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A cultural complex for theatre, music, dance and the allied arts.



World Press Photo is proud to announce compelling 2023 Photo Contest regional winners that showcase both prominent and overlooked stories from photo-journalists and documentary photographers across every inhabited continent, calling attention to some of the most pressing issues facing the world today – from the devastating documentation of the war in Ukraine and historic protests in Iran, to the realities in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, and the many faces of the climate crisis in countries ranging from Morocco to Australia to Peru to Kazakhstan.

The 24 winners and six honorable mentions - covering stories from the front lines of conflict, culture, identity, migration, memories of lost past and glimpses of near and distant futures - were drawn from more than 60,000 entries by 3,752 entrants from 127 countries. The entries were judged first by six regional juries, and all winners chosen by a global jury consisting of the regional jury chairs plus the global jury chair, New York Times photo editor and co-founder of Diversify Photo, Brent Lewis.

Executive Director of the World Press Photo Foundation, Joumana El Zein Khoury, said:

"Selecting these arresting winning images from tens of thousands of entries was a huge task for our independent jurors, all of whom demonstrated profound care, expertise and passion in reaching their decisions, delivering a stunning and globally balanced view of the past year.

In a world where dozens of journalists are still killed in the line of duty every year, I could not stop thinking about the journeys and risks these photographers - and often, their subjects - take to bring us these images of our world.

I am humbled to present this selection and honored that we will be able to bring the vital stories they tell to millions more people."

TJury chair, New York Times photo editor and co-founder of Diversify Photo, Brent Lewis said:

"For me, I was looking for pictures that grab you, and that won't let go. There are images here that let you understand 'this could be you'. That I can't get away from.

But they also had to represent the world. We saw powerful stories ranging from the conflict in Ukraine, and Afghanistan's first year under Taliban rule, to oil spillage in Peru and the loss of women's rights, from the USA to Iran.

The photographs that we have chosen to represent 2022 are indicative of this moment in time, and will serve as historical documents of what the year was like for future generations to look back on and hopefully learn from. World Press Photo has, throughout my career, served as a guiding force for what is possible with photography, and it has been my greatest honor and privilege to serve as global jury chair, and hopefully to pass that guidance on to a new generation."

Global winners to be announced 20 April

Four global winners (one per category) are chosen from the regional winners, and these will be announced on 20 April, 11:00 am CEST (Netherlands time) online and, for the first time, at the press opening of our flagship exhibition at the historic De Nieuwe Kerk on Amsterdam's central square.

This Amsterdam exhibition will open to the public on 22 April before being shown to millions in our annual exhibition in over 60 cities around the world (including Rome, Berlin, Barcelona, Zurich, Tel Aviv, Taipei, Singapore, Mexico City, Jakarta, Sydney, and Toronto), and will be seen by millions more online.

Winners' program

The 24 winners are also invited to a program of events in Amsterdam, Netherlands, from 9 to 13 May. In addition to the awards celebration, the program will consist of networking events (with photo editors, curators, and festival directors), workshops, presentations, a tour of their winning images on display, and a public "mini-festival" at De Nieuwe Kerk on the final day.



About the World Press Photo Foundation

Connecting the world to the stories that matter.

We are a global platform connecting photojournalists, documentary photographers and our worldwide audiences through trustworthy storytelling.

World Press Photo was founded in 1955 when a group of Dutch photographers organized a contest (“World Press Photo”) to expose their work to an international audience. Since then, our mission has expanded. Our contest has grown into one of the world’s most prestigious competitions, rewarding the best in photojournalism and documentary photography from around the world. Through our successful worldwide exhibition program, we present to millions of people the stories that matter.

The World Press Photo Foundation is a creative, independent, nonprofit organization, based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. We appreciate the support of our strategic partners, the Dutch Postcode Lottery and PwC.



SKHUMBA'S WEEKEND COMEDY SPECIAL.

Back by popular demand. The extremely successful COMEDY ENSEMBLE will be held on the 14th & 15th April 2023.

The Comedy special aims to cater to a variety of audiences as Comedians will deliver their material in English, Xhosa, Zulu, Sotho, Tswana & Pedi.

Skhumba's Walk This Way Wheelchair campaign , close to his heart, had to be put on hold as well because of the havoc wreaked across the globe due to COVID. Five hundred wheelchairs have been donated around Gauteng since 2016. He continues to entertain his wide audience with laughter on his new and improved radio show "LAST CALL", which he co hosts with Thomas Msengana, on Kaya FM Monday to Thursday.

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Dates: 14 & 15 April 2023
Ticket Price: R225 p/p
The shows will start at 19h00.

NKUKZA'S BIRTHDAY COMEDY NIGHT....

In celebration of Nkukza's birthday, Nkukza presents a night of fun, laughter and entertainment on the 28th of April 2023.

This event promises to get you rolling off your seats with Top Tier South African Comedy acts that are well known for leaving long-lasting smiles.

ACTS INCLUDE: MASHABELA | PELEPELE | SALESMAN

Get your Pre-Booked tickets today to secure a seat for you and your loved ones.

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Dates: 28th of April 2023.

AFRICAN JAZZ PIONEERS & THE MAHOTELLA QUEENS

A unique music collaboration by 2 iconic South African groups, the African Jazz Pioneers and The Mahotella Queens.

The Mahotella Queens are a South African female band formed in 1964. They are noted for their distinct vocal harmony sound, guitar-led mbaqanga music, and fast stage dancing.

The African Jazz Pioneers is a South African group that espouses the music of the 1950s, fusing big band jazz with township marabi sounds.

Dont miss these Jazz legends who join forces at The Market Theatre!

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Dates: 05 - 06 May 2023.



THE MARKET THEATRE IS NOMINATED FOR 23 NALEDI AWARDS!



The year 2022 is a year Theatre Lights came back on, post the pandemic.

The year 2022, for many, was the year that theatre bounced back after the COVID pandemic. The Naledi Theatre Awards judging panels saw over 100 productions across all genres of the performing arts.

Lihan Pretorius, the CEO of the Naledi Theatre Awards, said "Covid has shown our industry a new way forward in presenting productions. There has been a marked upturn in the number of plays produced, with many of them being solo performances." He continued "the quality of work has been exceptional, with practitioners really honing their craft and maximising minimum budgets". Renos Spanoudes, the head of the judging panels said, "Producers have really gone all out to ensure production values are kept to a very high standard. Across the board we have seen performing arts practitioners manage to lure the general public back to theatre again after a long hiatus, where for a while only the diehard theatre goers ventured out to see productions."

"We have seen so many really exceptional works - both indigenous South African pieces, as well as international works with South African performers" said Board member, Chris Avant Smith.

The judges were faced with extremely hard choices due to the calibre of work and in the end they relied on the sentinel tenant of the Naledi Theatre Awards, Celebrating Excellence in Theatre.

The nominations were announced this afternoon, 27 March 2023 at 17h00 at a small event, held at the Lesedi at the Joburg Theatre Complex, with some wine generously sponsored by Distell.

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