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# Preface



Dear WPE Awards Photographers and Members,

Here we are in 2023 and we have come to the end of the twelfth competition organized since the creation of the WPE Awards, a little over four years ago.

At the end of these four years, we are amazed to see that we have become a big family made up of more than 11,000 members from all regions of the world. Thank you all for making this possible.

The prestige you will earn through the rewards you will win at the WPE Awards, in which 11,000 photographers compete in 32 different categories, is growing day by day.

We had to add two categories in our "Top Ranking Honors" section: Senior Master and Double Senior Master... because, initially, we had not planned such participation.

To take this prestige even further, we are continuing with innovations (which will be announced during this year) and improvements (taking into account your suggestions and feedback).

Once again, we would like to thank all the photographers who participated in the competition, our valued judges, as well as all the winners for allowing WPE Awards to become a major and internationally recognized player in the field of online photography competitions.

Best regards,

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS EUROPE COMMUNITY

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# Top 100 photographers for 2022

- 1st Andre Boto : 57.5 points
- 2nd Arne Bivrin : 45.5 points
- 3rd Therese Asplund : 42.5 points
- 4th Martina Warenfeldt : 42.5 points
- 5th Ddiarte Ddiarte : 34.5 points
- 6th Arun Mohanraj : 29 points
- 7th Chris Pegman : 28 points
- 8th Brad Winegar : 28 points
- 9th Radoslav Cernicky : 27.5 points
- 10th Tim Aston : 27 points
- 11th Felix Hernandez : 27 points
- 12th Elena Mihailova : 26.5 points
- 13th Pedro Luis Ajuriaguerra Saiz : 26 points
- 14th John Makris : 23 points
- 15th Gina Soule : 23 points
- 16th Elina Garipova : 20.5 points
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- 18th Pia Rothmann : 19 points
- 19th Pavel Surovy : 19 points
- 20th Patrizia Burra : 18 points
- 21th Zaki Charles : 18 points
- 22th Krzysztof Krawczyk : 17.5 points
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- 25th Elke Braet : 17 points
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- 28th Gabriela Homolova : 16.5 points
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- 64th Fenqiang Liu : 11 points
- 65th Kelly Schneider : 11 points
- 66th Alex Tsitouridis : 11 points
- 67th Christian Weymann : 11 points
- 68th Sheena Wolinski : 11 points
- 69th Shannon Beauclair : 10.5 points
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- 72th *Gérald Boisjot : 10 points*
- 73th *Niklas Englund : 10 points*
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- 82th *Hanna Neret : 10 points*
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- 85th *Miguel Ponte : 10 points*
- 86th *Steve Turner : 10 points*
- 87th *Sarah Edmunds : 9.5 points*
- 88th *Travis Patenaude : 9.5 points*
- 89th *Ninna Pedersen : 9.5 points*
- 90th *Alvin Au : 9 points*
- 91th *Alireza Bagheri Sani : 9 points*
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- 94th *Becky Fleury : 9 points*
- 95th *Miroslav Konfál : 9 points*
- 96th *Damien Molina : 9 points*
- 97th *Natalia Peryga : 9 points*
- 98th *Irina Petrova : 9 points*
- 99th *Aquilino Paparo : 8.5 points*
- 100th *Anna Arvidsson : 8 points*



# Andre Boto

Master of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 57.5***



Portugal

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Born in Silves and currently living in Lisbon area (Portugal), André Boto works mainly for companies and agencies, dedicating himself to the various areas of commercial and creative photography. Develops work in architectural, interior, industrial, product photography and also has experience in image post-production.

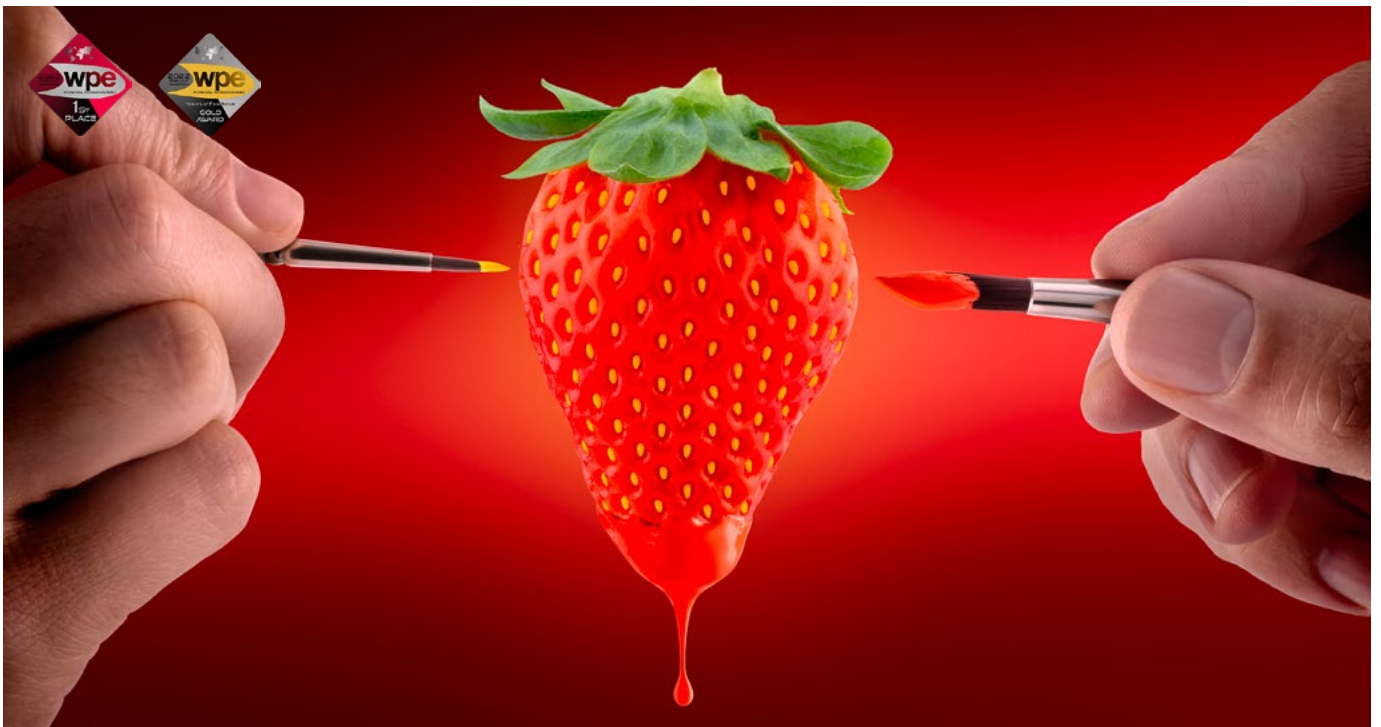
It associates creative and technical skills obtained over the years in the various courses he attended, with emphasis on the degree in Decorative Arts and the courses in Advanced Photography and Conceptual Photography through the "Oficina da Imagem" school.

The main achievements are the European Photographer of the Year 2010 by FEP and the two certificates of Master Qualified European Photographer.





*Second Half 2022 - Photojournalism / Reportage / Culture - First place*



*First Half 2022 - Food - First place*



*First Half 2022 - Commercial - First place*



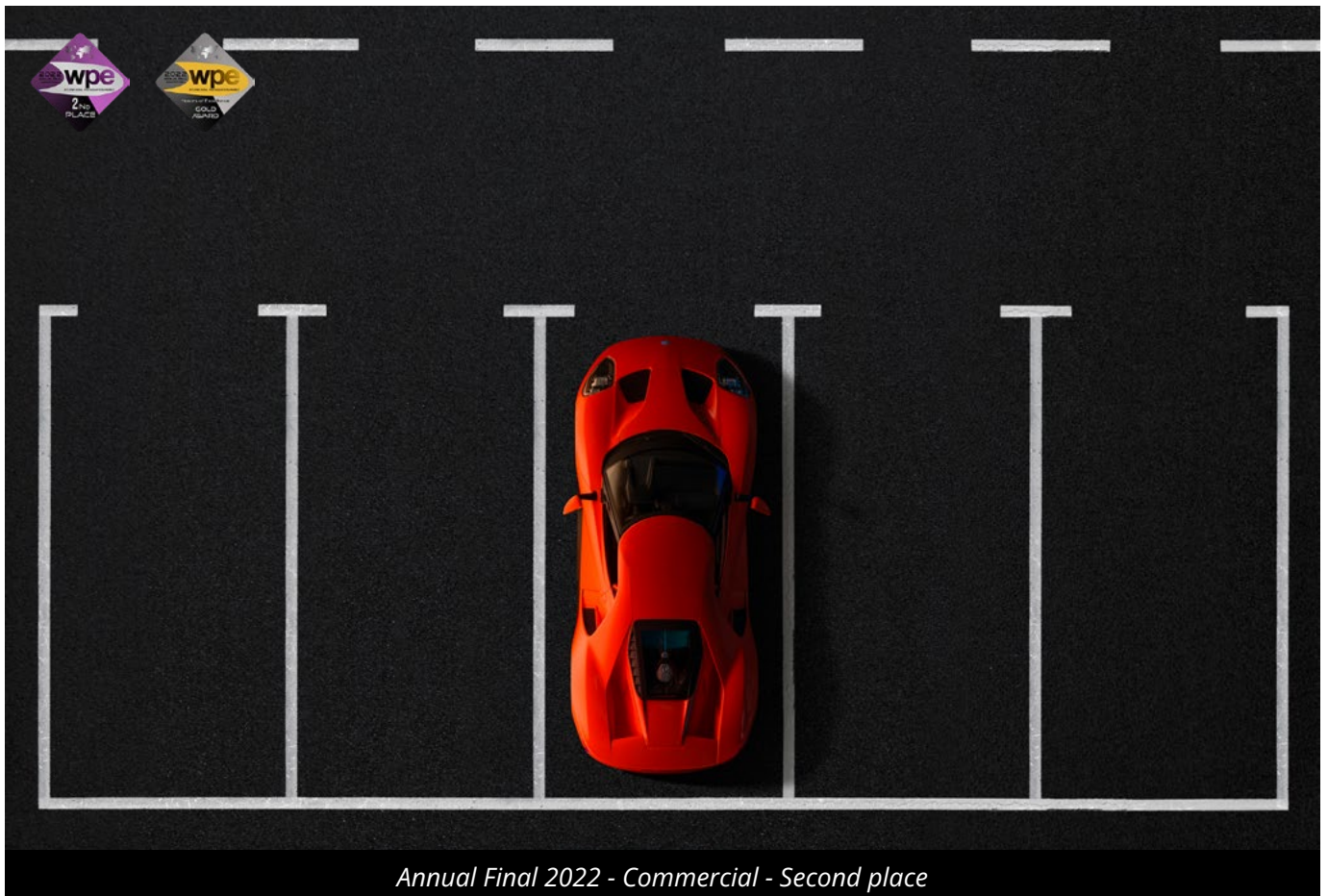
*Second Half 2022 - Food - First place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Food - First place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Flowers - Second place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Commercial - Second place*



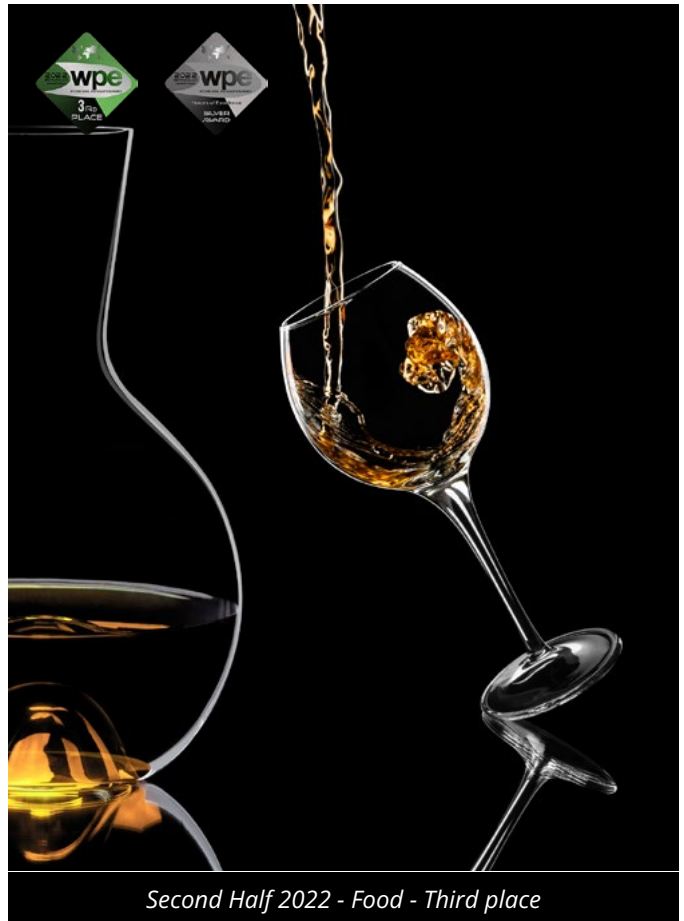
*First Half 2022 - Photomanipulation - Second place*



*First Half 2022 - Food - Second place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Flowers - Third place*



*Second Half 2022 - Food - Third place*



*First Half 2022 - Food - Third place*



# Arne Bivrin

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 45.5***



Sweden

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Arne is an experienced and passionate photographer, awarded both nationally and internationally. His speciality is wildlife and landscape, but is also an active portrait and sports photographer.

Arne lives in Stockholm, Sweden but enjoys seeing the world.





*Annual Final 2022 - Wildlife - First place*



*First Half 2022 - Wildlife - Second place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Wildlife - Second place*





# Therese Asplund

Senior Master of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 42.5***



Sweden

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Therese is a Swedish portrait photographer specializing in fine art portraits. She is an international Elinchrom ambassador and Nikon Z creator. Whether she works in her studio or on location she has a big passion for lighting and people. She runs a portrait studio in the small town of Avesta but works all over Sweden with both commercial and private costumers.

When she's not photographing she likes to teach photography and has been working part time for Nikon at Nikon school, done education videos for Moderskeppet and taught portrait photography and lighting for Zoom Photo Tours.

She also has her own workshop concept "Play to learn workshops" that aims to bring photographers together to get inspired and learn from each other by working together.

She loves to try new things and she also does a great deal of work just for herself. Good pictures from these sessions often make competition pictures. She has won prizes for her pictures both in Sweden and internationally.



*Second Half 2022 - Newborn - First place*



*Second Half 2022 - Portrait Creative - Second place*





# Martina Warenfeldt

Master of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 42.5***



Sweden

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As a Portrait photographer in Sweden, Martina shoots mostly glamorous and romantic portraits with a painterly touch. She has been a speaker and teaching workshops in Sweden, Finland and Norway.

Recently Martina started judging national and international photo competitions including national competition in Norway, Finland as well as in her native Sweden.

Just recently Martina also joined the team of Canon, as one of their Canon Nordic Photographers.





