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As an approach in photography, Minimalism or Minimalistic photography could be taken by the photographer in all genres. No matter your are a portrait, architecture, landscape etc.

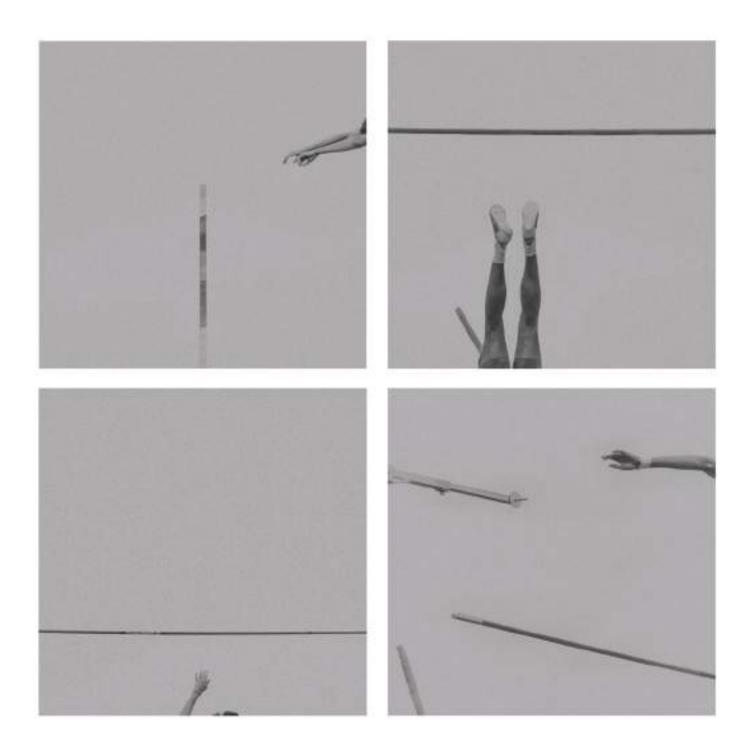
photographer, minimalistic photos are always an option as long as you have a minimal look toward your surroundings. The Minimalist Photography Awards Competition is a non-profit association run by Black and white Minimalism Magazine, which began with the goal of identifying and introducing emerging photographers to the photography industry as well as introducing more minimalist photography to the artistic community of photography. In the first edition of the competition, 3400 photos from 46 countries were uploaded to the competition website from around the world, and finally, after being judged, the title of the Minimalist Photographer of the Year was awarded to German photographer, Klaus Lenzen. The book ahead is an exquisite collection of some of the best works submitted to the competition.

The minimalist photography awards book is one of the few books that gives you a good insight into minimalist photography and is also a useful source of inspiration for all photographers interested in this field of photography.

Milad Safabakhsh Founder and President

Minimalist Photographer Of The Year 2019

Klaus Lenzen Pole Vault

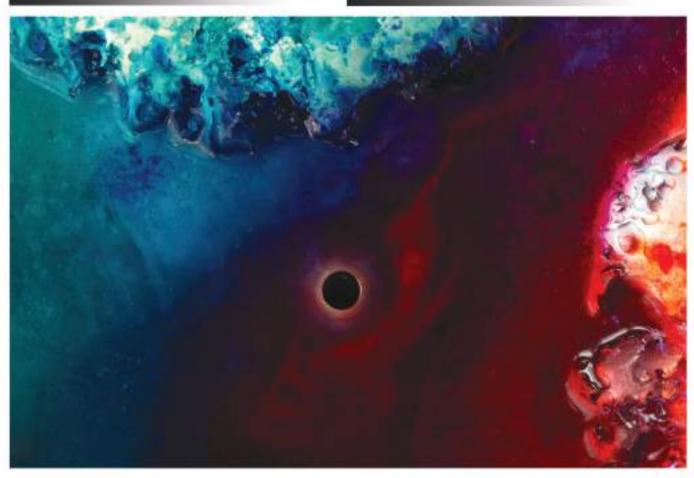


Abstract

Abstract - First Place

Maja Strgar Kurecic

Other Worlds



This photographs are from the "Other Worlds" series

In the intimacy of my room I dive deep into the unpredictable, hidden world of colors and liquids. While trying to capture the unstable forms with my camera, I'm searching for Other Worlds. Although in reality these worlds are squeezed in my kitchen bowl, I imagine them as new planets in the vastness of the Universe. For me those photographs represent a search for broader spaces, wider horizons, and a proof that even between the four walls of your room you could travel far with your imagination.

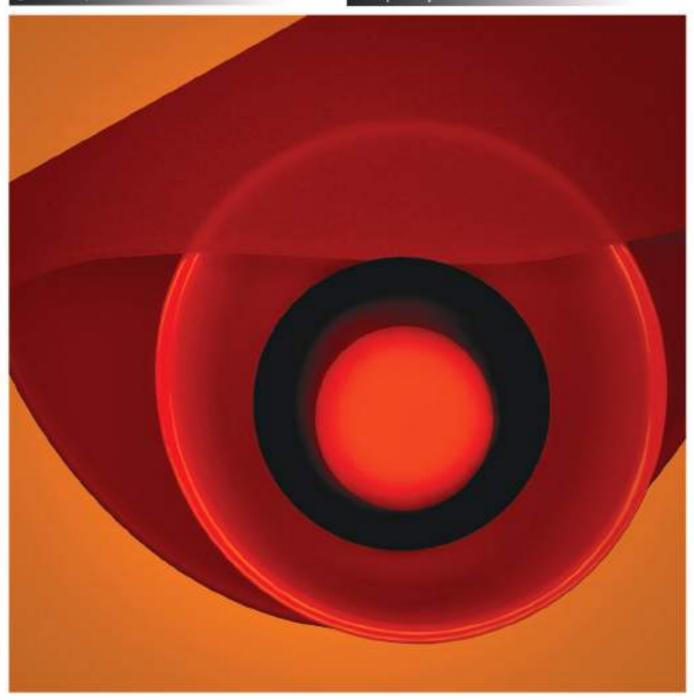
I created these images from water, paint, oil and other liquids that came under my hand. I began experimenting with different liquids and colours, developing a unique process of melting ice blocks and mixing it with oil and water. It has taken two years of perfecting and refining this process to succeed in making these photos. All photos are taken with Canon EOS 6D camera and Canon EF 100mm f/2.8 Macro USM lens. No processing was used. I used Photoshop only to transfer photos from the raw format,

