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Jurors revealed for 2020 Sony World Photography Awards

- *Experts from across the industry will recognise the world's best artists working in photography*
- *2020 edition includes four new initiatives giving global exposure*
- *Touring exhibition of 2019 winners continues to Italy, Germany, Mexico, France & Japan*
- *New images from 2020 Awards' entries available from www.worldphoto.org/press*

SYDNEY, 1 October 2019 – The jury for the 2020 Sony World Photography Awards is today revealed by the Awards' creators, the World Photography Organisation.

Free to enter, the internationally acclaimed Awards present a vital opportunity for all levels of photographers from around the world to be seen, appraised and rewarded. The 2020 jury includes a diverse range of industry experts across the museum, gallery, art fair and media sectors. The Awards offer an unbeatable platform for its winning and shortlisted artists to gain exposure and recognition, with past recipients going on to secure gallery representation, publishing deals and widespread press coverage.

The Professional competition, judged on a body of work and targeting artists working across the breadth of 10 photography categories, will be assessed by: **Claudi Carreras Guillén**, Independent curator, editor, and cultural manager; **Touria El Glaoui**, Founding Director of 1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair; **Katie Hollander**, Director, Annenberg Space for Photography; **Gwen Lee**, Director, Singapore International Photography Festival and **Brent Lewis**, Photo Editor, The New York Times / Co-Founder, Diversify Photo.

The Professional Jury will be chaired for the third consecutive year by picture editor, curator and consultant **Mike Trow**, bringing huge knowledge of the Awards' history and development to the proceedings. Trow will also curate the 2020 Sony World Photography Awards Exhibition.

The Open and Youth competitions will be chaired by **Gisela Kayser**, Managing Director and Artistic Director, Freundeskreis Willy-Brandt-Haus e.V., Berlin. **Tim Clark**, curator, writer and Editor in Chief at 1000 Words completes the 2020 jury as the chair of the Student competition.

All entries are free at www.worldphoto.org and the deadlines are:

- Youth competition: Last day of each month from June - December 2019
- Student competition: November 29, 2019
- Open competition / National Awards: January 7, 2020
- Professional competition: January 14, 2020

The jurors will meet in London in January 2020 to debate the work, and the first of the shortlists will be announced February 4, 2020. All work is judged anonymously. The 2019 edition received 327,00 entries from 195 countries and territories.

2020 Awards evolve to provide four new initiatives to photographers

Now in its 13th year, the Sony World Photography Awards continue to evolve and develop to connect photographic communities across the world and offer more opportunities to those working in photography, particularly in the emerging markets.

As such, the 2020 edition will see four new initiatives. Firstly, the works of Latin American photographers will be celebrated in a new **Latin America Professional Award**. Open to all photographers from Latin American countries entering bodies of work to the 2020 Professional competition, one winner and selected finalists will receive Sony digital equipment and an exhibition of their work in Mexico in 2020.

To mark the launch of this new award, an exhibition of work from across the 2019 Sony World Photography Awards, including a special curation of never before seen images by Latin American photographers, will open at the Foto Museo Cuatro Caminos, Mexico City from October 3 to 31, 2019. For more information go to www.worldphoto.org/latin-america-professional-award.

In conjunction with Sony China, the Awards have also launched the **China National Student Photography Award**. Open to all academic institutions across mainland China with photography programs, this new competition will seek to recognise the next generation of photographers. Ten emerging Chinese students will be shortlisted, and one winner will be flown to London to compete for the Student Photographer of the Year title against young photographers from across the world. For more details go to www.worldphoto.org/china-national-student-photography-award.

Young photographers aged 12-19 will also have more opportunity to be spotted in the refreshed **Youth competition**. Photographers are now challenged to enter up to 3 images per month to different

themes. Running from June - December, one winner will be chosen each month and will go on to compete for the Youth Photographer of the Year title.

Lastly, a new **Environment category** has been introduced to the Professional competition in recognition of the growing importance of this topic in both fine art photography and photojournalism.

2019 touring exhibition

The work of the 2019 winning and shortlisted artists, including the 2019 Photographer of the Year Federico Borella, continues to inspire audiences worldwide.

Providing a unique insight into contemporary photography from the last year, the 2019 exhibition opened in London to 25,000 people and moved to Spain and Korea. It will now travel to Japan, France, Italy and Germany. For the full touring schedule please go to www.worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards/travelling-exhibition

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About World Photography Organisation

World Photography Organisation is a global platform for photography initiatives. Working across up to 180 countries, our aim is to raise the level of conversation around photography by celebrating the best imagery and photographers on the planet. We pride ourselves on building lasting relationships with both individual photographers as well as our industry-leading partners around the world. The World Photography Organisation hosts a year-round portfolio of events including the Sony World Photography Awards, the world's largest photography competition, and PHOTOFAIRS, international art fairs dedicated to photography with destinations in Shanghai and San Francisco. For more details see www.worldphoto.org

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