*First Half 2022 - Portrait Creative - Second place*



*First Half 2022 - Maternity - Second place*





# Ddiarte Ddiarte

Master of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 34.5***



Portugal

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In 2003, after several experiences in the field of digital photography, we discovered the ideal means to express our creativity – Digital Photography artistically touched up.

Within the context historiography of art, the use of photography, and more specifically, touching up photographs, is nothing new. We do however aim to innovate somewhat, in terms of the themes on which our work is based. Regardless of the fact that our main source of inspiration is mythology, up-to-date themes or others that are the simple fruit of our creativity, still remain full of details, of symbols, of images, an attempt to captivate, but mainly, as an attempt to stimulate critical thought in viewers.



*Annual Final 2022 - Photomanipulation - First place*



*Second Half 2022 - Photomanipulation - First place*



*Second Half 2022 - Photomanipulation - Second place*



# Arun Mohanraj

Master of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 29***



United Kingdom

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Primarily wildlife and sports photographer but passionate about any genre of photography that exudes emotion. Fortunate enough to travel to countries across the continent including South Africa, Kenya, Botswana, Congo, Indonesia, the Arctic and Antarctica amongst various other countries in search of Wildlife.



*Annual Final 2022 - Macro - First place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Sports - Second place*



# Chris Pegman

Master of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 28***



New Zealand

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Chris is an experienced and passionate photographer, having won many awards for his images both nationally and internationally. His works include commercial images for NZ Tourism, Heritage New Zealand and many others, including 6 weeks recently in the Pitcairn Islands. Chris has been practicing as an Osteopath for over 30 years, and is a father of 3 daughters.





*Second Half 2022 - Architecture - Second place*



# Tim Aston

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 27***



USA

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Tim Aston recently transitioned to full-time landscape photographer after a decade in the classroom teaching high school biology. Based out of the Eastern Sierra, he looks out for any interesting subject, large or small, with a penchant for ecology, the wilderness of the Sierra, and the vast desert terrain in the rain shadow of the Sierra. His passion for teaching hasn't diminished but has changed venues from a classroom of teenagers to small groups of adults in the Inyo National Forest. He focuses on helping his students find their own inspiration in nature and channeling their interests into evocative imagery.





# Felix Hernandez

Master of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 27***



**Mexico**

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Felix Hernandez is a photographer, digital artist and miniature artist based in the city of Cancun, Mexico. He directs his Photography Studio "Hernandez Dreamphotography", where he develops creative projects for national and international brands like; Audi, BMW, Volkswagen, Cadbury, Nickelodeon, Wilson, Mattel, amongst others.

The work of Felix Hernandez has been published in magazines such as Retouched Magazine, Docma Germany, Digital Camera, Digital Photo, DSLR Photography, Good Light Magazine, "A" Design, Cuartoscuro, among others and in digital media such as: Fstoppers, Petapixel, Wired, 500px, Phlearn, DIY Photography, Retouching Academy, Daily Mail, El Pais, and Bored Panda, Adobe Creative Magazine, etc...





# Elena Mihailova

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 26.5***



**Russian Federation**

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I am a professional children's and family photographer. And also a mother of four children, thanks to whom she found herself in the field of the photo industry. Before the birth of her three daughters, she worked in the film business and even made a good career. But after going on maternity leave, I got a new hobby that brings joy and pleasure : photography. I was so deeply immersed in this extraordinarily interesting creative process that my hobby turned into a professional activity. And I am insanely happy that I am doing my favorite thing, which inspires and inspires me. Today I can't imagine myself without a camera and filming.



Second Half 2022 - Children - First place



Annual Final 2022 - Children - Second place



Second Half 2022 - Children - Second place



Annual Final 2022 - Group / Families - Third place



# Pedro Luis Ajuriaguerra Saiz

Master of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 26***



Spain

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Pedro Luis Saiz Ajuriaguerra (Bilbao, Bizkaia, Spain, 1974). self-taught photographer, began his career back in 2011 discovering a passion that was unknown, the beginning do little more than encourage their concerns are increasing making try almost all disciplines of photography, highlighting mainly in sports photography, and architectural photography.

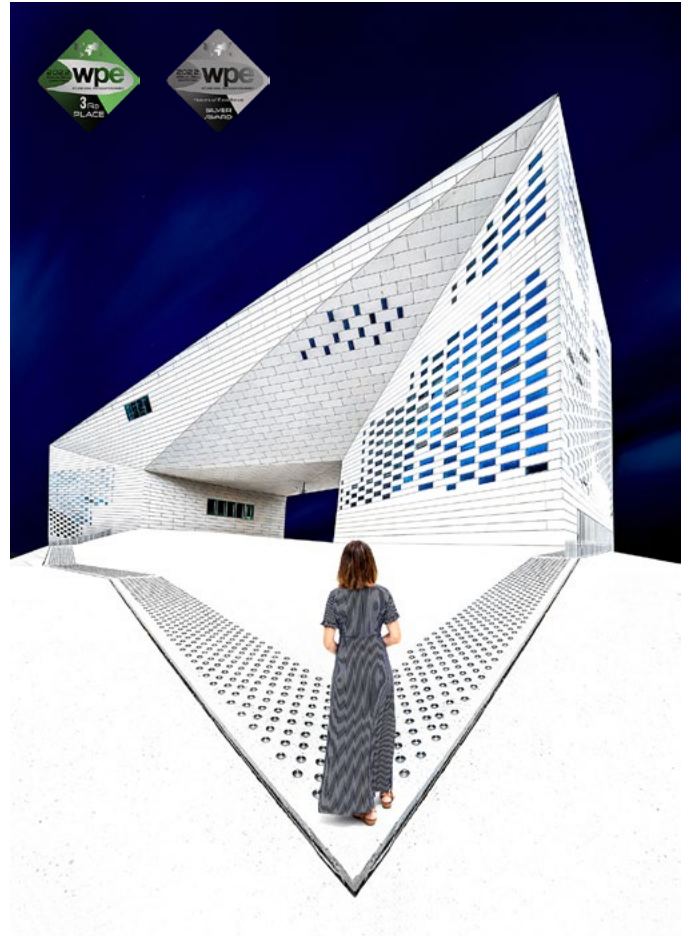
It has the distinctions MCEF / Plt (Platinum Master of the Spanish Confederation of Photography) JBCEF (Bronze Judge of the Spanish Confederation of Photography) and EFIAP / Plt (Platinum Excellence of the International Federation of Photographic Art).

He is currently collaborating with magazines such as BAO Bilbao Magazine, Bilbao Tourism, Bilbao Bizkaia Tour Magazine and for different sports promoters such as MGZ Promotions, Euskobox etc.





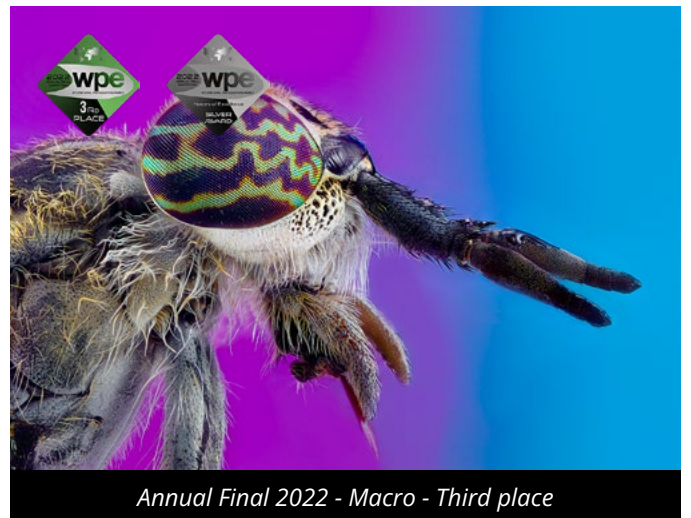
Annual Final 2022 - Architecture - First place



Annual Final 2022 - Architecture - Third place



Second Half 2022 - Macro - Second place



Annual Final 2022 - Macro - Third place



# John Makris

Master of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 23***



Greece

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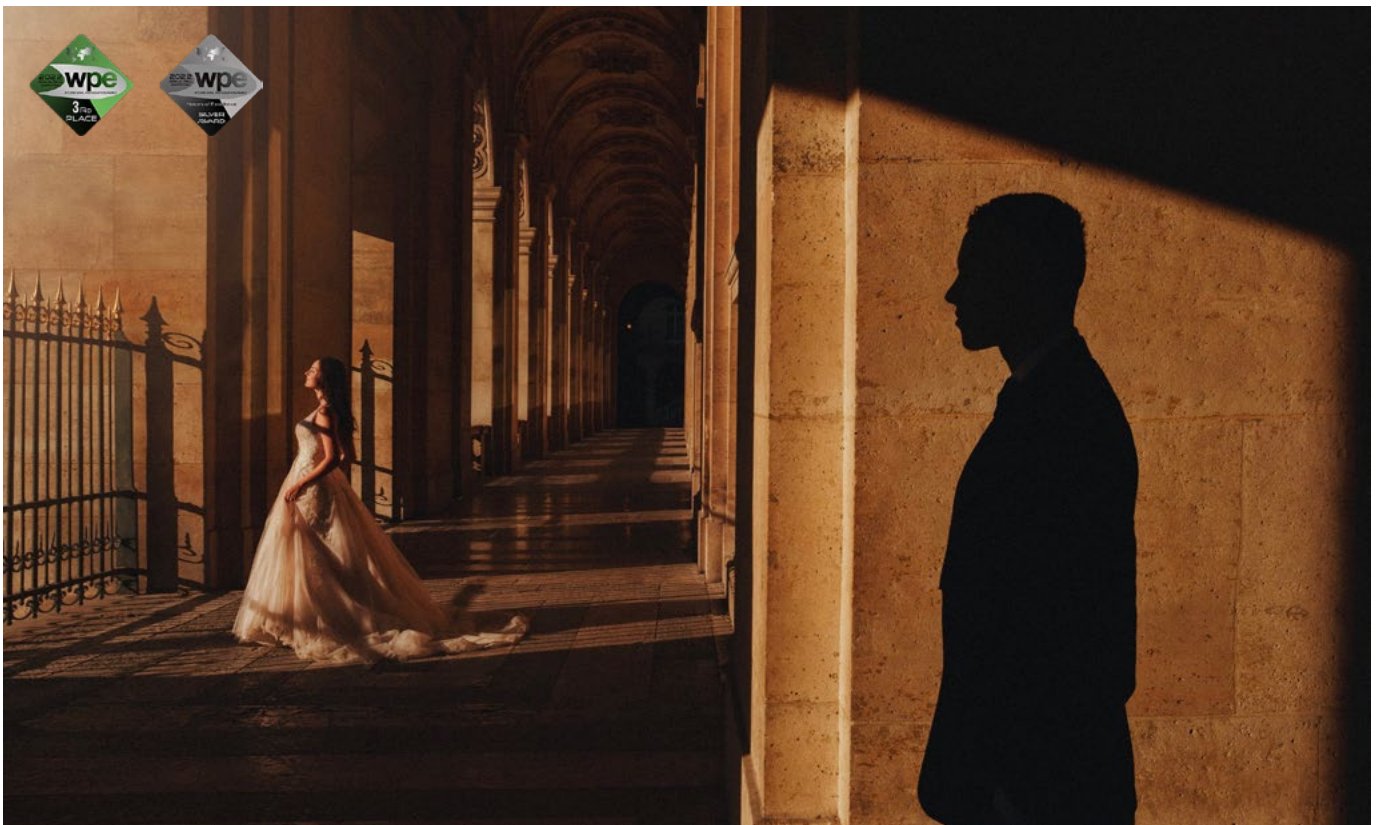
“The word photograph literally means “writing with light”. You could write a report about a circumstance, or, you could express yourself through poetry about the exact same circumstance. This exactly is John Makris’ viewpoint on Wedding Photography.

Having shot many weddings in every nook and cranny of Greece and in many countries overseas, he has come to love wedding photography dearly. He believes it is an extraordinary way to narrate the most beautiful day of a couple’s life together, to contribute in recording the story and offering the couple and their relatives a kind of special heritage.

John Makris has been awarded with a number of photography awards in Greece and on a worldwide level.



*First Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Couple Together - Second place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Pre Wedding Couple Together - Third place*



# Gina Soule

Professional of WPE



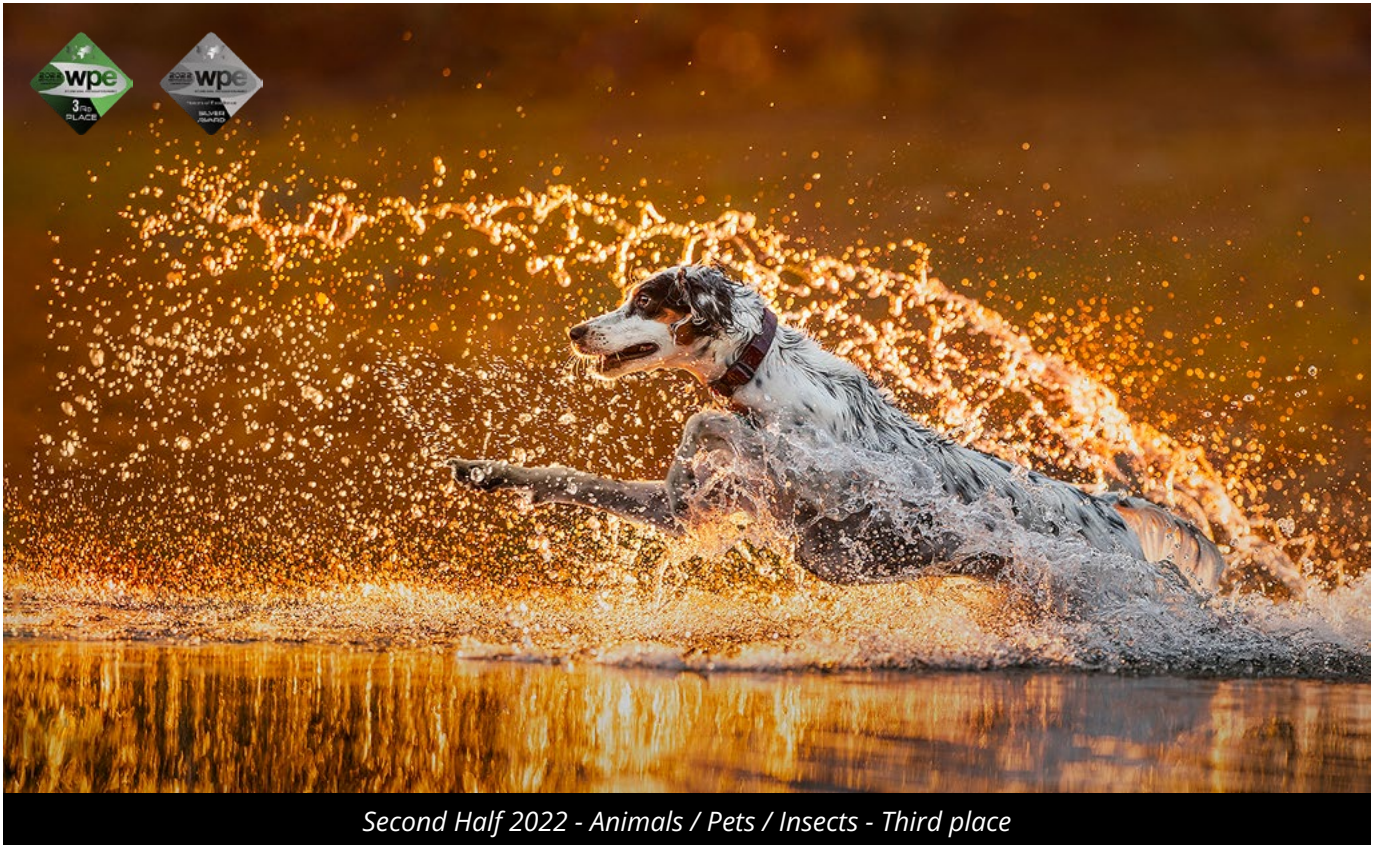
***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 23***



USA

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Gina Soule is a professional Dog Photographer who resides in Maine, USA. She specializes in all natural fine-art portraiture with emphasis on bringing the ordinary to extraordinary with her magical and dreamy style. Gina started photography in October 2019 and has since graced the cover of numerous publications, such as Orvis Magazine, and won the title of 2021 Emerging International Dog Photographer of the Year.