This is an ongoing project started in 2017

Abstract - Second Place

lgor Matviyenko

Red perception





Abstract - Third Place

Dale M Reid

Dejeuner



My life experiences comprise both challenges and transitions ranging from managing my life partner's long-term medical care, leaving the corporate world, and entering the art world as a professional artist. A significant transition occurred later in life when I finally started to live my life as a transgender woman. The combination of these experiences not only allowed me to develop a unique set of skills that personalizes my artwork, but also reflects who I am a confident, strong, compassionate, caring and creative woman. In 2011, the oyster mushroom captured my imagination because of its bizarre and varied shape, alien texture, and intricate detail. The uniqueness of each mushroom provides me the opportunity to push my creativity. While it has been said that my mushroom images are reminiscent of Edward Weston's "Bell Pepper" series and that my photographic style echoes the Group f/64, the development of the unique set of skills allows me to personalize my images. Rather than giving a separate title to each photograph, I number the images sequentially to allow the viewer to form their own interpretation of the photograph. The mushroom images are an ongoing series of silver gelatin prints.

Abstract - Honorable Mention

Flora van Wageningen

Burned



Abstract - Honorable Mention



Abstract - Honorable Mention

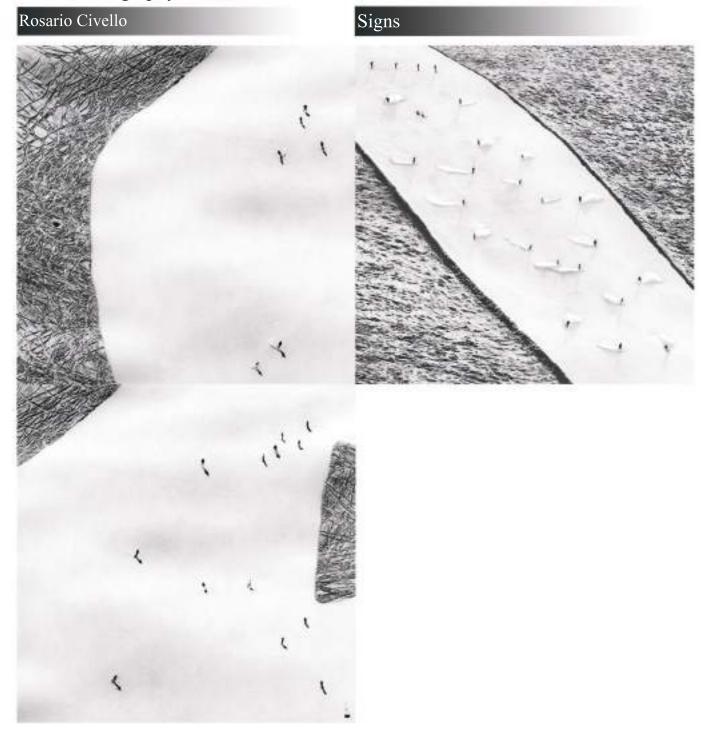
Francois Aubret

Graphic Encounters



Aerial Photography

Aerial Photography - First Place





Aerial Photography - Second Place

Franco Cappellari

Abstract Iceland



The interior of Iceland was for a long time incognito land: unknown, unexplored country. he
aerial photos give a beautiful abstract and minimalist point of view on the land of ice and fire, the ideal subject for combining modern and contemporary art with nature photography.

Willy Benoit

H2O



Aerial Photography - Honorable Mention

Tomáš Neuwirth

Cemetery



Aerial Photography - Honorable Mention

Mohammad Moheimany

Flood



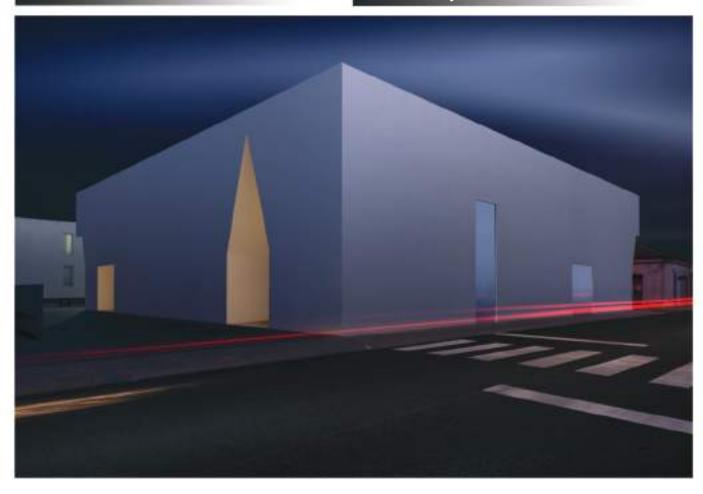


Architecture

Architecture - First Place

Franklin Neto

Mirror of Myself



This series tells the story of a soul acclaimed by the shadow and touched by the light concerning
the artistic way of seeing and feeling. I intend to present a bit of contemporary Portuguese architecture in a minimalist visual with dark mood.

