

PRESS RELEASE

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Rovinj Photodays 2021

Winners & Finalists

At this year's competition, as of March 31st, over 2900 photographs by authors from 16 countries were sent in and, as expected, photographers from the region preceded the number of entries.

This year's selection was conducted by a three-member jury of renowned experts in their respective fields:

1. Dejan Sluga, Program Manager and Director of the Photon Center for Contemporary Photography - President of the Jury, **SLO**
2. Sabina Salamon, curator at the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in Rijeka, **CRO**
3. Hrvoje Slovinc, photographer, **NY**

The jury had the task of selecting the finalists of the competition and among them the winner of the Grand Prix, i.e. the overall winner of the competition. They were given complete autonomy in the judging process, regarding both the number and placement of the finalists, to insure that the final exhibition represents the very best of the work sent in.

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"In the pandemic year of 2021, a significant number of photographers sent in their submissions for the Photodays competition among which, once again, the younger generation stands out. The quality of the submissions especially varies among them, but the jury had more than a sufficient number of works that stand out in front of them, so the decisions were not that easy sometimes. In a lot of works, the authors thematize the present situation in one way or another, not necessarily only in the category of documentary photography, and the jury paid special attention to these works.

Special attention was also paid to quality series from the region, which deal with topics specific to this area. At the same time in the "landscape" category, as the current jury, we put even more emphasis on "urban landscape" or "cityscape", where we chose two excellent series. In the categories of nudes and portraits, where time and space are harder to reflect, we mostly looked for originality and modern approaches." – said Dejan Sluga, jury president.

This year, amongst the finalists were six authors from Croatia, five authors from Serbia, two authors from Slovenia, and one author from Iraq, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands and Slovakia each.

GRAND PRIX 2021

The winner of the Grand Prix will be announced on the RPD website and social media on May 8, 2021 when, under normal circumstances, the winner would be presented with their prize at the grand final dinner in Rovinj - a check for 2,000 EUR, solo exhibition with an accompanying catalog in Rovinj during the Festival in 2022 and weekend stay in Rovinj.

FINALISTS

BODY/NUDE

- 1. Ana Miletić (HR)**
- 2. Marko Stojanović (RS)**
- 3. Younes Mohammad (IQ)**

ARCHITECTURE

1. Marija Janković (RS)
2. Davor Zupčić (HR)
3. Maruša Račić (SI)

DOCUMENTARY

1. Adrijana Urschall (RS)
2. Simon Chang (SI)
3. Filippo Venturi (IT)

FASHION

1. Alma Štrkljević (HR)
2. Rebeka Legović (HR)
3. Svetlana Jovanović (NL)

LANDSCAPE/CITYSAPE

1. Ivana Jagušić (HR)
2. Ana Vuko (HR)
3. Fadil Šarki (RS)

PORTRAIT

1. Zuzana Pustaiova (SK)
2. Patrick Bienert (DE)
3. Marko Risović (RS)

ROVINJ PHOTODAYS

Given the epidemiological situation in the world and in accordance with the Decision of the Civil Protection Staff of the Republic of Croatia, the Rovinj Photodays 2021 festival will not be held.

Press photos can be downloaded [here](#).

We are at your disposal for any additional information.

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