*Second Half 2022 - Animals / Pets / Insects - Third place*



# Elina Garipova

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 20.5***



**Russian Federation**

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Elina Garipova.  
A photographer from Russia.  
International Award-Winning Portrait Photographer. The main direction is artistic portrait.  
International Federation of Photographic ART (FIAP) - EFIAP (Excellence FIAP)  
Member of the Union of Photo Artists of RUSSIA  
Member of the League Professional Photographers FEP  
Holder Of the Qualification of a European photographer.  
Judge of the International Federation of Photography











# Dionisis Karavidas

Master of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 20*



Greece

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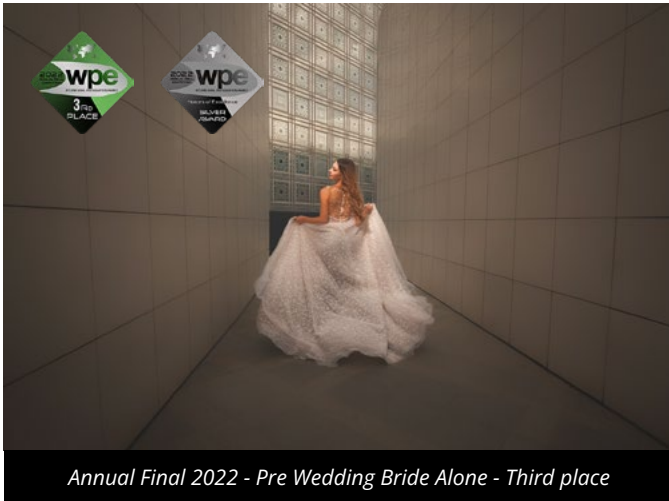
Born in Katerini (GREECE) in 1982, he is married with 2 children. He is a professional photographer in Greece since 2010, and an expert in wedding and portrait photography.



Second Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Couple Together - Second place



First Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Bride Alone - Third place



Annual Final 2022 - Pre Wedding Bride Alone - Third place



First Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Groom Alone - Third place



First Half 2022 - Creative Wedding - Third place



# Pia Rothmann

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 19***



Norway

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Pia is a portrait photographer living on the west coast of Norway, a little island called Askøy. She is specialized in woman's portraiture, maternity and boudoir.





# Pavel Surovy

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 19***



**Serbia**

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Winning graphic designer, portrait and fashion art photographer based in Serbia.



*Second Half 2022 - Individuel - Third place*



# Patrizia Burra

Master of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 18*



Italy

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# Zaki Charles

Master of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 18***



United Kingdom

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Long gone are the days of stiff awkward photographs, our couples don't want images that look like those of their grandparents, they want timeless works of art that they will display as masterpieces in their home and hand down to future generations.

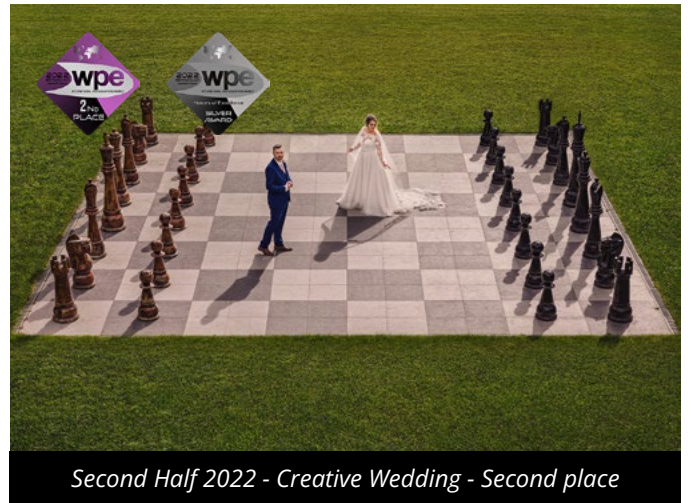
Zaki Charles is available for travel worldwide and has offices in London & NYC



Second Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Groom Alone - First place



Second Half 2022 - Bride Alone Wedding Day - Second place



Second Half 2022 - Creative Wedding - Second place



Annual Final 2022 - Groom Alone Wedding Day - First place



Annual Final 2022 - Bride Alone Wedding Day - Third place



# Krzysztof Krawczyk

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 17.5***



**Poland**

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TOP 3 wedding photographer in Poland according to the MYWED. He specialize in wedding photography. he has several dozen international awards- MYWED, IW POTY, WPE, PROWED. Title photographer of the year looklikefilm and artist of the looklikefilm. A dozen interviews in photo magazines, radio and television- the biggest magazine in Poland - fotoblogia , SLR Lounge, Digital Camera Polska, LooksLikeFilm, Niezle Aparaty, TVP - Polish public television and another. Juror IGHA in 2019.

Loving father and husband, loves good food, sport and films.



Annual Final 2022 - Aerial / Drone - First place



First Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Groom Alone - Second place



First Half 2022 - Aerial / Drone - First place



Annual Final 2022 - Bridal Party (Family and Friends) - Third place



Second Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Bride Alone - Second place



# Emma Pope

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 17.5***



United Kingdom

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Emma Pope is a Dog Photographer based in West Sussex, England. She started her photography journey back in April 2020 and has never looked back.



*Second Half 2022 - Animals / Pets / Insects - Second place*



# Zuidema Renate

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 17.5***



Netherlands

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I am Renate Zuidema, 29 years old and living in the Netherlands together with a loving husband and our 3 dogs. I love to photograph animals, especially horses & Dogs





*Annual Final 2022 - Animals / Pets / Insects - First place*



# Christoforos Mechanezidis

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 17***



Germany

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Freelance photographer since 2006.  
Specialised in wedding & family reportages.  
Special skill : creative off camera flash photography ! =)



*First Half 2022 - Bridal Party (Family and Friends) - First place*



# Gabriela Homolova

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 16.5***



Czechia

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I am a portrait photographer. I love capturing people. I think it is possible to see their soul if you look into their eyes. I studied economics, but when my kids were born I found out photography and got in love with it. Since this time I am very passionate about it and I still continue in my learning process. I want my photographs to be a look into the soul of the person. Capturing the inner beauty, essence and uniqueness.



Second Half 2022 - Animals / Pets / Insects - First place



Second Half 2022 - Group / Families - Third place



# Craig Turner-Bullock

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 16.5***



New Zealand

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*Annual Final 2022 - Animals / Pets / Insects - Third place*



# Tom Hall

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 16***



Australia

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Tom Hall is a wedding and portrait photographer from Brisbane, Australia. Tom has been a full-time wedding photographer since 2008 and has photographed over 500 weddings.







# Dave Mcellistrum

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 16***



Canada

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I have been shooting for 12 years and have a passion for both landscape and people photography. I particularly love images that portray, story, mood and emotion.





# Alin Panaite

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 16***



**Romania**

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Alin Panaite is a photographer and educator based in Constanta, Romania. Shooting mainly fine art portraits and nudes, he's been teaching photography at Avatar Photography School for more than 12 years and also had dozens of workshops on portrait, nude and studio photography.

Alin is the editor in chief at Avatar Photo Magazine, a printed magazine on photography and visual education and also produced Photomania - a TV show on photography at a national Tv Station.





# Mengguo Li

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 15.5***



**Singapore**

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Mengguo Li is a landscape and cityscape photographer based in Singapore, Huawei P50 Series sample photo photographer, Nikon NPS member, one of co-founder of Eyexplorer, Gettyimages contributor. In 2021 he was honored to be One Eyeland World's Top 10 Mobile Photographers 2020 and also he was awarded to be 35awards 3rd Award Urban Landscape Winner 2020.

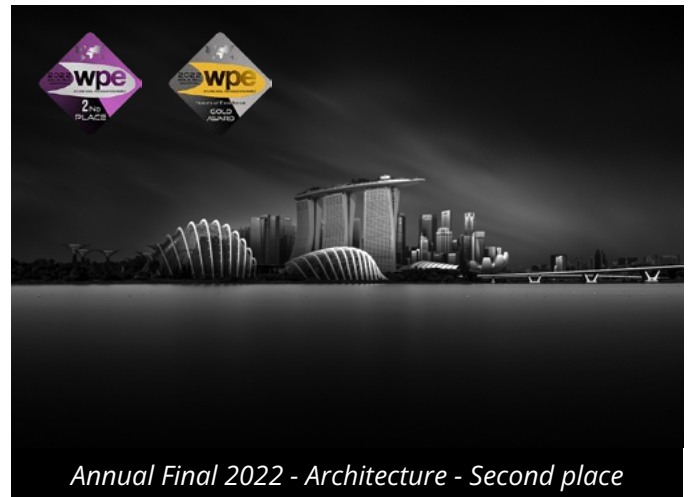
His photographs have appeared in publications, including interviewed by Zaobao Singapore, Nikon Asia, NiSi Filter and National Geographic. And his photo published in book "Celebrating our City in Nature" a compilation of award-winning photographs from the 2017 and 2019 Singapore Garden Photographer of the Year competitions.



*Second Half 2022 - Architecture - First place*



*Second Half 2022 - Landscape - Second place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Architecture - Second place*



# Giorgia Corniola

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 15***



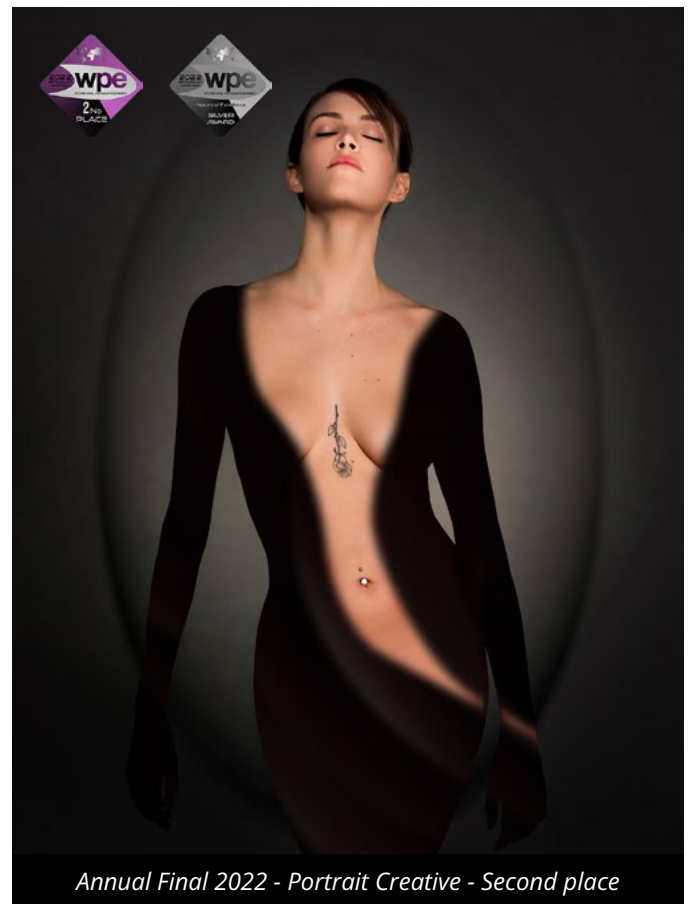
Italy

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Annual Final 2022 - Fashion / Beauty - First place



Annual Final 2022 - Portrait Creative - Second place



Annual Final 2022 - Maternity - Third place



# Shawna Hinkel

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 14.5***



USA

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Shawna Hinkel is an award-winning photographer from Dallas, Texas. She received her Certification from Professional Photographers of America (PPA) in 2014 and her Master of Photography degree in 2019. Her work has been accepted in the PPA International Photographic Competition Annual Exhibition every year since 2016, with images published in the annual Showcase Collection and Loan Collection books as well. She was the Dallas Professional Photographers Association Photographer of the Year in 2017 and 2018, and was named as one of the Top 10 photographers in Texas in 2020.



*First Half 2022 - Animals / Pets / Insects - Second place*



# Craig Bill

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 14***



USA

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Wild about science but tamed by wonder, I was raised with adventurous and “explorational” family members. Restless in spirit and haunted by nature’s charisma, I photograph my heart out. My name is Craig Bill and I am a landscape and fine art photographer residing in Austin, Texas USA. Technological advances in photographic science not only allow me to appreciate and utilize past techniques, but embrace the future - one that helps me capture the hidden or subdued patterns and processes of our natural world. Some of these include long exposures revealing star trails, moon trails and still time lapse imagery. I collect images with obsessive abandon. I wander without destination. I am comfortable with my feet on the ground and my head in the clouds - but not so much in between. At heart, I leave the house to be at home. By pursuing unique, high impact and creative compositions, I hope to bring you with me to share and cultivate appreciation or a sense of wonder about our planet’s fragile beauty.



*Second Half 2022 - Landscape - First place*



# Sergey Boyko

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 14***



**Israel**

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Photographer, freelancer. Mostly specializing in portrait and creative photography (composing).

Was born at 1981 in Germany. I lived about 30 years in Saint Petersburg, Russia. I got my higher education at the University of film and television.

I live in the north of Israel and raise my three sons. I'm Fond of photography about 10 years and I started doing creative photography 2 years ago.