Architecture - Second Place

Sandra Herber

Ice Fishing Huts





Architecture - Third Place

Klaus Lenzen

My Home Is My Castle





Architecture - Honorable Mention

Cyrus Cornut

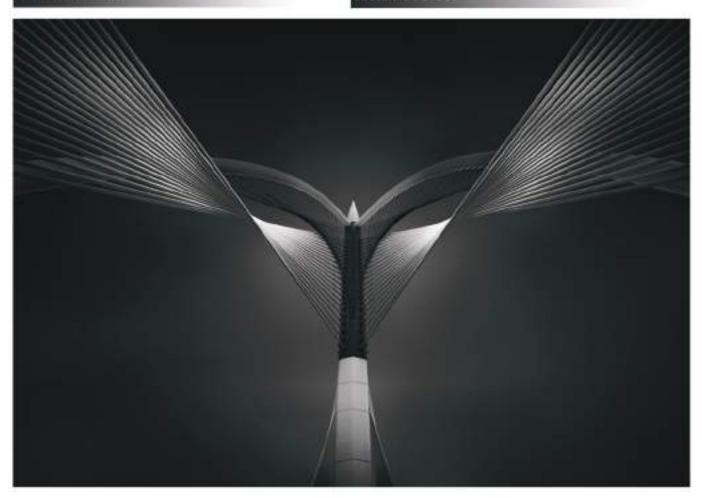
Fisherman in the Mist



Architecture - Honorable Mention

Ahmed Thabet

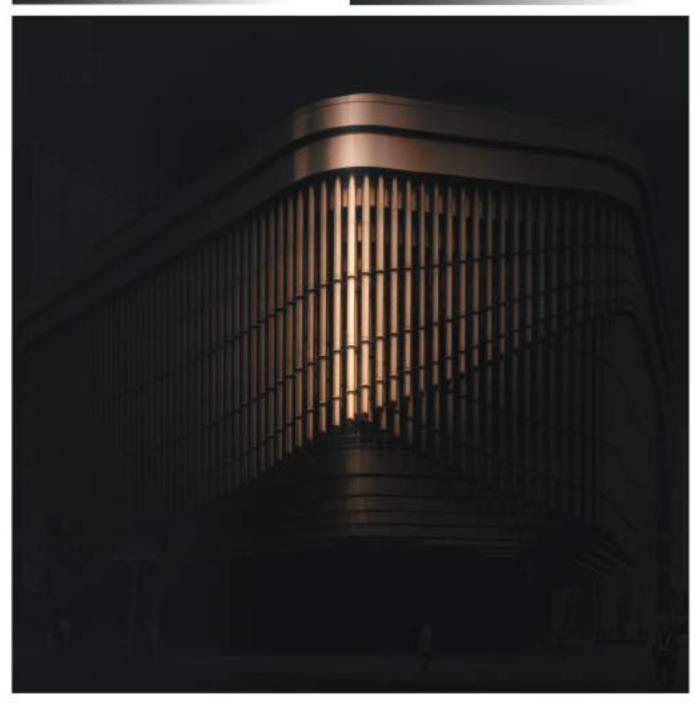
Heart of steel



Architecture - Honorable Mention

Lesley MacGregor

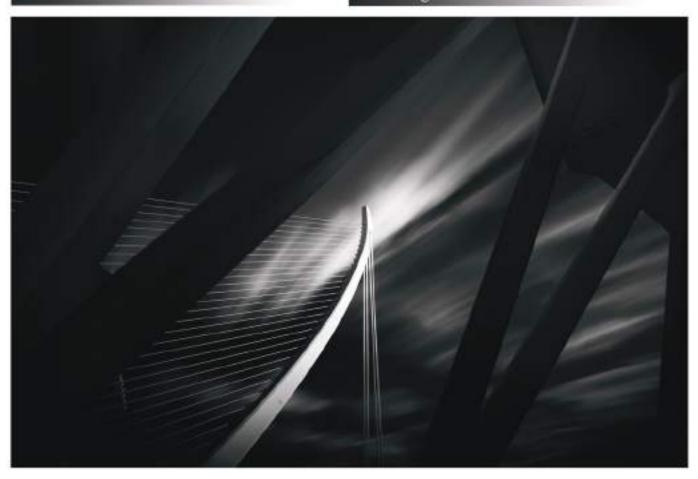
Corners of the Mind



Architecture - Honorable Mention

Fatima Qader

The Bridge





Conceptual

Conceptual - First Place

Alicja Brodowicz





Visual Exercises. A Series of Diptych



Visual Exercises. A Series of Diptychs (2018).

"In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect. Trees can be contorted, bent in weird ways, and they're still beautiful."

Alice Walker

Human body and nature.

Microcosm and macrocosm.

The human form: irregular, wrinkled, saggy. Imperfect.

Nature: wild, mysterious; sometimes incomprehensible, but always extraordinary.

Abnormalities and perfection.

By re-tracing the unity of formal elements, compositions, lines and shapes in the form of diptychs, the inter-relation of the human body and nature becomes apparent.

This analogy leads to the realisation of the perfection of both.

Estrangement from nature has led to the abuse of the environment and the body. Only through a reconnection with nature can we rediscover self-love and make the imperfect body perfect once more.

Conceptual - Second Place

Amir Arabshahi

Portrait of a dead man



The portrait of a dead man which had been fallen on the ground in a graveyard in the city of Qom, Iran.

