Femme Mediterranee Festival

Riyadh - Gallery Art Pur & Alliance Française (dates to be confirmed)

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Antidote Art & Design – Antidote is an art & design platform based in Dubai that represents talented artists and designers, both emerging and mid-career, from around the world, with a special focus on the Middle East and South East Asia. Antidote nurtures and supports the careers of its artists and designers by guiding them to appropriate residencies, special programs and biennale placement.

Antidote's unique features including its nomadic nature and dual portfolio of art and design allow it to inhabit alternative venues and to create innovative spaces and exhibitions, pushing the permeable boundary between art & design.

Antidote also works in the capacity of art and design consultants and manages small to large-scale creative projects from conception and production to installation for private clients or the commercial sector. In the brief lapse of just a couple of years since its foundation, Antidote has already achieved an impressive trajectory.

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tional network of collaborators.

INSTITUTIONAL PARTNER

Alliance Française - As a French Cultural Center, the Alliance Française of Dubai founded in 1983, has the mission of promoting French Language and Culture in the UAE. With its new art gallery inaugurated in December 2016, it has created a space of artistic expressions to young professional talents that would like to expose and express different points of views from different cultures. Its objective is to create links between French & Emirati Cultures and all the other communities in Dubai.

Among its cultural activities the Alliance Française is glad to work with Antidote a creative platform in the Middle East and has already supported past photography and art exhibitions: such as "Paris Vintage", "Flying Away" in 2015 or « The Ink Project » in 2017.

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TRIBE - Dubai based Tribe is a small operation with a big mission. As the world's first -and so far, only -magazine devoted exclusively to photography from the Arab world. It's uniquely concerned with a vast and diverse region where the talent is plentiful, but artistic institutions and international attention are just beginning to catch up. The magazine is a sign of the sea change that is making photography a signature attraction.

DIPTYK - Ever since 2009, Diptyk has firmly established itself as the benchmark magazine for the Arab and African art scenes. It provides a new analysis of art and its market in Morocco and around the world. Diptyk caters for a Moroccan and international readership of art lovers and collectors. Diptyk is also a beautiful object, as its print quality, paper, format as well as model and cover aesthetics make it a collectors' publication

OFFICIAL SPONSOR

Canon Middle East, a subsidiary of Canon Europe, is the operational headquarters for Canon in the Middle East and North Africa and is based in Dubai, UAE.

Founded in 1937 with the specific goal of making the best quality camera available to customers, Canon's tireless passion for the Power of Image has since extended its technology into many other markets and has established it as a world leader in both consumer and business imaging solutions. Its solutions comprise products, ranging from digital compact and SLR cameras, through broadcast lenses and portable X-ray machines, to multi-function and production printers, all supported by a range of value added services.



Canon invests heavily in R&D to deliver the richest and most innovative products and services to satisfy customers' creative needs. From amateur photographers to professional print companies, Canon enables each customer to realize their own passion for image. Further information about Canon Middle East is available at www.canon-me.com.

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