First Half 2022 - Photomanipulation - Third place



# Andy Cheung

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 14***

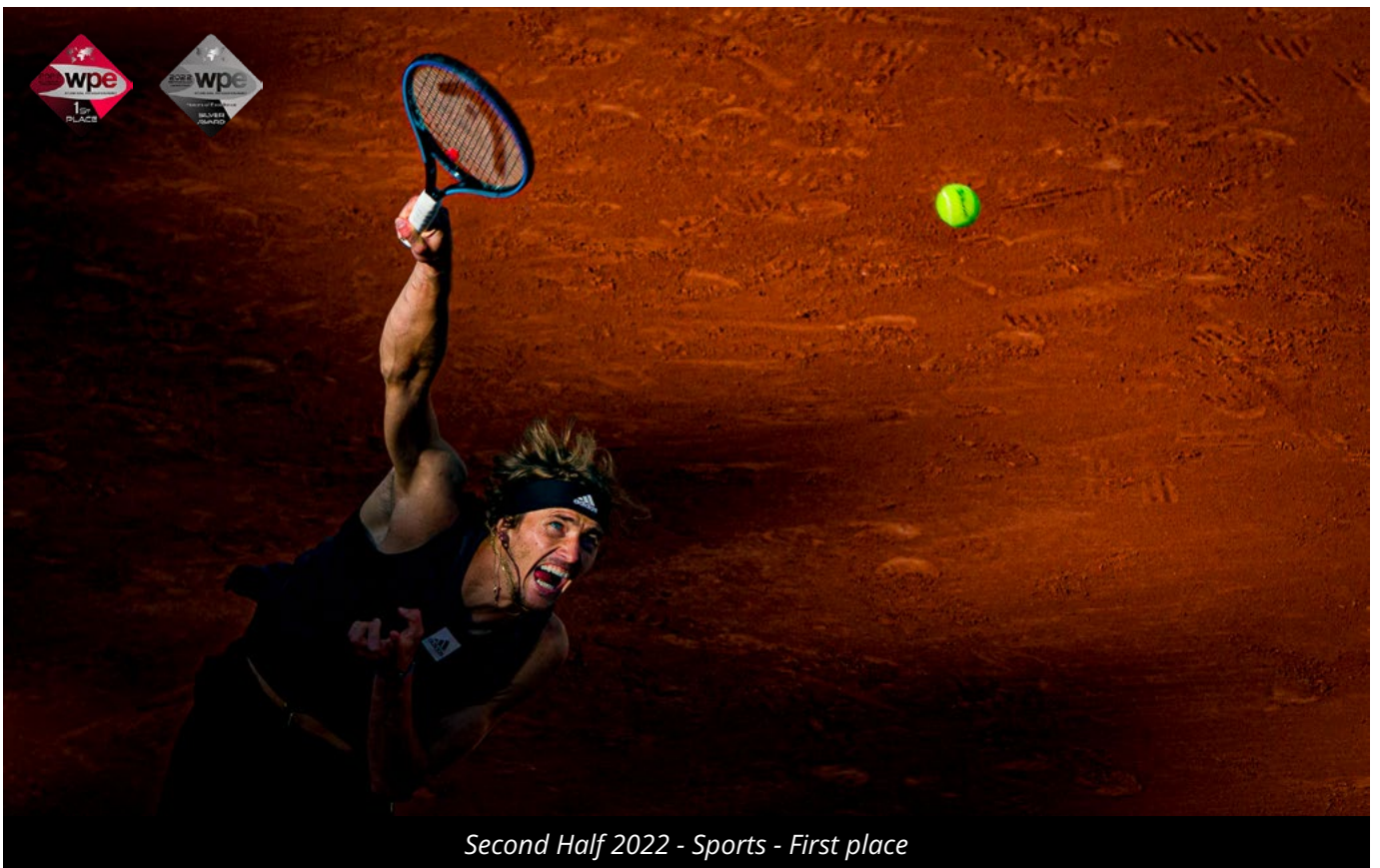


**Australia**

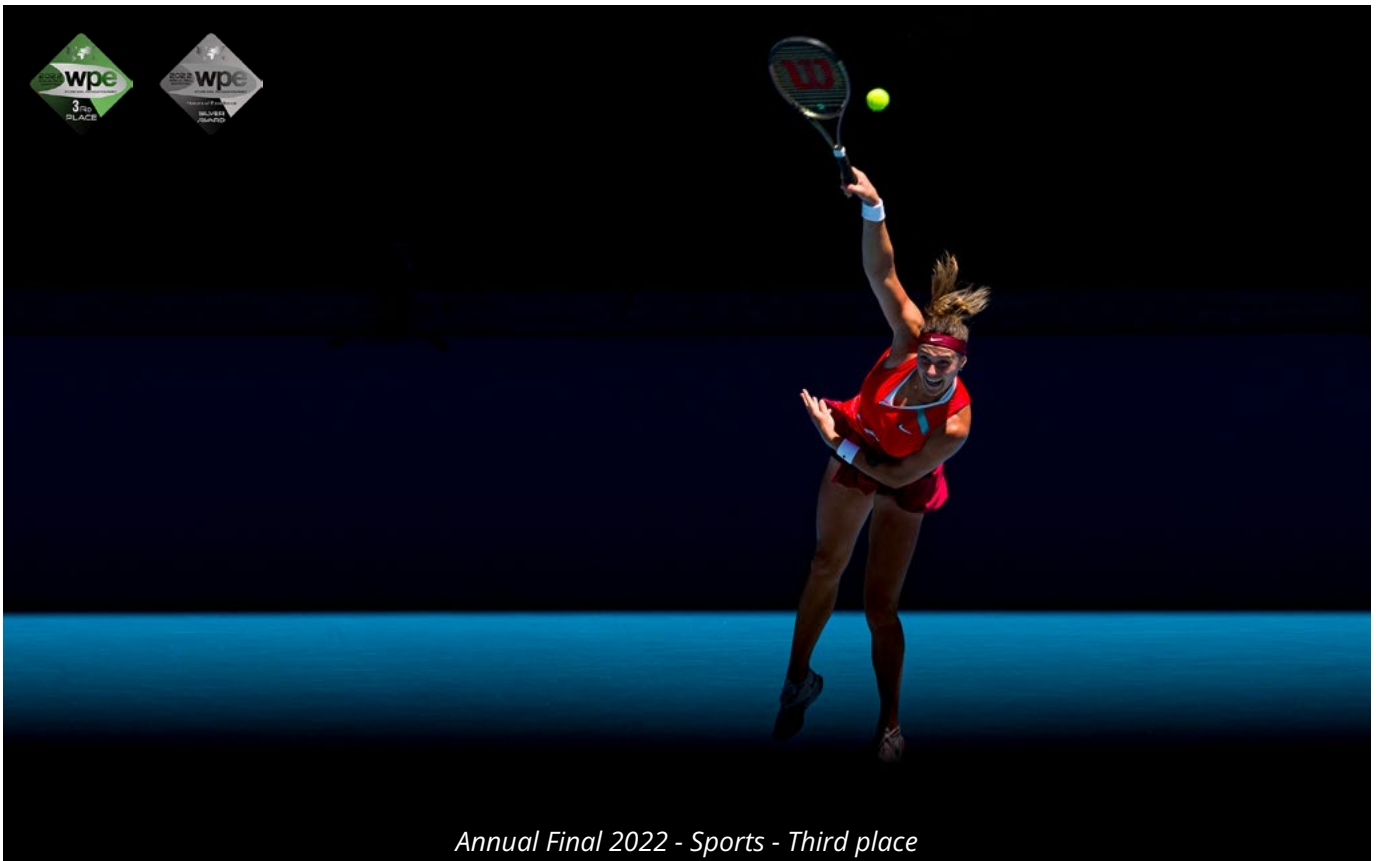
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At ArcK Photography, we are passionate about capturing joyful moments and beautiful images of you and your loved ones. We are a multi-award winning portraiture, commercial, car and sports photography studio located at leafy Turramurra, Sydney, Australia. We also deliver professional large format and fine art printing services to consumers, photographers and artists





*Second Half 2022 - Sports - First place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Sports - Third place*



# Kenji Mizuno

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 14***



Japan

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LEAM Japan / Art Photographer & CEO



*First Half 2022 - Animals / Pets / Insects - Third place*



# Jen Hargrove

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 13.5***



USA

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Jen Hargrove is an award winning fine art and portrait photographer based in Big Piney, Wyoming. She specializes in dog and child portraiture as well as fine art seascapes.

Jen began her photographic journey after a car accident forced a career change in September of 2012. Since then she earned her Master's and Craftsman Degrees from the Professional Photographers of America in 2019, and was the IPPA (Intermountain PPA) Photographer of the Year in 2016, 2017 and 2018, Master Photographer of the Year in 2019 as well as Artist of the Year in 2021. She became a member of the Miller's Professional Imaging Speaker Team, and has traveled all over the country speaking and teaching photography workshops.



*First Half 2022 - Portrait Creative - First place*



*First Half 2022 - Individuel - Second place*



# David Wong

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 13.5***



China

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Born in Jilin, China, DAVIDWONG has been engaged in the photography industry for 14 years, as well as ASIWPA's highest international honorary master, and has been ranked among the top 20 Asian photographers for five consecutive times and the world's top 100 photographers. Also served as a judge for ASIWPA and MPA international competitions. He obtained MPA British Master Photographers Association AMPA. UK Diploma.

DAVIDWONG is also a S.O.M contracted lecturer. He is good at creating iconic minimalist style works and focuses on using light and shadow and black and white tones. Serenity and timelessness are the eternal theme of his works. In the highly stylized photographic art, the worldview and inner world are reshaped.

After years of great efforts, his photographic works have won numerous awards in international competitions and has won the annual championship and first place in world-class photography competitions many times.

So far, he has won more than 269 international awards in all international competitions.



Annual Final 2022 - Creative Wedding - First place



Annual Final 2022 - Pre Wedding Couple Together - First place



Annual Final 2022 - Bride Alone Wedding Day - First place



Annual Final 2022 - Pre Wedding Bride Alone - First place



Annual Final 2022 - Creative Wedding - Second place



# Ben Connolly

Master of WPE

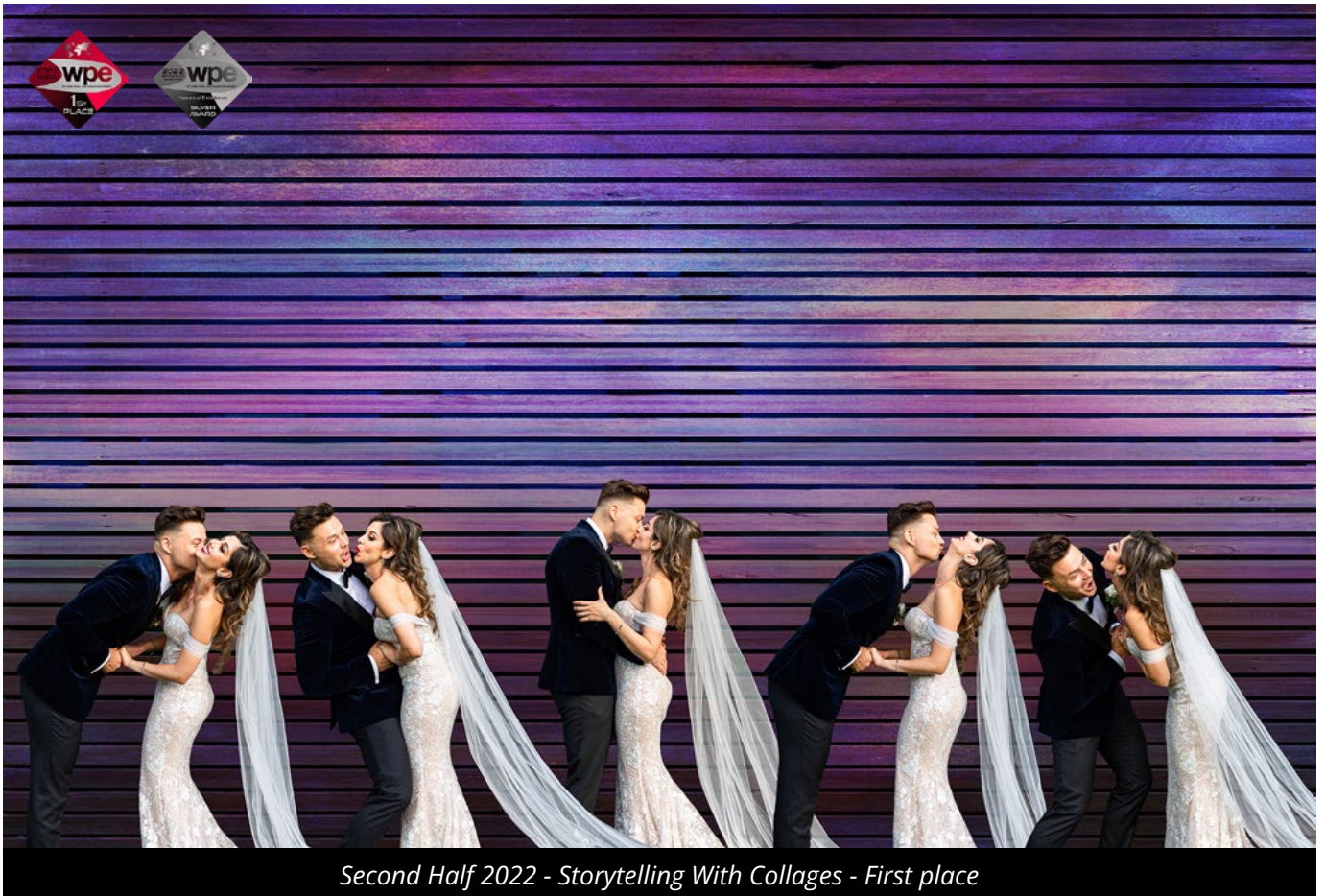


*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 13*



Australia





*Second Half 2022 - Storytelling With Collages - First place*



*Second Half 2022 - Wedding Couple Together Wedding Day - First place*



*First Half 2022 - Wedding Couple Together Wedding Day - Second place*



# Erica Manning

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 12.5***



USA

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Erica Manning is an award winning photographer based in Columbus, Ohio, USA. Her main focus is high school senior photos and legacy family portraits.

Erica has been in the top 100 photographers for WPE in 2022 and 2021, was recognized as a 2023 GIA finalist through PPA/IPC, and achieved Fellow status through the Portrait Masters. She offers mentoring both in-person and via Zoom.



*First Half 2022 - Storytelling With Collages - Second place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Storytelling With Collages - Second place*



# Martin Morávek

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 12.5***



Czechia

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My name is Martin Morávek and I come from Jablonec nad Nisou. I got into photography completely by accident sometime in 2019, when I occasionally took a trip with a borrowed camera and the desire to capture something interesting. I took photos of almost everything and I gradually discovered that each genre has its own specifics and know-how – street photography, architecture, sports, culture, landscape, but after the initial exploration I started to enjoy landscape photography the most. But it doesn't end there for me :-)

Even though I mainly photograph for pleasure, from the beginning I have been driven by the desire and need to have the best possible photo and to move. In short, I am no longer the biggest fan (as it was at the very beginning), but on the contrary, the biggest critic. Maybe that's why I enjoy learning from more experienced and successful photographers, because they push me further both in theory and in photography itself, in photo processing and not to mention new and interesting places.