Conceptual - Third Place

Hugo Thomassen

Shapes





Conceptual - Honorable Mention

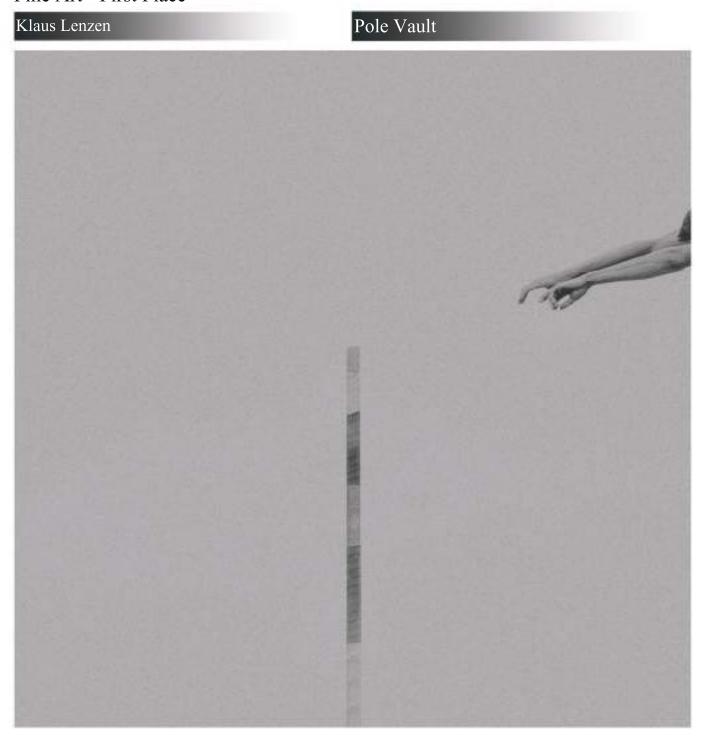
Roberto Corinaldesi

Take Me, With You



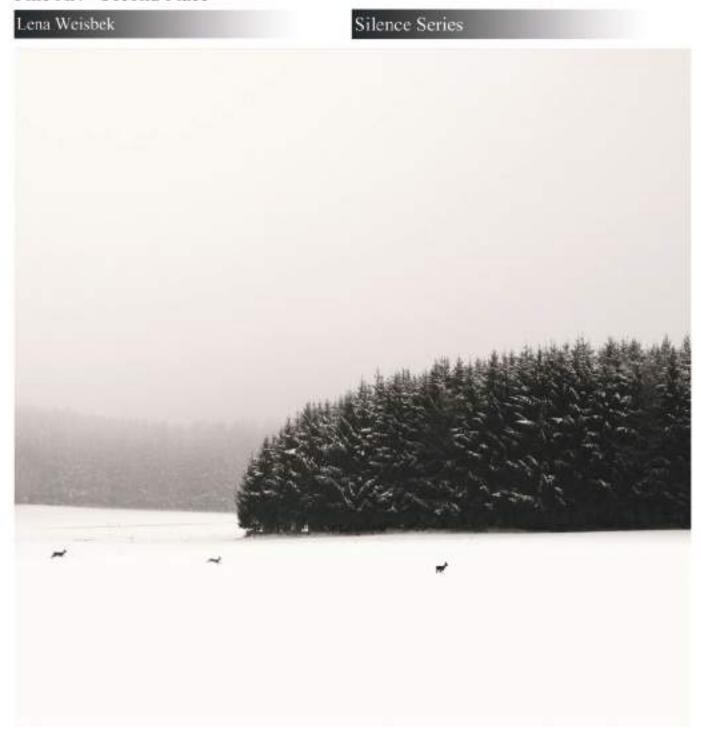
Fine Art

Fine Art - First Place





Fine Art - Second Place



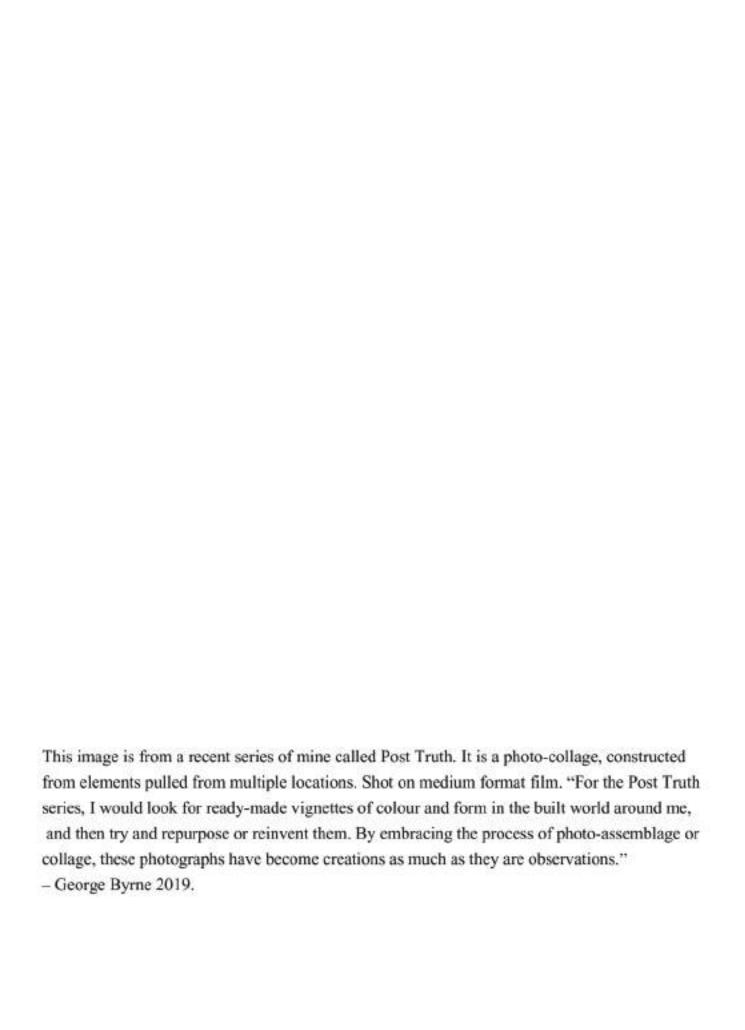


Fine Art - Third Place

George Byrne

Post Truth

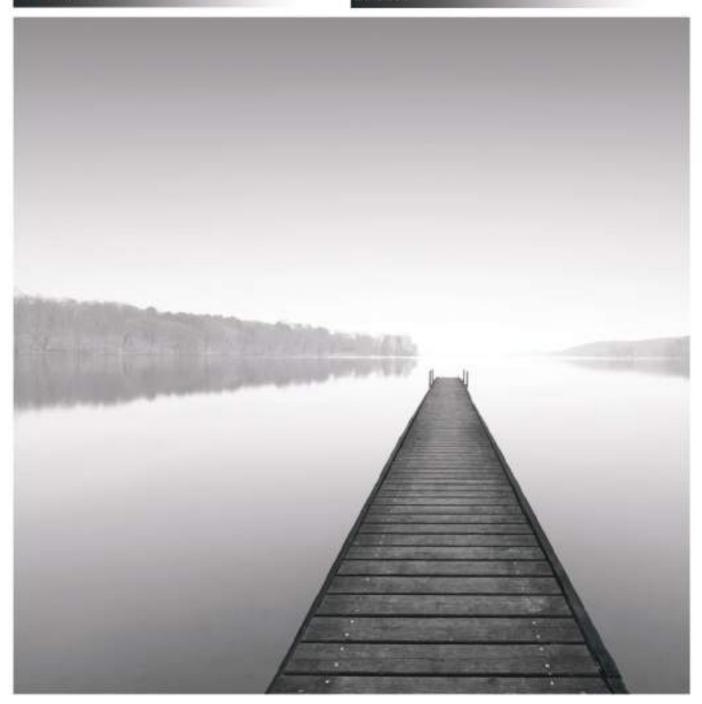




Fine Art - Honorable Mention

Sebastian Raabe

Silence



Fine Art - Honorable Mention

Vicky Martin

Not In Kansas



Fine Art - Honorable Mention

Raffaele Canepa Uphill



Landscape

Landscape - First Place

Eckart Bartnik

Elven Rocks



The wheel turns ever faster from one technical revolution to the next. Have we humans lost contact with our planet, with nature? The Icelanders, 54% of whom do not rule out the existence of mythical elves, do not seem to see themselves as the sole owners of the landscape. They see elves as a ritual attempt to respect mountains, hills, rivers in a different way than just with an idea of usefulness. With their irrational belief in beings such as elves, they honour a balance of power in which man does not necessarily sit at the longer lever.

In my project 'Elven rocks' (Icelandic: Alfar Rokk) I wanted to show my respect for this attitude of mind. On Iceland I interpreted rocks as the home of the presumed elves. Perhaps we should open our eyes and our minds to see things in the nature around us that we cannot scientifically explain, to have greater respect for nature again and to be more careful with it.

Landscape - Second Place

Filippo Giani

Landscapes



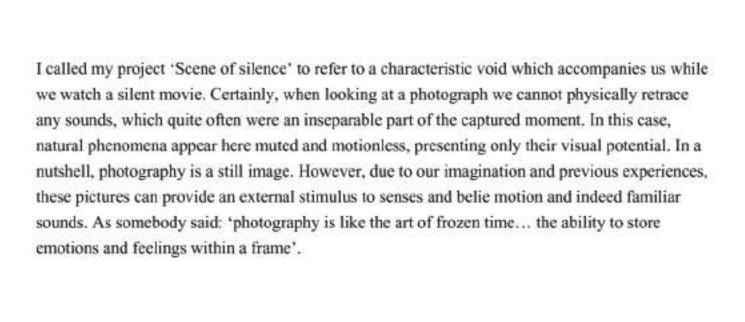
This body of work is comprised of landscape studies I've conducted through the past couple months.	of

Landscape - Third Place

Jakub Pasierkiewicz

Scene of silence





Landscape - Honorable Mention

Gerry Kenneally

The passage of Time



Landscape - Honorable Mention

