16th ANNUAL LUCIE AWARDS HONORS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN PHOTOGRAPHY AND REVEAL FINAL IPA 2018 COMPETITION WINNERS

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Monday, October 29, 2018. (New York, NY) At the sold-out 16th Annual Lucie Awards Gala, a glittering ceremony brought together the industry’s most renowned artists. The coveted Lucie Trophy was awarded for achievements in areas ranging from Fine Art and Documentary photography, to support categories such as Photojournalism and Advertising. The International Photography Awards (IPA) also announced the finalists and final winners in its 2018 Photography Competition for the Professional and Non-Professional/Student categories.

“I am so proud to be celebrating the 16th year of the Lucie Awards. Tonight we pay tribute to the achievements of the winners and honorees that bring so much joy and meaning to our community. We are pleased to be at Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York once again for this occasion and to see our friends and colleagues while we shine a spotlight on these achievements,” stated Hossein Farmani, the Lucie Awards founder.

IPA’s top 2 prizes—Photographer of the Year for the Professional categories, and Discovery of the Year for the Non-professional/Student categories, were selected from among over 12,000 entries from around the world, and the winners were announced during the Lucie Awards ceremony, and awarded the Lucie Trophy and Cash prizes.

IPA Finalists for Photographer of the Year:

- Sandro Miller - Advertising - United States
- Stephan Zirwes – Architecture – Germany
- Randal Ford – Book – United States
- Rasmus Flindt Pedersen – Editorial – Denmark
- Mia Collis – Event – Kenya
- Rodd Owen – Fine Art – Australia
- Melissa Cormican – Nature – United States
- Tawny Chatmon – People – United States
- James Rushforth – Special – United Kingdom
- Divyakant Solanki – Sports – India
- Emily Kassie – Moving Image – United States
- Barry Salzman – Deeper Perspective – United States
- Anton Unitsyn – Russian IPA Photographer of the Year 2018
- Shuangyin Dong – Chinese IPA Photographer of the Year 2018
- Aitor Garmendia – Spanish IPA Photographer of the Year 2018
- Basilio Sepe – Philippines IPA Photographer of the Year 2018
Winner of IPA 2018 “INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR” (Awarded $10,000 cash prize sponsored by ATEDGE and the Lucie Trophy)

The Awakening—Tawny Chatmon (People Photographer of the Year / Pro)

“The Awakening” focuses on familial bonds, motherhood, fatherhood & celebration of childhood. Inspired by the work of Marianne Stokes whose portraits often showed the fine details of garments that were floor length and embroidered. My camera remains my primary tool of communication, while my constant exploration of diverse ways of expression moves me to add several different layers using a variety of mediums. After a portrait session is complete, I digitally manipulate my subjects and unite them with other photographic components to achieve a work that is a new photographic expression.

Finalists for IPA 2018 Discovery of the Year:

Daz Wang – Advertising – Taiwan
Naoki Fujihara – Architecture – Japan
Tom Hegen – Book – Germany
Urim Hong – Editorial – United States
F. Dilek Uyar – Event – Turkey
Klaus Lenzen – Fine Art – Germany
Magdalena Wasiczek – Nature – Poland
Natalia Evelyn Bencicova – People – Slovakia (Slovak Republic)
Kos Karathanasis – Special – Netherlands
Thomas Vuillaume – Sports – France
Remo Camerota – Moving Image - United States
Mohammad Rakibul Hasan – Deeper Perspective – Bangladesh
Alexander Vinogradov -- Russian IPA, Discovery of the Year 2018
Wei Zeng -- Chinese IPA, Discovery of the Year 2018
Santiago Martinez De Septien -- Spanish IPA, Discovery of the Year 2018
Swan Gavileno and Team -- Philippines IPA, Discovery of the Year 2018

Winner IPA 2018 “DISCOVERY OF THE YEAR” (Awarded the Lucie Trophy and $5,000 Cash Prize)

I am Rohingya—Mohammad Rakibul Hasan (Deeper Perspective Photographer of the Year / Non-Pro)

The Rohingya are a minor Muslim ethnic group who lived in Myanmar for centuries. However, due to the racism and many other socio-political issues among the majority in Myanmar, they were declared as a stateless Bengali community who migrated to Myanmar from Bangladesh. In recent times, the Myanmar Army started a silent genocide to forcefully evacuate them out of the country.
The Lucie Awards was the culmination of a weeklong celebration of photography, and included the opening of IPA’s 2018 “Best of Show” exhibition, which features a curated selection of winning images from the 2018 IPA Photography Awards. Respected educator and contemporary photography specialist, Catherine Edelman curated the Exhibition, which is sponsored by ChromaLuxe and Blazing Editions and hosted by Splashlight Studios in New York City. The exhibition will be shown in at least 15 cities around the world during the coming year, including Tokyo, Taipei, Moscow, Paris, Los Angeles, Bangkok and Manila. View images of the event [here](https://www.lucies.org).

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The International Photography Awards™ conducts an annual competition for professional, non-professional, and student photographers on a global scale, creating one of the most ambitious and comprehensive competitions in the photography world today. IPA is a sister-effort of the Lucie Foundation, 501(c)3 non-profit, charitable foundation whose mission is to honor master photographers, discover and cultivate emerging talent and promote the appreciation of photography worldwide. The annual programming of Lucie Foundation is funded largely through the International Photography Awards, including the signature event, the Lucie Awards.

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