*Annual Final 2022 - Landscape - Third place*



# Mateusz Marzec

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 12***



**Poland**

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Photography for me is more than a simple work ... Thanks to it, I feel that I can look where my eyes can not see, transfer images of wild, mysterious nature to my digital workshop, capture fleeting moments, real emotions, lock them in the frame where they will not be forgotten ... This is why I love what I do, it's my passion.



*Second Half 2022 - Bride Alone Wedding Day - Third place*



# Miriam Odegaard Skeide

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 12***



Norway

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Miriam runs a small studio in Averøy/ Kristiansund at the north west coast of Norway (Mitt lille studio) since 2012. Her speciality is newborns, but she does all kinds of portraits, through all ages, both private and business.

In 2016 she won Landskonkurransen in Norway and the title Norwegian Photographer of the Year in the annual national competition for professional photographers held by Norges Fotografforbund, NFF (The Norwegian photography association).

In 2018 and 2019 she won the title local Photographer of the Year of in the annual local competitions for professional photographers, held by the local groups of Norges Fotografforbund. (Møre og Romsdal Fotograflaug) and in 2017 she place 2nd.

In 2019 she earned the title Qualified European Photographer of the Federation of European Photographer. (QEP)

She has also won several single awards in WPPI, EPOTY (European Photographer of the Year), One Eyeland, among others.





*Annual Final 2022 - Newborn - Second place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Group / Families - Second place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Storytelling With Collages - Third place*



# Ali Zolghadri

Expert of WPE



**Total points earned for the year 2022 : 12**



Iran

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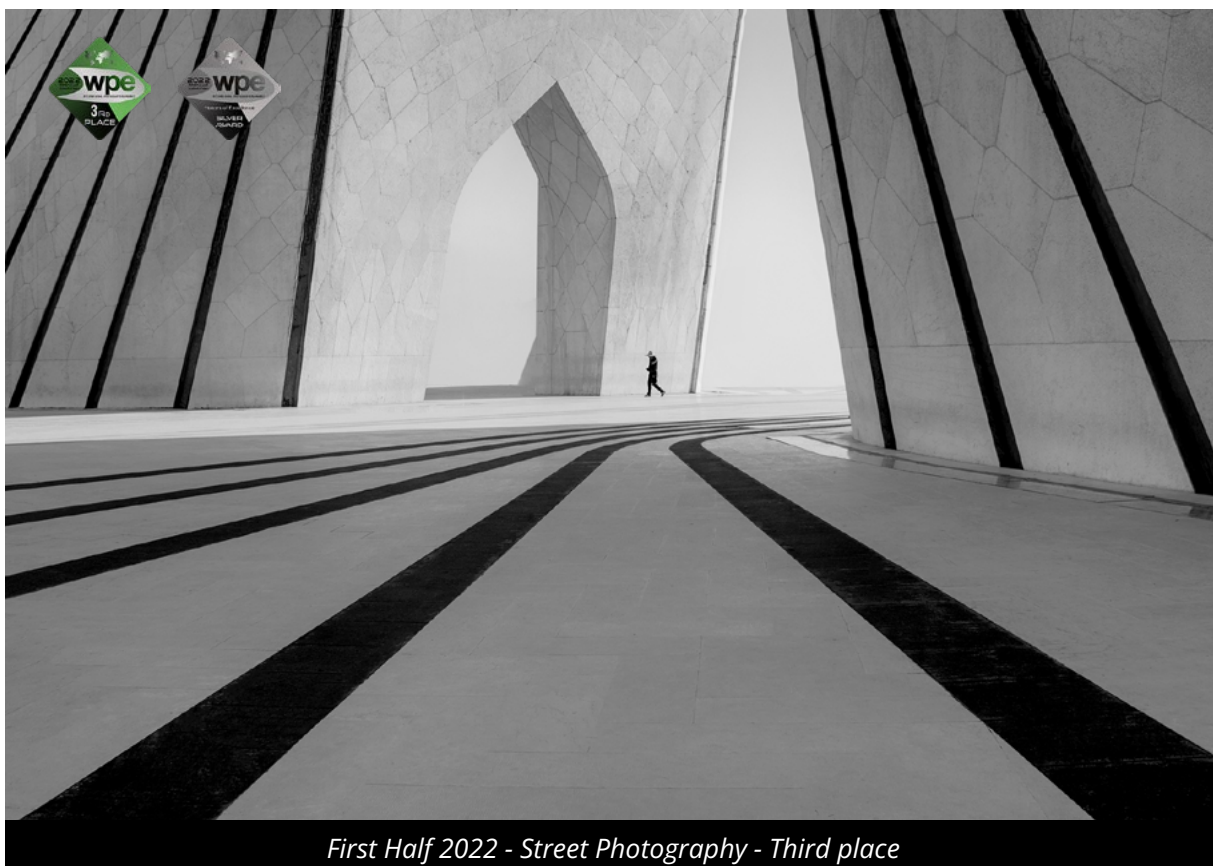
Ali Zolghadri lives in Tehran, Iran. He continued his studies in computer science. He has been photographing for 7 years and he has been doing professional photography in the style of minimalism and fine arts for 5 years. He lives in Tehran, Iran.

In these 5 years, professional photography has won more than 40 international photography competitions. He has won 24 international photography medals from several countries. His pictures have been published in 8 prestigious photography magazines.

For Iranian minimalist and fine art style photographer Ali Zolghadri, simplicity is the key element of his work. He finds most of his subjects in Tehran and always tries to include concept and content in the images he creates. Thereby, expressing the beauty of human moments and revealing clean, minimalistic line images in order to show Tehran's multiple facets, is one of Zolghadri's main objectives. Every of Zolghadri's photographs tells a story about the city of Tehran. Zolghadri's intense interest in simplicity as well as in the combination of the human mind with content and subjects is what led him to his photography style. In addition, his minimalist style stems from the desire for calmness and the avoidance of visual turmoil. How Zolghadri views his environment is a result of his thoughts which circle around the street subjects in his surroundings. One of the most central elements in this regard are shadows which also serve him as source of inspiration.



*First Half 2022 - Street Photography - Second place*



*First Half 2022 - Street Photography - Third place*



# Seyed Ahmad Beheshti

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 11.5***



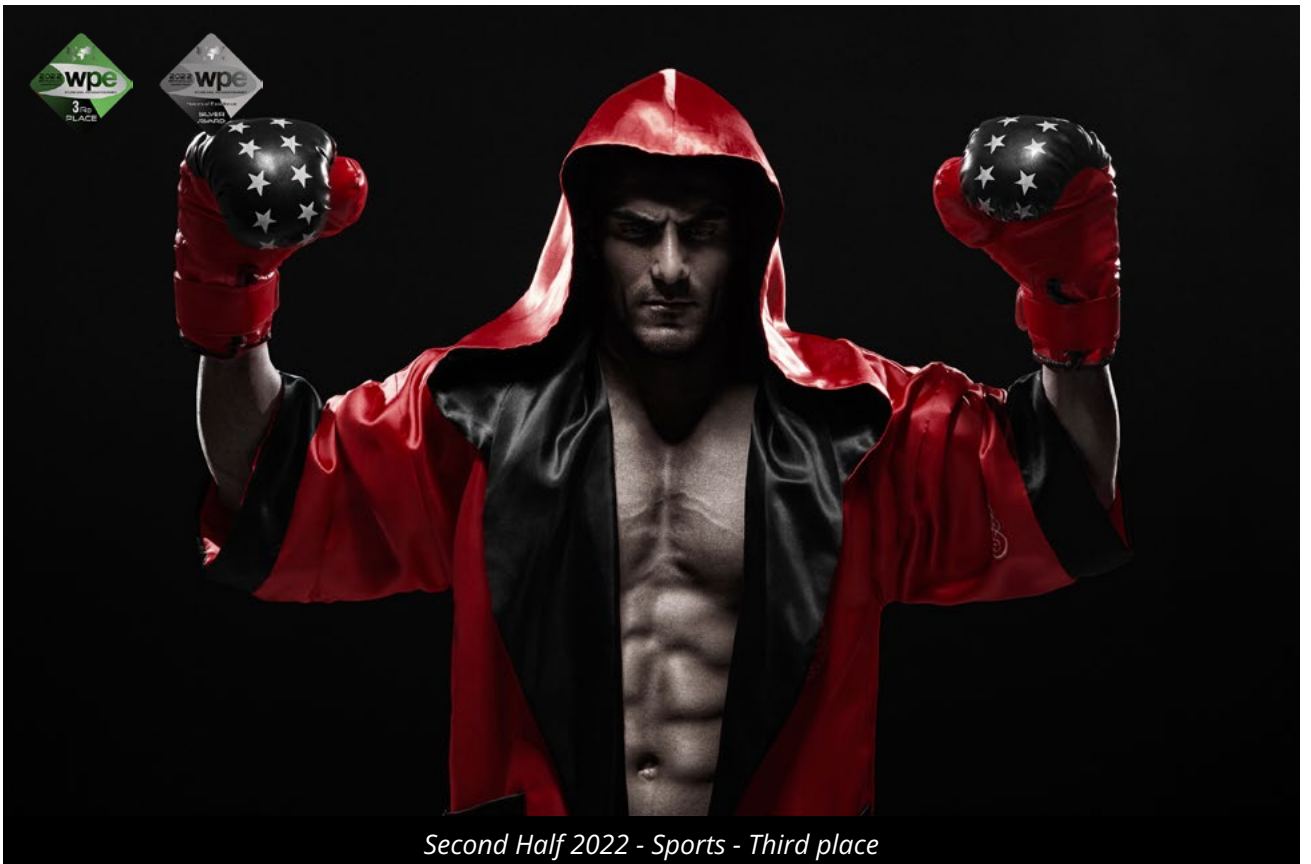
Iran

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Seyed Ahmad Beheshti, aka Arash Beheshti is a multi-award winning Photographer, experienced Graphic Designer, and passionate Creative Director. Arash started working in the advertising industry as a full-time graphic designer and advertising manager in 2002, right after getting his diploma in Graphics. As he continued his education with a B.A. in Design, Arash discovered the strong relationship between advertising and photography. With the help of his prior knowledge of film photography, he soon learned and mastered digital commercial photography.



*Second Half 2022 - Commercial - Third place*



*Second Half 2022 - Sports - Third place*



# Rabih Madi

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 11.5***



Canada

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*First Half 2022 - Storytelling With Collages - First place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Wedding Couple Together Wedding Day - First place*



*First Half 2022 - Wedding Photojournalism - Third place*



# Victoria Coolco

Professional of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 11*



United Kingdom

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*Annual Final 2022 - Maternity - First place*



*First Half 2022 - Maternity - Third place*



# Fenqiang Liu

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 11***



USA

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Fenqiang Liu began studying drawing while attending middle school in China. During college, he took an interest in photography. After finishing his BA in Chinese literature, Fenqiang worked as a cameraman for geographic educational videos. He later came to the United States to obtain his MFA in Cinema and Photography. After graduation, he worked as a computer animator and motion graphic designer. He and his wife later opened a business that provides behavior analysis services for children with autism. In recent years, Fenqiang has devoted his time to wildlife and nature photography.



*Annual Final 2022 - Wildlife - Third place*



# Alex Tsitouridis

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 11***



Greece

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Alex Tsitouridis is a multi-award winning Greece and destination photographer.

He studied journalism in Italy and later on engineering in Greece. For 20 years he owned several businesses in the touristic industry in Greece including night clubs as well as hotels.

He felt in love with photography since he was a young boy. At the age of 40 he decided to make a big turn in his career and became a professional photographer making his passion a profession.

Currently he is the owner of Stardust studio in Greece specialising in wedding photography and fashion editorials. Stardust studio is singling out for a cinematic with fashionable looks imagery leading to a unique documentary fine art style.



First Half 2022 - Wedding Details - First place



First Half 2022 - Wedding Photojournalism - Second place



Second Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Groom Alone - Second place



Second Half 2022 - Wedding Details - Third place



# Shannon Beauclair

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 10.5***



USA

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Portrait, beauty and commercial photographer located in the Pacific Northwest in the suburbs of Seattle.



*First Half 2022 - Individuel - First place*



# Joe Lai

Master of WPE



**Total points earned for the year 2022 : 10.5**



Taiwan

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Joe is a self-taught photographer with a keen eye for capturing life's most precious moments. Nurtured in the bustling streets of Taichung, Taiwan, shuttled in the elegant atmosphere of London architecture, photography has always held a special place in Joe's heart. Through a steep learning curve and persistent practice, he has honed his photography to a level of proficiency. When he's not busy making people look their best (which is rare), you can find him at local coffee shops trying to score free drinks with his award-winning smile.

Specializes in crafting beautiful and romantic images that showcase the grandeur and aesthetic of portraits and weddings. By skilfully utilizing the surrounding landscape and architecture, he creates dramatic and striking images.

Joe's work has been recognized on an international level, earning him numerous awards, including first-place honours at prestigious photography competitions such as WPPI, IPA, MPI, WPE, ND Awards, One Eyeland, AsiaWPA, FAPA, and PPAC. He has been honoured with over 400 international awards, a testament to his skill and dedication as a photographer.





First Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Couple Together - First place



First Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Bride Alone - First place



Second Half 2022 - Bride Alone Wedding Day - First place



Annual Final 2022 - Pre Wedding Bride Alone - Second place



Annual Final 2022 - Pre Wedding Couple Together - Second place



# Laila Villebeck

Master of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 10.5***



Sweden

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Laila Villebeck is a portrait photographer in Linköping, Sweden, and she specializes in newborn, baby and children photography.

Laila started her carrier as a photographer in 2011 and has since then won several national and international photography awards.



*First Half 2022 - Newborn - First place*

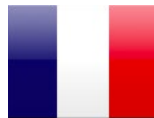


# Gérald Boisjot

Professional of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 10*



France

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*Second Half 2022 - Fine Art Nude - Second place*



# Niklas Englund

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 10***



Sweden

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*First Half 2022 - Wedding Details - Second place*



# Heljo Hakulinen

Professional of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 10*



Finland

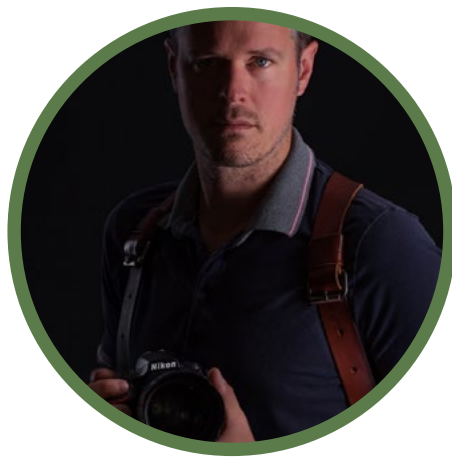
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Heljo Hakulinen is a wedding and portrait photographer based in Finland, Jyväskylä. Heljo is the other member of photographer team Kuvamiehet.