Francisco Escobar

Sand Dunes In Winter



Landscape - Honorable Mention

Claire Droppert

Spring Pool



Long Exposure

Long Exposure- First Place

George Digalakis

Shipwrecks





Long Exposure- Second Place

Marc Koegel

Moon Trails





Long Exposure- Third Place

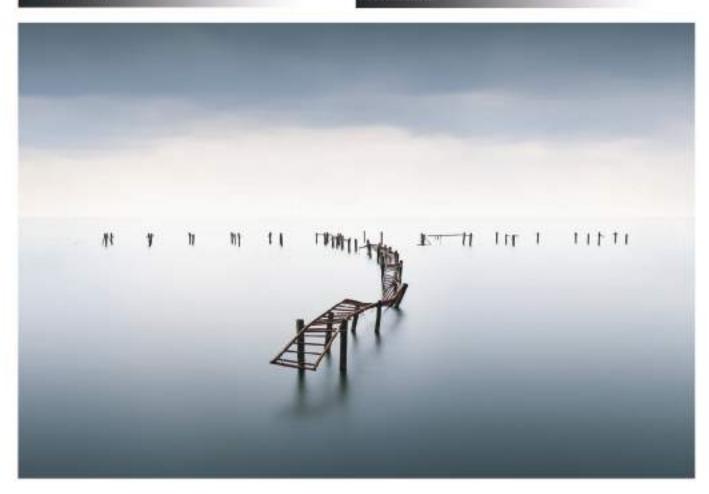
Marco Maljaars Markermeer





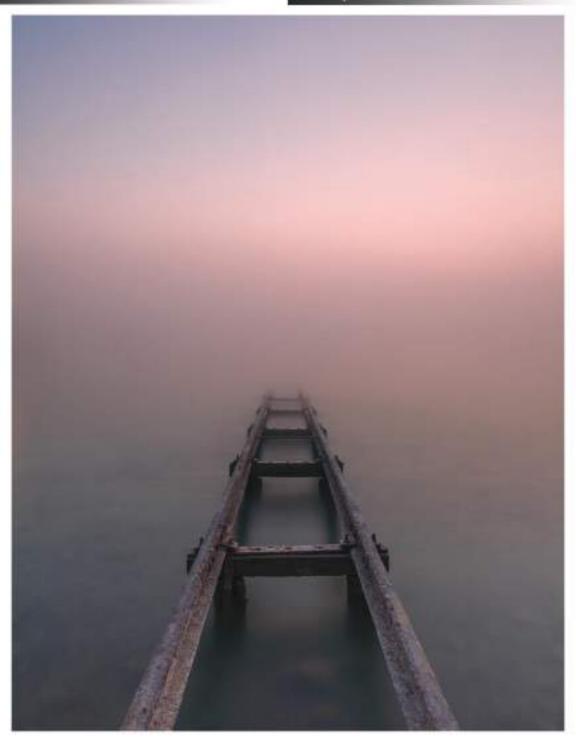
Cam Garner

Remnants



Federico Cavalli

Atmospheres



Seth Mayer Horizons



Dev Kulkarni

Broken Cube



Chong Diane

Lonely, Happy Dancing Tree



Night Photography

Night Photography - First Place

Leif Petersen

At Night





Night Photography - Second Place

Kyle Kim

The Foggy Night



The Foggy Night is a film-based series of fine art color landscape photographs that focus on the San Francisco Bay Area and cityscapes exploring lights and houses and other surrounding subjects. I prefer to observe and understand how the landscape interacts with both emotion and light. I started to analyze the structures, spaces (and places) and the systems that shape our lives and our landscapes and I focus on the area where we live at the interface of nature and culture. This body of work is about the uncommon beauty of the urban landscape on foggy nights. The various color and lights appear one by one in the night scenes. It was like being transported into another world. The world moves slower with fog and lots of things disappear into the darkness. It is within this landscape that I have found solace and peace within myself as my camera turns to the unusual attractiveness of the night. The fog soaks into the color of the artificial lights and transforms it. Due to the continued transformation, the night lights never disappoint me as they show a different face with each visit, revealing their strange elegance. As viewers explore the work, I intend for them to experience the unique beauty that is hidden in the night.

Night Photography - Third Place

Charlotte Gilliatt

Karluv Steps





Night Photography - Honorable Mention

Daniel Bond

Lost Highway



Night Photography - Honorable Mention

Everett Bloom

Desert Halo



Night Photography - Honorable Mention

Yancho Sabev

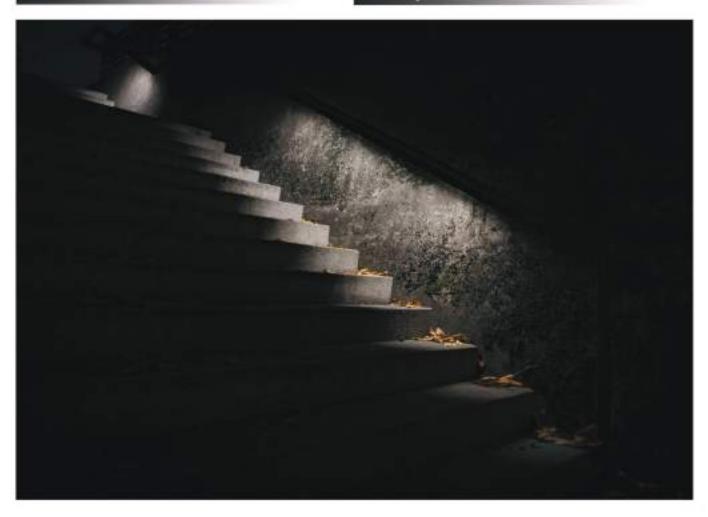
SOHO



Night Photography - Honorable Mention

Klaus Endres

Stairway to heaven





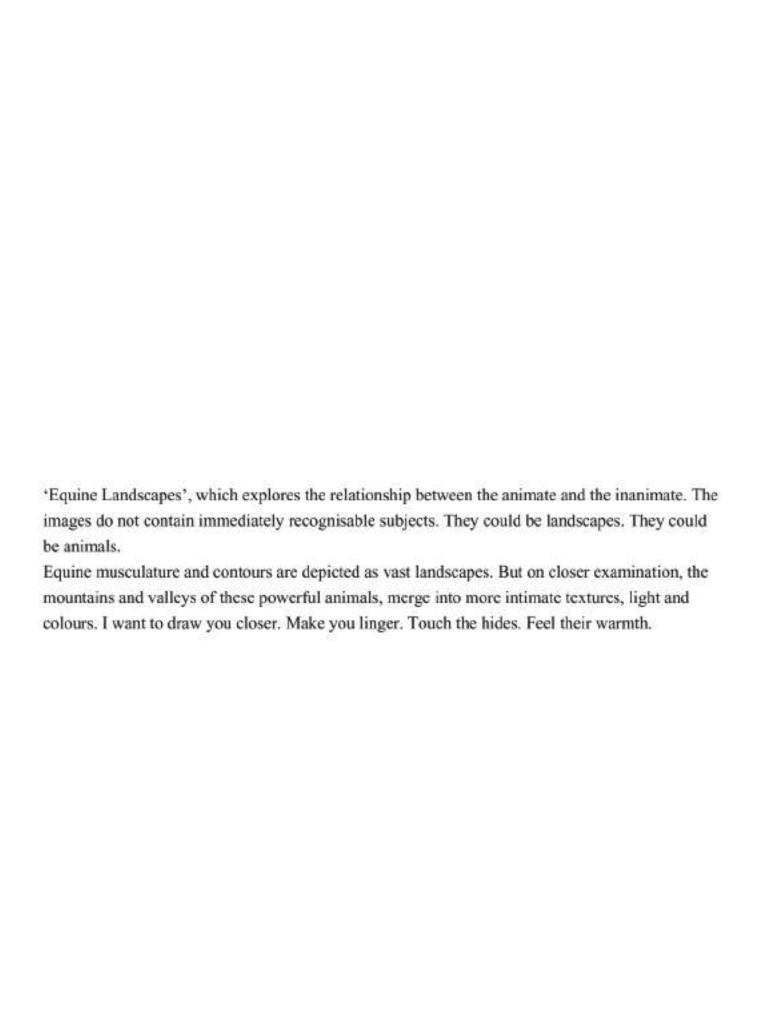
Open Theme

Open - First Place

Mieke Douglas

Equine Landscapes





Open - Second Place

Steve Blackwell

Caught in the Fence





Open - Third Place





Open - Honorable Mention

Luuk de Haan

Float 3

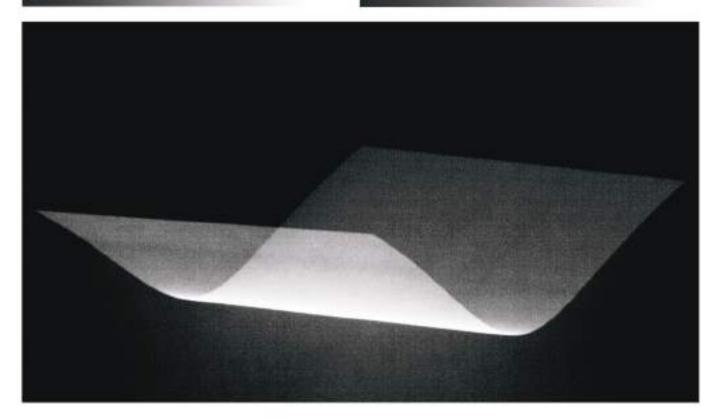
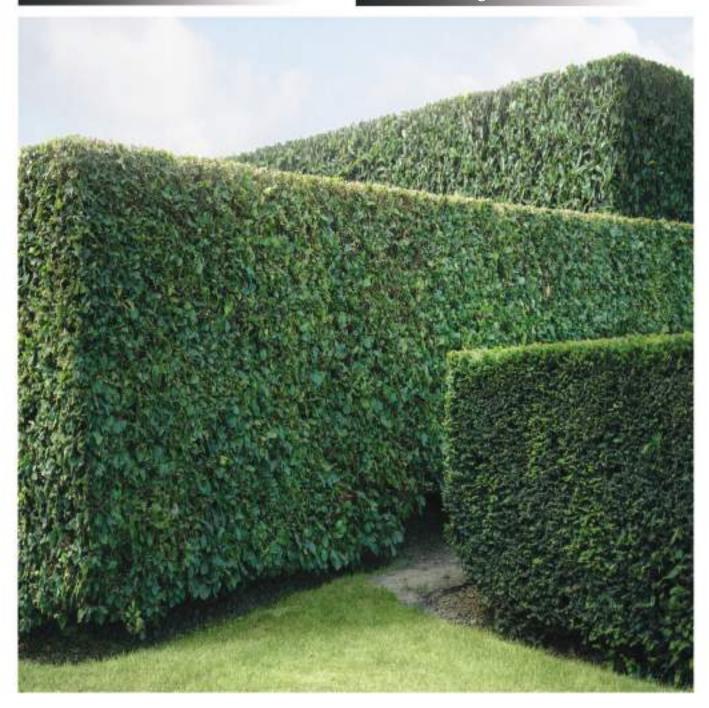


Photo Manipulation

Photomanipulation - First Place

Carol Erb

House and Hedge





Photomanipulation- Second Place

Filipp Rabachev

F.M. 1891 IN LINE



This year I completed the first independent project F.M.1891INLINE. Experimental, full of
inspiration, he found a response from the viewer. In the project I wanted to show the planets in the guise of a human unearthly, enveloped in a fabric the colors of the planets.
The project appeared thanks to my sketches. It all started with a small drawing and turned into
a present art. A little about space, a little more about yourself.