*Annual Final 2022 - Creative Wedding - Third place*



# Anthony Lemoine

Expert of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 10*



Belgium

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*Annual Final 2022 - Wedding Photojournalism - First place*



# Marco Martins

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 10***



Portugal

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Marco Martins, specialized in photographic services for weddings, has been working as a professional photographer since 1999. From a young age he experimented and enriched his training by taking part in numerous photographic courses.



*First Half 2022 - Creative Wedding - First place*



# Luis Miranda

Professional of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 10*



Portugal



*First Half 2022 - Sports - First place*

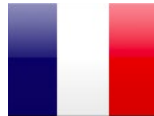


# William Moureaux

Professional of WPE



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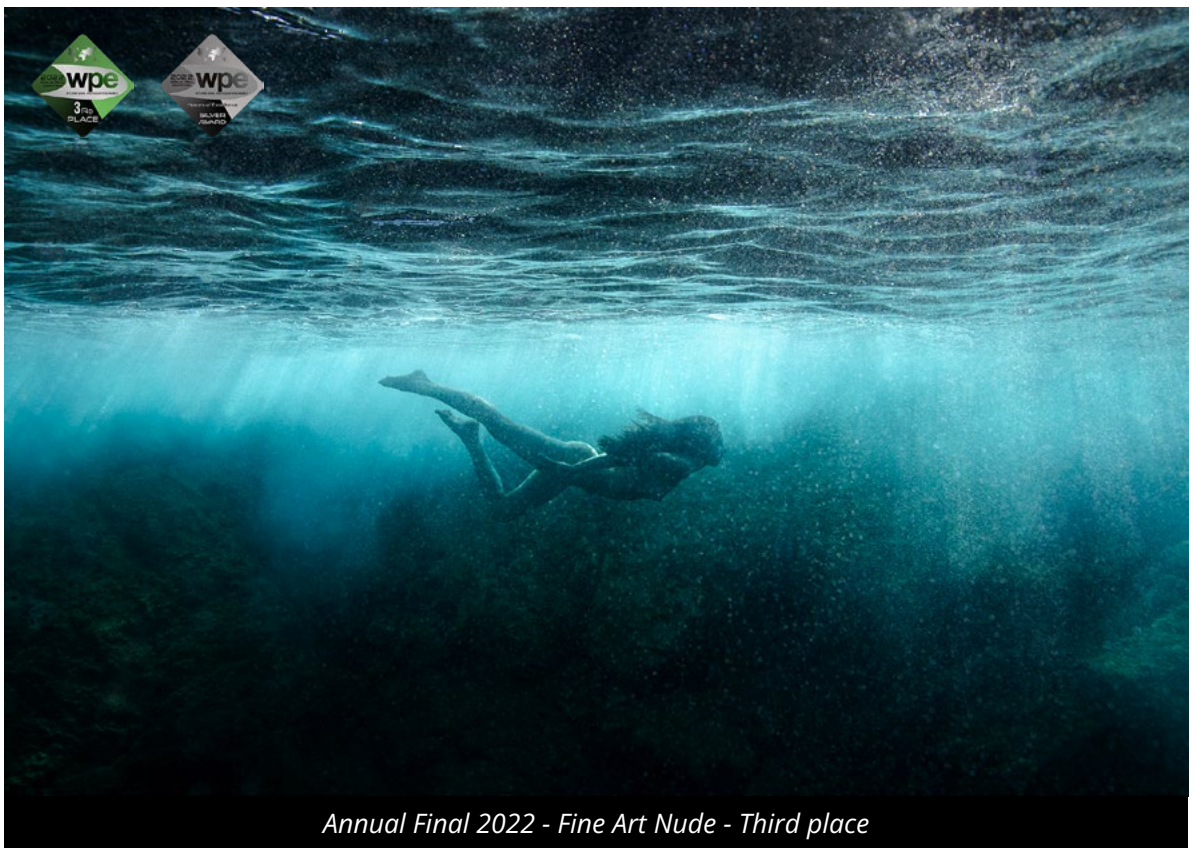


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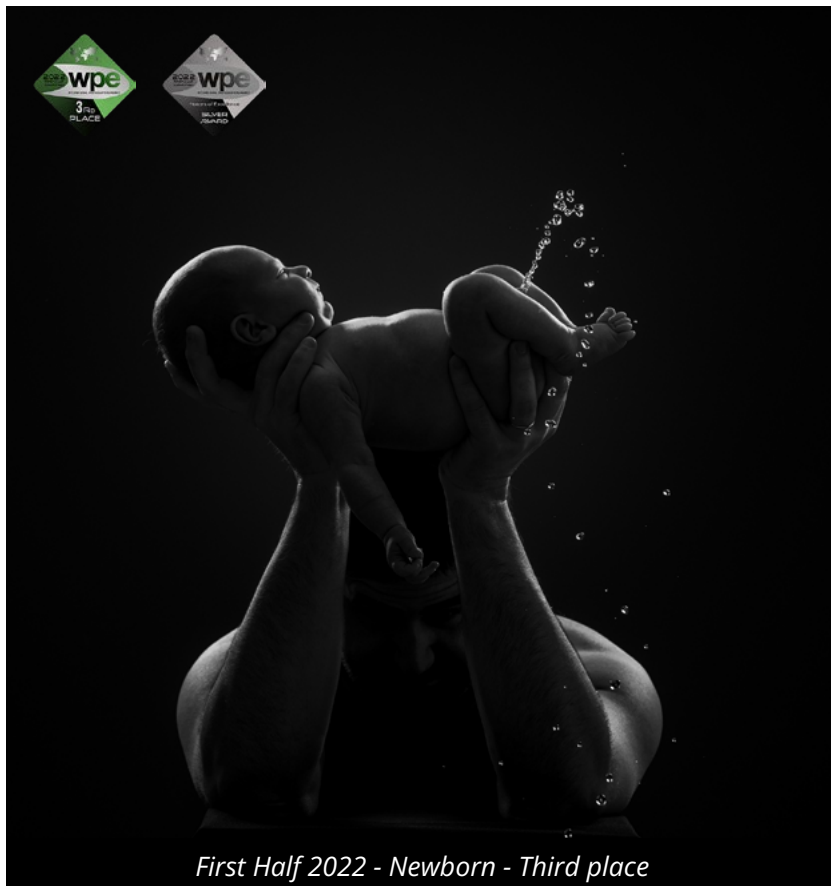
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William Moureaux has been a professional photographer since 15 years.  
He comes from France, more specifically from Montpellier.  
Field of activity : Portrait - Corporate - Publicity - Wedding - Landscape





*Annual Final 2022 - Fine Art Nude - Third place*



*First Half 2022 - Newborn - Third place*



# Miguel Ponte

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 10***



**Portugal**

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Miguel Ponte was born in 1979, in the beautiful archipelago of Madeira, in Portugal, where he currently lives and performs most of his work in wedding photography.

Despite having a degree in psychology and human resources management, his true passion has always been photography. Actually, those two facets of his life actually complement each other: To photograph people, you have to understand them.

His style is easily recognizable either by the vivid colors, the symbolism behind his landscape framings or by the natural look he imprints in his work. That way, when clients see their printed photos, they can actually revive moments as opposed to just remembering how and where the photo was taken.

He is currently one of the most awarded wedding photographers of the last few years, having won several awards in every major competition in the wedding business since 2018, from Fearless Photographers, to ISPWP, This is Reportage, Inspiration Photographers, ProWed or MyWed, where he currently ranks in the world top 20. However, besides winning the MyWed Awards Photo of the year in 2018, his biggest accolade has been this year's Golden Camera for European Photographer of the Year 2021, in the wedding category.



*Second Half 2022 - Wedding Photojournalism - First place*



# Sarah Edmunds

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 9.5***



Italy

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Master of Photography and international Print Competition judge, British-born Sarah Edmunds has been a professional photographer for 12 years, with a studio and retouching agency based in Italy. Sarah is a brand ambassador for Graphistudio, Fundy, and Global Master Educator for Godox Lighting Equipment.



*First Half 2022 - Fashion / Beauty - First place*



# Travis Patenaude

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 9.5***



USA

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Internationally renowned dog photographer Travis Patenaude of Stink-Eye Photography creates unique portraits that foster an emotional connection between the subject and the viewer. He believes emotions and feelings are a vital part of telling stories and has to be put in a form that touches the hearts of people' to evoke empathy and to have the viewer want to learn more about these dogs. Travis is an advocate for animal rescue and animal rights, in particular raising awareness for the plight of the hunting dogs of Spain. He has won international awards and have been published across international print, online media, and magazines.



*First Half 2022 - Animals / Pets / Insects - First place*



# Ninna Pedersen

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 9.5***



Denmark

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Ninna is a children and babyphotographer from Denmark. She is known for her magical approach in her picture and her loving passion for vibrant colors.





*First Half 2022 - Group / Families - First place*



# Alireza Bagheri Sani

Distinguished of WPE



**Total points earned for the year 2022 : 9**



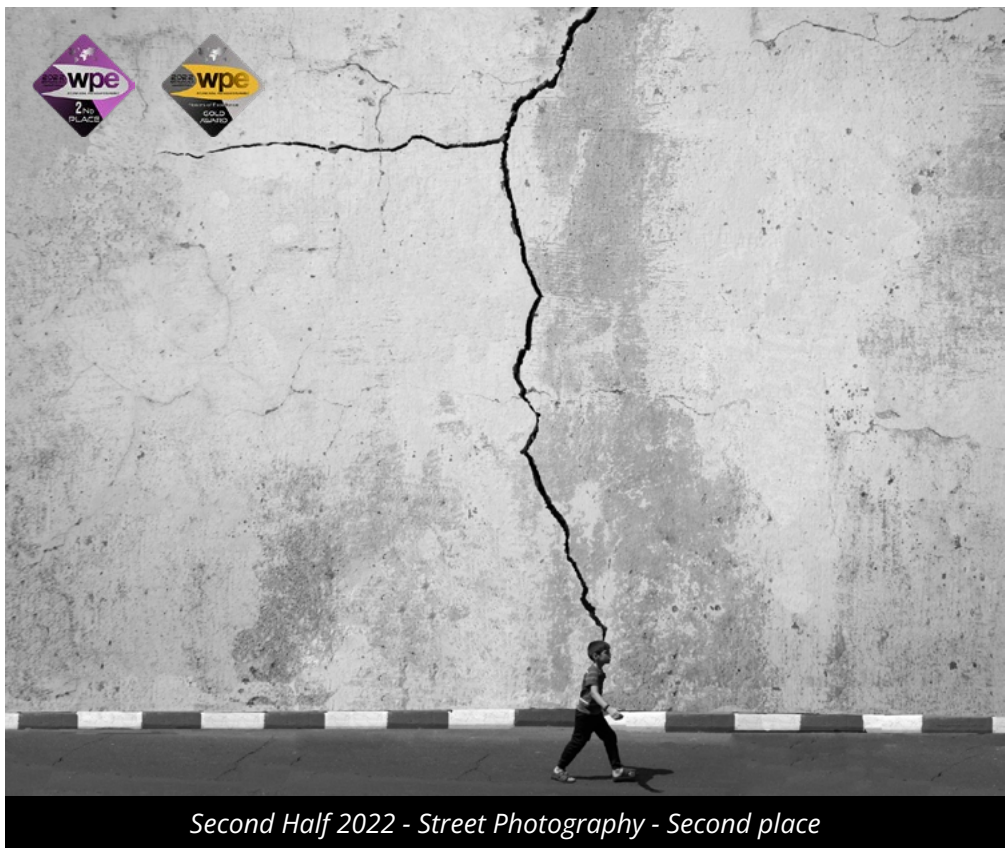
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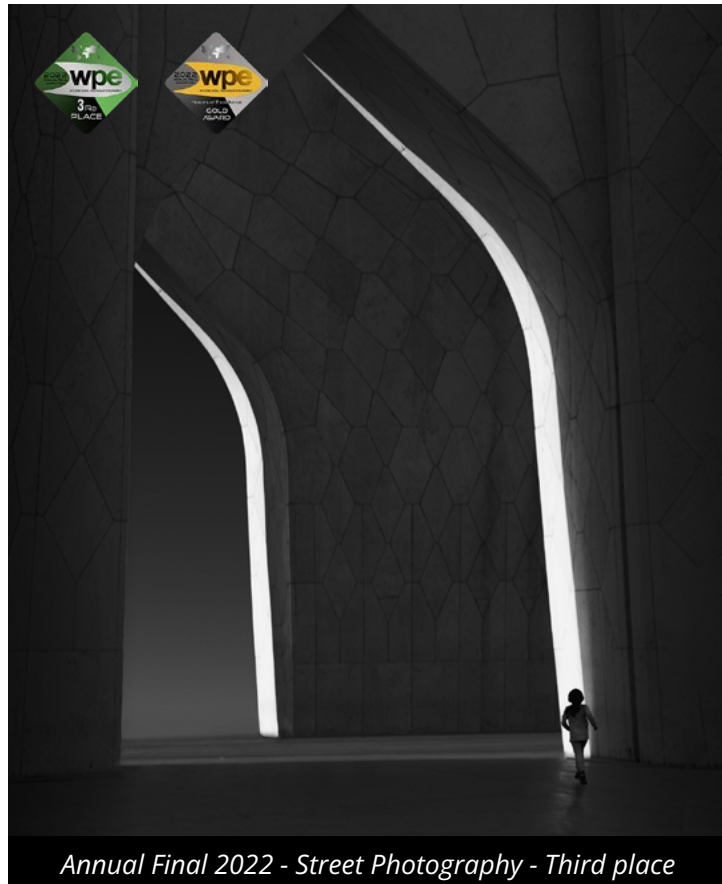
Alireza Bagheri Sani Was born in 1984, Gorgan,Iran and currently is living in Tehran. He has over 6 years experience of photography, and received his degree from Iranian Youth Cinema Society in 2018 for filmmaking, and got a certificate from Hilla films school in 2001 in Cinema Director major.

Later he performed some activities in screen writing, short films and documentary films. He has been working in this career since 2018, in minimalism and storytelling style in Conceptual, street photography, landscape... categories as a photographer. His notable contributions in the filed of photography has earned his several awards from international competitions.

His special technique in his work is  $1+1=3$ . In his opinion, first number 1 is subject, second number 1 is photography supplies and techniques, then finally in the collected numbers, 3 is her perspective and his point (his method). He does it in 3 levels : pre-production, production and post-production.



*Second Half 2022 - Street Photography - Second place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Street Photography - Third place*



# Becky Fleury

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 9***



Canada

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Becky Fleury is from Winnipeg, Canada who holds a passion for pushing boundaries. She is Canada's 2022 Portrait Photographer of the Year (Professional Photographers of Canada) and has won numerous awards for her portrait work. Becky specializes in fine art portraiture for newborns, maternity, children and families



*First Half 2022 - Group / Families - Third place*

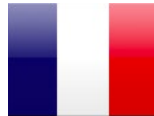


# Damien Molina

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 9***



France

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Damien Molina has been a professional photographer for 10 years.