Photomanipulation - Third Place

Marco Maljaars

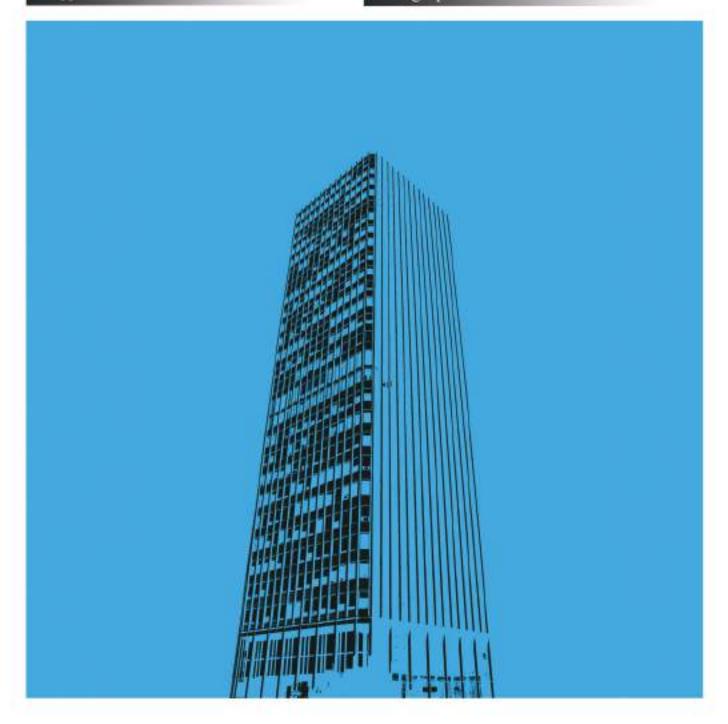
Trash container it is BB-8



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B-8 was added to the landscape supposing he was lost in the galaxy and stranded on planet inking that this cone is a droid and tries to communicate with it.	earın,
ne scene is inspired by the new Star Wars episodes. After some long exposure shots on the noticed these metal cones which are actually trash containers. Together with the pole in the	
ckground, the soft light and beautiful sky it felt like I was in a Star Wars scene. The landsc self is a long exposure shot of 238 sec.	ape

Philippe Cailloux

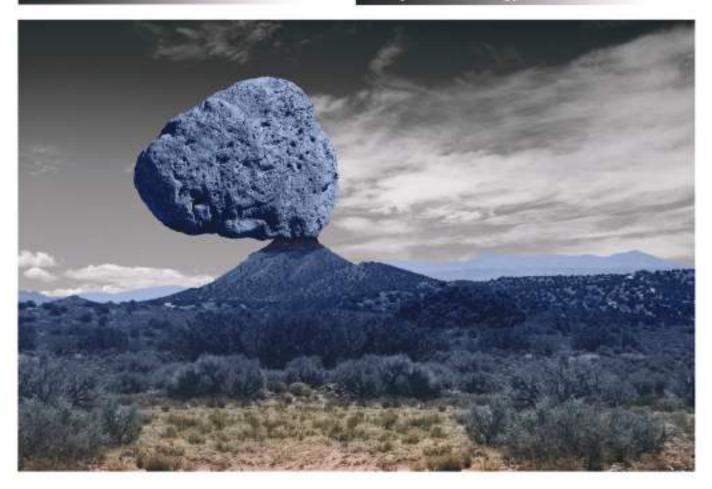
Photographism



Photomanipulation - Honorable Mention

Ellen Jantzen

Unexpected Geology





Portrait

Portrait - First Place

Tim Franco

Illicit Ink



An obscure South Korean law makes tattooing technically illegal. Although this does not stop a growing number of underground tattoo parlors to open in people's home or in hidden rooms, it does pose a challenge for a young generation looking to express themselves beyond the imposed ideal South Korean look – often controlled by the Kpop and cosmetic industries.

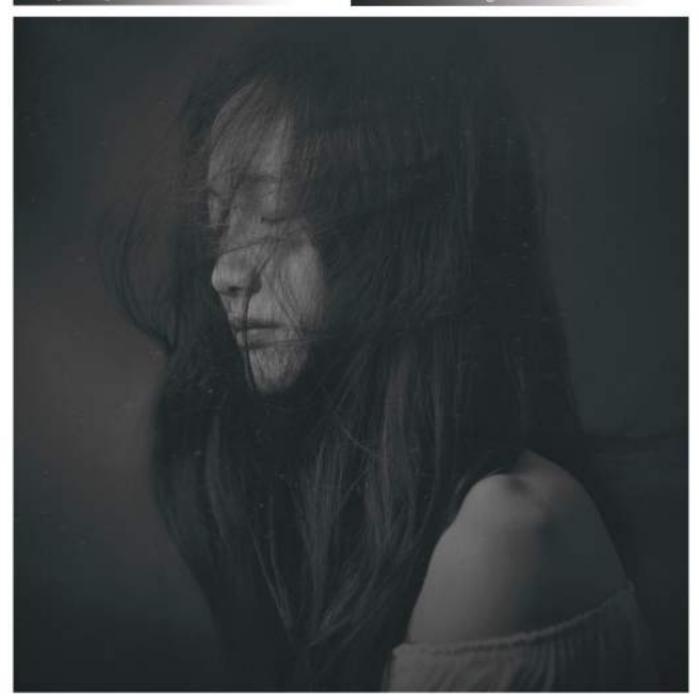
The tattoo history is actually centuries old in Korea. Sailors marked themselves with frightening shapes to scare away the monsters that inhabited the deep seas. But things changed during the Joseon dynasty when tattoos were used to mark robbers for their crimes and slaves as a perpetual mark of punishment. In the 20th century, South Korean gangs inspired by Japanese Yakuza used tattoos as a distinctive mark. This rather dark history of the art created a negative perception that has endured to this day in this very conservative society. Nowadays, a new generation of Koreans influenced by pop stars, Western athletes and television programs see tattoos as attractive and fashionable. But the ban remains in place.

Those portraits of young South Korean Tattooists who chose to defy laws and cultural standards have been captured directly on pieces of 8×10 inches negative photographic paper.

Portrait - Second Place

Suxing Zhang

All the wind brings





Portrait - Third Place

Hugo Thomassen

Nude





Portrait - Honorable Mention

Javiera Eyzaguirre

Portraits





Portrait - Honorable Mention

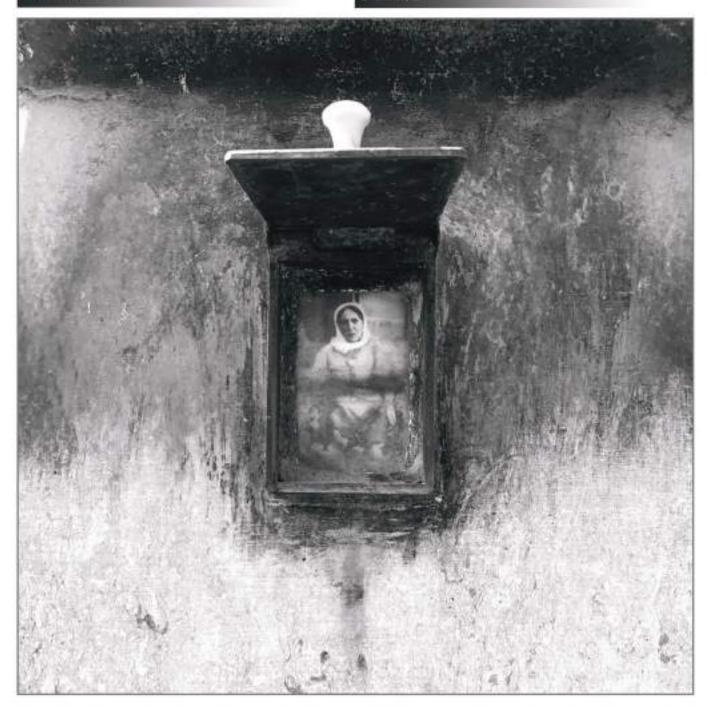
Tim Booth Fine Line



Portrait - Honorable Mention

Babak Kanaani

Untitled





Street Photography

Street Photography - First Place

Kris Desautels

Post Industrial Confusion



Post Industrial Confusion is a series examining loneliness, isolation, and fear through shadow, shape, and highlight. The shadows dark and daunting, shapes algorithmic, and dazzling highlights all work to isolate my subjects, revealing them between the extremes of light and dark. It's within this polarized setting that he finds the individual living today.

I love the contrast between light and shadow, and utilize it to simplify, minimize, and strip all the unnecessary elements away to create a sort of 'radical simplicity, removing all unnecessary elements to focus on the essence of the composition. I deliberately made some images top heavy (scale) as a metaphor for forces that sometimes seem impersonal, unaccountable, and insurmountable.

All images taken in Chicago, 2018

Street Photography - Second Place

Leif Petersen

At Night





Street Photography - Thrid Place

Farshid Ahmadpour

Prayer





Street Photography - Honorable Mention



Street Photography - Honorable Mention

Naoya Takahashi

Oblique Light



Street Photography - Honorable Mention

Christoph Gysin

Minimalist architecture and people



Street Photography - Honorable Mention

Betty Goh Align



Street Photography - Honorable Mention



Hugo Thomassen Krisztian Elek Panos Vassilopoulos

Rosario Civello Hilda Champion Mat Beetson
George Byrne Felix Steinberger Tomáš Neuwirth
Ahmed Thabet John Santoni Sugiman Widodo

Klaus Micke Abdulla AL-Mushaifri Leslie Gleim

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Francois Aubret Rommel Lugada Marcella Jones
Gigi Chung Hartmut Rieg Philippe Sarfati
Noirblanc 777 Paul Gravett Barry Knight

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