He lives in Strasbourg in France.

Field of activity : Portrait - Corporate - Boudoir - Family.

Several national and international recognitions



*Annual Final 2022 - Fashion / Beauty - Third place*



# Natalia Peryga

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 9***



**Poland**

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Natalia Peryga is a photographer from Poland, but we can meet her in many countries in the world.

She has been interested in painting and a broadly defined art since she was young. Photography has become her mean of expression since 2006.

In her creative output, she has always tried to look for the non-standard or even controversial solutions. She has taken photos with the technique „CAMERA OBSCURA” or on an X-RAY equipment.

She began combining that ideas with wedding photography in 2019. In the same year, she took the 1st place in WPPI and some smaller awards, too.

You can see her photos in „RANGEFINDER” among others.





*Annual Final 2022 - Aerial / Drone - Second place*



# Irina Petrova

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 9***



United Kingdom

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Irina Petrova is an internationally published and award winning photographer and artist. She specializes in wild life micro-photography and science fiction inspired installations organically integrating living and artificial entities. A unique feature of her work is she only uses retro manual focus lenses to share the wonders of the world. She has won a substantial number of awards and prizes, including 3 recent awards in BIFA 2020, winner of FEP Awards 2021 Nature Golden Camera and ND Discovery of the Year in category Nature 2019.



*Second Half 2022 - Flowers - Third place*



# Aquilino Paparo

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 8.5***



**Switzerland**

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Professional photographer, photography is a passion of mine, since my early age. I was just eleven, when I went with my father, for the first time, in a dark room, where I put my hands in the trays with chemicals for the development and I noticed incredulously the image that gradually formed on the white surface of the paper.

Today, after so many years and after millions of shots, I am here to talk about photography. I'm a person who was able to transform a passion in his profession. At the age of 12, after being my father's assistant for many times, and after taking photos with my first Hasselblad, I did my first wedding shooting. Being incredulous in the work I did, I managed to have a good result.

Since then I kept on taking photos and on being praised by all those who looked at my photos. After graduating the secondary school, I decided to turn my passion into a job. I received a diploma as a photography operator at the school of I. P. I.A Casanova of Naples. It wasn't enough for me, I wanted more, therefore I decided to apply for the School of Photography and Cinema, which was in Rome.

At the INSTITUTE OF CINEMA AND TV ROBERTO ROSSELLINI I obtained a diploma of STILL PHOTOGRAPHER AND PHOTOJOURNALIST. I just needed another year for getting the STATE DIPLOMA IN FILM AND TELEVISION TECHNIQUE, achieved in 1996 with the highest number of votes.





# Davide Francese

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 8***



**Italy**

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Davide Francese, specialized in photographic services for weddings and fashion, has been working as a professional photographer for over twenty five years. From a young age he experimented and enriched his training by taking part in numerous photographic courses and stages. Each of his shots, never banal, testifies to the commitment, passion and sacrifice of those who have dedicated and dedicate a large part of their existence to this sublime art. His every shot always manages to excite. QIP QUALIFIED ITALIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

The details, the light and the composition make his approach to modern and creative photography. Recently he has made photographic services also abroad and in particular in America.



*Annual Final 2022 - Commercial - Third place*



*First Half 2022 - Wedding Details - Third place*



*Second Half 2022 - Wedding Photojournalism - Third place*



# Kohei Ueno

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 8***



**Singapore**

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Kohei is an international award winning photographer from Japan, specialising in freediving and underwater photography. He picked up his first DSLR camera in 2014 when he quit his job at Google to travel the world, capturing images along that way that won him 1st place at the 2016 Sony Alpha Art House Competition. This helped him get his first underwater housing as well as a trip to Tonga to swim with whales.

He's won multiple awards with numerous work published locally and abroad. Today he continues to spread the beauty of the ocean and the intricacy of the sport of freediving as an instructor, freedive photographer and athlete, inspiring more and more people to get in and start exploring, not only deep into the ocean, but deep within themselves.







# Claudiu Guraliuc

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 7.5***



**Romania**

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I am a full time portrait and wedding photographer, based in Cluj, Romania.

During the last 5 years i've had the privilege to photograph over 100 couples both nationally and internationally. Also, i have photographed projects for numerous commercial clients, from oil companies to restaurants, healthcare, IT or jewelry retailers.

I am a Master Photographer, holding the Associate distinction with The Master Photographer's Association, UK's main qualifying body for professional photographers, and the distinction of Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain.

The greatest honor I have been awarded in my photographic career so far, is the Fine Art Photographer of the Year award I received in October 2020, at the Master Photography Awards Gala in the UK, with an image part of my painterly, baroque-inspired series.

In 2018, I received a double Award of Excellence in the Creative Wedding category, in recognition of outstanding photographic skill and excellence in imaging, from the Master Photographer's Association UK. Nominated in the Top 3 destination wedding photographers by the Destination Wedding Planners Congress 2019, in Dubai, UAE. The DWP Congress is recognized as the world's strongest business platform set to honor excellence in the luxury wedding industry.

I had my work published by the largest circulation photography magazines in US (Popular Photography) and UK (Digital Photo Pro) and i am currently represented by the Katsea Art Gallery Baltimore MD.





# Tone B. Haugerud

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 7.5***



Norway

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Tone is a Portrait and family photographer in a cosy little town just outside of Oslo in Norway.

Tone has been teaching workshops both in Norway and internationally for the last 10 years. Tone loves being a photographer and always strives to learn new things and develop her skills and art by working on personal projects. Tone has won many awards in «Landskonkurransen» which is the national competition for professional photographers in Norway. In 2016 and 2017 won Tone “picture of the year” award in two categories, family and open class. Tone has also had the honour of representing Norway on the national team for the World photographic cup.



*First Half 2022 - Wildlife - Third place*



# Mischa Baettig

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 7***



Switzerland

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My name is Mischa (44) and I'm a Semi Professional photographer from Zurich with a passion for weddings and drone shots. Accompanying bride pairs on this beautiful day is great and I really love the special angle from above. Weddings are the fine art of photography and I am able to be creative. Check out my website for more information about my work !



*Second Half 2022 - Wedding Details - Second place*



*First Half 2022 - Bridal Party (Family and Friends) - Third place*



# Nataliya Bilgen

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 7***

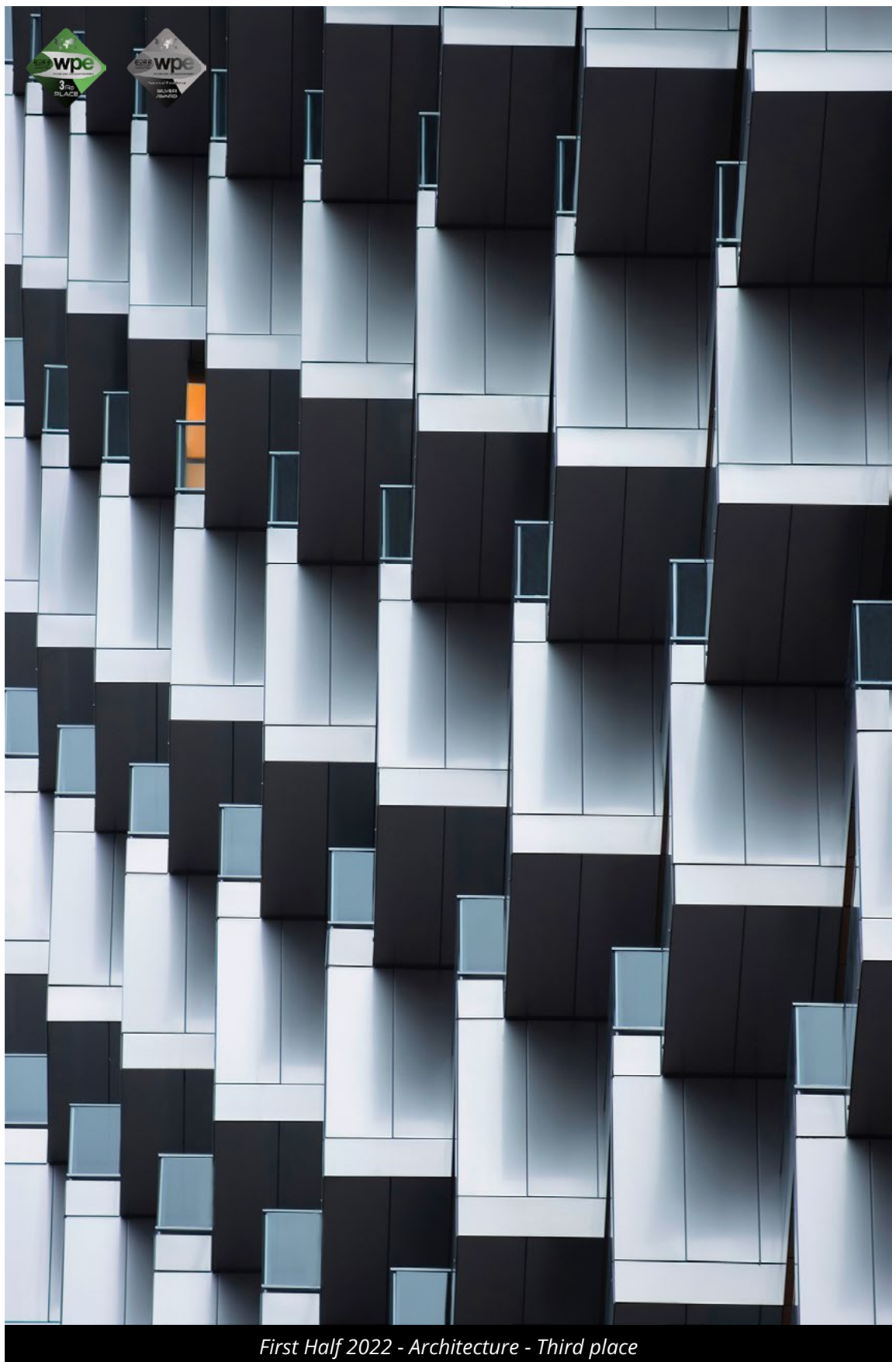


Canada

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Nataliya is an architectural photographer with a passion for abstract and fine art photography.





*First Half 2022 - Architecture - Third place*



# Konyi Calito

Master of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 7***



Myanmar

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In all devoted photography, Konyi Calito is a photographer who loves nature to make up pre-wedding and portrait photography. And I have won prizes mostly from AWPA and some from WPE and WPPI. I live in Taunggyi, City of Shan State, Myanmar.



*Second Half 2022 - Groom Alone Wedding Day - First place*



*Second Half 2022 - Photojournalism / Reportage / Culture - Third place*



# Nick Yamashita

Professional of WPE

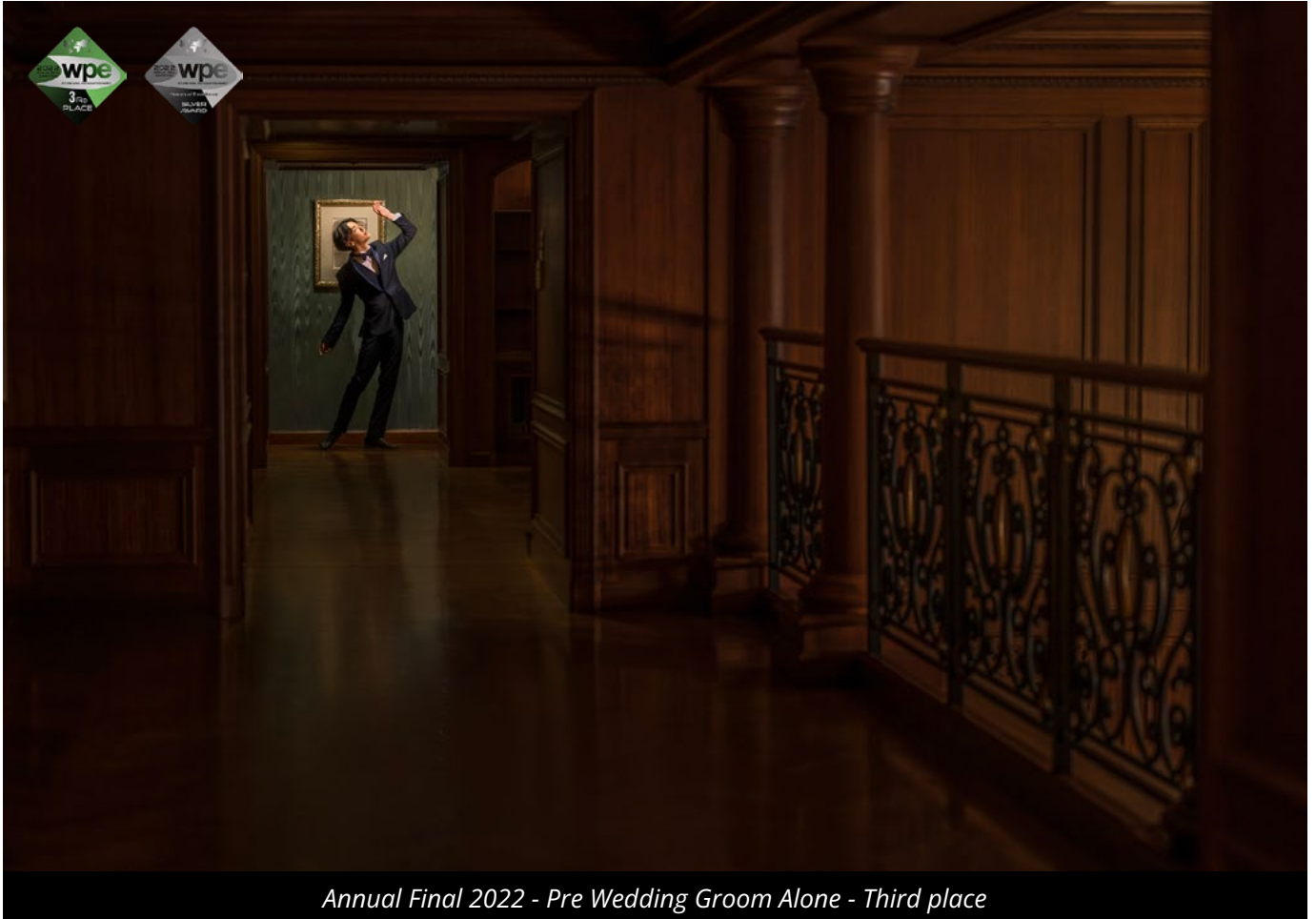


*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 7*



Japan

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*Annual Final 2022 - Pre Wedding Groom Alone - Third place*



# Khalid Faraj Al-Wadhahi

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 6.5***



Oman

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Khaled Faraj Al-Wadhi Documenting nature and wildlife in Dhofar, Sultanate of Oman.  
Winner of local and international awards



*First Half 2022 - Macro - Second place*



# Elina Gamanova

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 6.5***



Russian Federation

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*First Half 2022 - Children - Second place*



# Dmitry Polkanov

Distinguished of WPE



**Total points earned for the year 2022 : 6.5**



**Thailand**

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I am a professional photographer, my genre a conceptual portrait. I create gloomy images of demons and ghosts.

I graduated from the medical academy. But now photography is my main occupation. I've been involved in photography for about 10 years. 2018-2019 I trained with various photographers and retouchers really hard and started shooting professionally.

So far I have won 60 international awards (WPE Awards, The International Photography Awards, Fine Art Photography Awards, Annual Photography Awards and many more). My photographs have been exhibited in 27 countries.

All the shooting I do in my home studio. I use a Hasselblad medium format camera. I prepare the sketches, paint the model's skin, sometimes I glue horns or spikes. Shooting usually takes 7 to 11 hours. Then it takes another few weeks or months to process the photos.

Everyone lives with their demons. People are afraid to meet them, avoid them... But I want to show their dark beauty.



*Annual Final 2022 - Fine Art Nude - First place*



# Francesco Chinazzo

Expert of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 6*



Italy

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*First Half 2022 - Fine Art Nude - Third place*



# Sara Goli

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 6***



Iran

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Sara Goli is a minimalist and fine art photographer.





# Trine-Lise Henriksen

Distinguished of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 6*



Norway





*Annual Final 2022 - Newborn - Third place*



# Amber Henry

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 6***



USA

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Amber is a professional speaker, teacher and mentor, based in Michigan. Amber is a Magmod Ambassador, an Associate of WPPI, and her work has been displayed on magazine covers, and wedding guides, and has received huge industry praise. She is proudly a featured 'Fearless Photographer' and member of "World's Best Wedding Photos" as well as a "Top 20 Rockstar Photographers" of Senior Inspire Magazine. Most recently Amber took home 1st place in the Wedding Photojournalism category at Wppi's 16x20 Print Competition 2022.



*Second Half 2022 - Wedding Details - First place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Wedding Photojournalism - Third place*

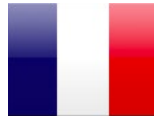


# Hichem Khalil

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 6***



France

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Bonjour à tous, je m'appelle Hichem GHOUFIR, Hichem KHALIL. J'ai 39 ans. La photographie a une place importante dans ma vie depuis toujours. Elle est plus qu'une passion, c'est un mode de vie, l'envie depuis tout jeune de tout garder en souvenir. Puis les belles rencontres de la vie vous amènent dans le monde professionnel. J'ai de la chance d'avoir pu croiser des personnes sincères qui ont fait de moi ce que je suis aujourd'hui. Parmi ces personnes, il y a bien sûr David Bulent Bag qui a littéralement changé ma vision des choses et qui m'a fait progresser. Aujourd'hui je suis fier d'être membre des WPE et d'avoir ces 27 photos primées. C'est une reconnaissance. Avec travail et humilité rien n'est impossible. Merci à tous.



*Annual Final 2022 - Wedding Couple Together Wedding Day - Second place*



# Hak Meng

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 6***



**Cambodia**

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My name is Hak Meng, 32. I knew nothing about photography when I found my passion in it back in 2017. I was so passionate about it until I joined a few overseas pre wedding workshops in 2019 and 2020. Photography is still my learning process. I go out to learn and shoot and I make mistakes in a hope that I can discover answers to my questions about photography.



*Second Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Groom Alone - Third place*



# Fuminori Sasaki

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 6***



Japan





*First Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Bride Alone - Second place*



# Stelios Tsikas

Distinguished of WPE



**Total points earned for the year 2022 : 6**



Greece

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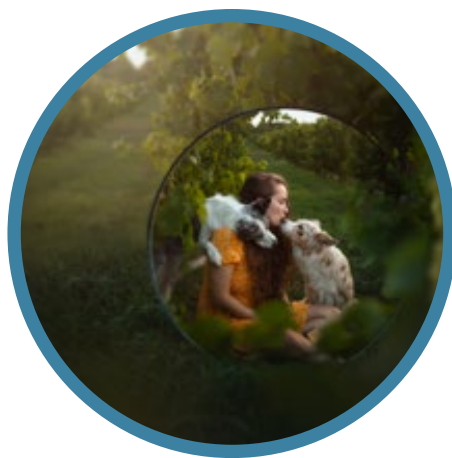
Stelios Tsikas is a restless spirit. His photographic and cinematic lens is the way of expressing himself with creative images, seeking to trap the light, to define the expression and through the shadows to create an atmosphere. He has studied photography for three years as well as directing for two years. Alongside with photography he has worked for 12 years in the Greek film industry as assistant director and production assistant and also created a highly successful photography and wedding video company Stelios Tsikas Wedding filmmakers.

A major source of his inspiration is travelling. Over the last 25 years, he has visited more than 50 countries, with many of his images being awarded in world competitions (Geo, National Geographic, Wiki lovers Earth etc.). Along with/Alongside wedding photography, he organizes a travel photography workshop.

Wedding photography means a lot to him because it comprises all sorts of photography.



*Annual Final 2022 - Pre Wedding Groom Alone - First place*



# Veronika Šandorová

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 5.5***



**Slovakia**

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Hi everyone, my name is Veronika, and I am from a little country called Slovakia (middle Europe). I live and breathe for dogs, adventure and photography.

My passion for dog photography started when I became a happy owner of my first dog, Nabu. I quickly realized that I need lots of dogs around me and also I need to cuddle with every dog I meet. Three years ago, I became a professional dog photographer; it started right after a new family member came to our lives. Her name is Jada, and she was born to be a professional dog model. Thanks to my two girls (both are border collie), my passion more and more grew and I realized I want to make other people happy as I am when I am looking at pictures of my two girls.

We are a very adventurous family. We adore to hike, climb mountains, search for marvellous lakes or swim in the seas. Together we have already visited 14 European countries, plan to visit more :).



*Annual Final 2022 - Animals / Pets / Insects - Second place*



# Рустам Рахимов

Distinguished of WPE

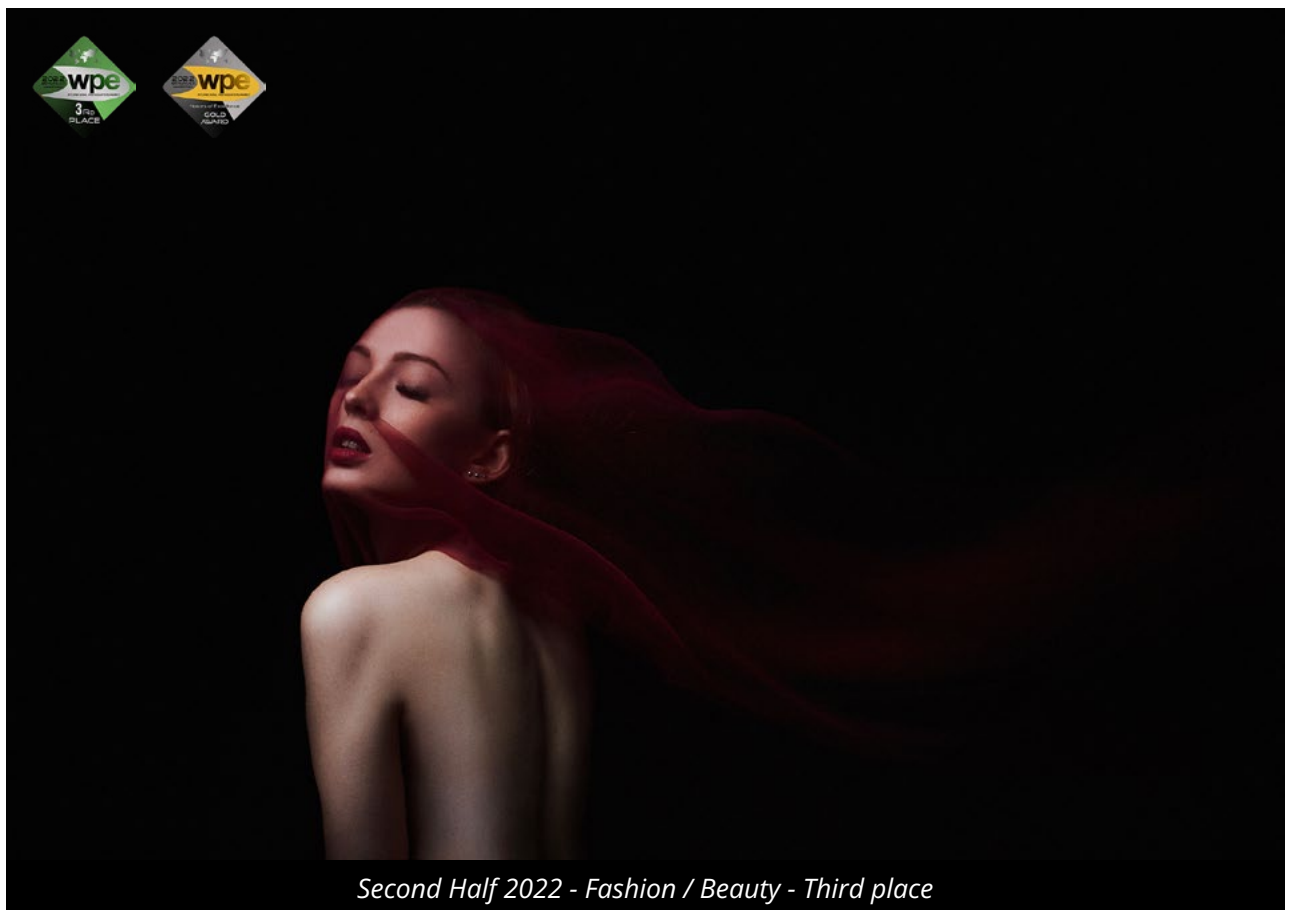


***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 5.5***



Russian Federation

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*Second Half 2022 - Fashion / Beauty - Third place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Individuel - Third place*



# Helle Holm Kristensen

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 5***



Denmark

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Helle is a portrait photographer based in Denmark. She is specialized in photographing newborn, children and women of all ages.





Second Half 2022 - Newborn - Third place



# Mike Olbinski

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 5***



USA

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Mike Olbinski is an Emmy-winning photographer and filmmaker based in Phoenix, Arizona. He's lived in Arizona his entire life and grew up loving storms and the summer monsoon season. Mike started chasing storms over a decade ago in his home state, and quickly expanded to cover the central United States every spring as well.

His work has been featured in Arizona Highways, he won Weather Photographer of the Year in 2017, runner up in the National Geographic Photography Contest, and his work has been licensed by clients such as Microsoft, Netflix, NatGeo, Marvel Studios, Lamborghini, The Weather Channel, the BBC and all major car brands.





# Владислав Блинов

Distinguished of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 5*



Russian Federation

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Second Half 2022 - Group / Families - First place



# Hector J Coto

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 4.5***



USA

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Hector C., founder of the Vhector Shots Studio, is a Commercial Photographer out of North New Jersey, who immigrated from Havana, Cuba, at the age of 26. Upon his arrival he immediately started working toward his dream: Becoming a Successful Commercial Photographer.

Thanks to his background in Graphic Arts, Photo Manipulation, and Photo Retouching, paired with a keen eye for detail and his deep knowledge of light mechanics, Hector is capable of producing outstanding content for his clients. His work ranges from top quality Product Photography, to high-end Beverage Imagery, to gorgeous architectural images.



First Half 2022 - Commercial - Second place



# Aleksandr Kurennoi

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 4.5***



Russian Federation

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*Second Half 2022 - Individuel - First place*



# Amir Shirazian

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 4.5***



Iran

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Some people call me advertising photographer. I love creating and showing my fantasy world to other people.



Second Half 2022 - Commercial - Second place



# Юрий Подгрушный

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 4.5***



**Russian Federation**

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Macro photographer from Rostov-on-Don  
Lecturer of the Rostov-on-Don branch of the All-Russian State University of Cinematography named  
after S.A. Gerasimov (VGIK)



*Annual Final 2022 - Macro - Second place*



*First Half 2022 - Macro - Third place*



*Second Half 2022 - Macro - Third place*



# Miles Witt Boyer

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 4***



USA

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International wedding and portrait photographer and founder of The Photographic Collective and Miles Witt Boyer Photography, Miles' keen eye for light and moment are matched with a passion for relationship and the human connection.

Nationally published, award winning, with a company portfolio showing work from nearly 40 states and countries all over the world Miles feels like he is really just getting started. Miles and his team place a high value on experience for their clients noting that the most beautiful art is often a byproduct of being invited into arms length of the most important moments. He is a Fujifilm X/GFX Creator as well as a Fujifilm X-Photographer, and a Holdfast Gear Ambassador with a unique obsession with dynamic light and a love for teaching photographers to see light in special ways.

Professor, Art Director, Marketing Consultant, Educator, Social Influencer, Entrepreneur and perhaps his most personally valued title is that of husband and father. Husband to a beautiful wife who helps manage and run his company. Dad to two brilliant little energetic boys who are no stranger to having their lives well documented.



*First Half 2022 - Bridal Party (Family and Friends) - Second place*



# Jacqueline Dooren

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 4***



**Netherlands**

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My name is Jacqueline Dooren. I'm a Dutch photographer, based in Amsterdam, specialised in stills and portraits. As a photographer my starting point is the natural beauty of people, I like to show the individual characteristics of a person. Using black and white, you can really see who they are. It helps a sense of reality to come through.

For stills I stay close to the product. The use of colors and my passion for lighting brings the product to life.





*Second Half 2022 - Flowers - First place*

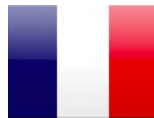


# Garuchet Karen

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 4***



France

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I'm 34 years old and I'm a French professional photographer since September 2017. Before I worked in a biology laboratory, so I have learned photography by myself.

I love to do oil painting, drawing portraits... That's why photography was obvious to me!

I am also a mother of 3 boys. Pregnancy is for me an important stage in the life of a woman but also for the couple.

So I combined my desire to create artistically with my desire to offer memories to future parents...

I love my job and I hope it shows through my photos!



*First Half 2022 - Portrait Creative - Third place*



# Amirhossein Loloei

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 4***



Iran

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He is a portrait and fine arts photographer living in Tehran, He pays special attention to composition, colors and the light in his photographs. Amirhossein is a strong believer in the theory; that light and color are the most vital items and tools for producing an emotional photograph.



*Annual Final 2022 - Individuel - Second place*



# Luis Mendonca

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 4***



Portugal

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Civil Engineer and photography teacher at Lisbon School of Design.  
Several exhibitions in Portugal, France, Spain and Brazil.  
Several international awards.



*Second Half 2022 - Fine Art Nude - Third place*



# Ramadan Ramadan Oglou

Expert of WPE



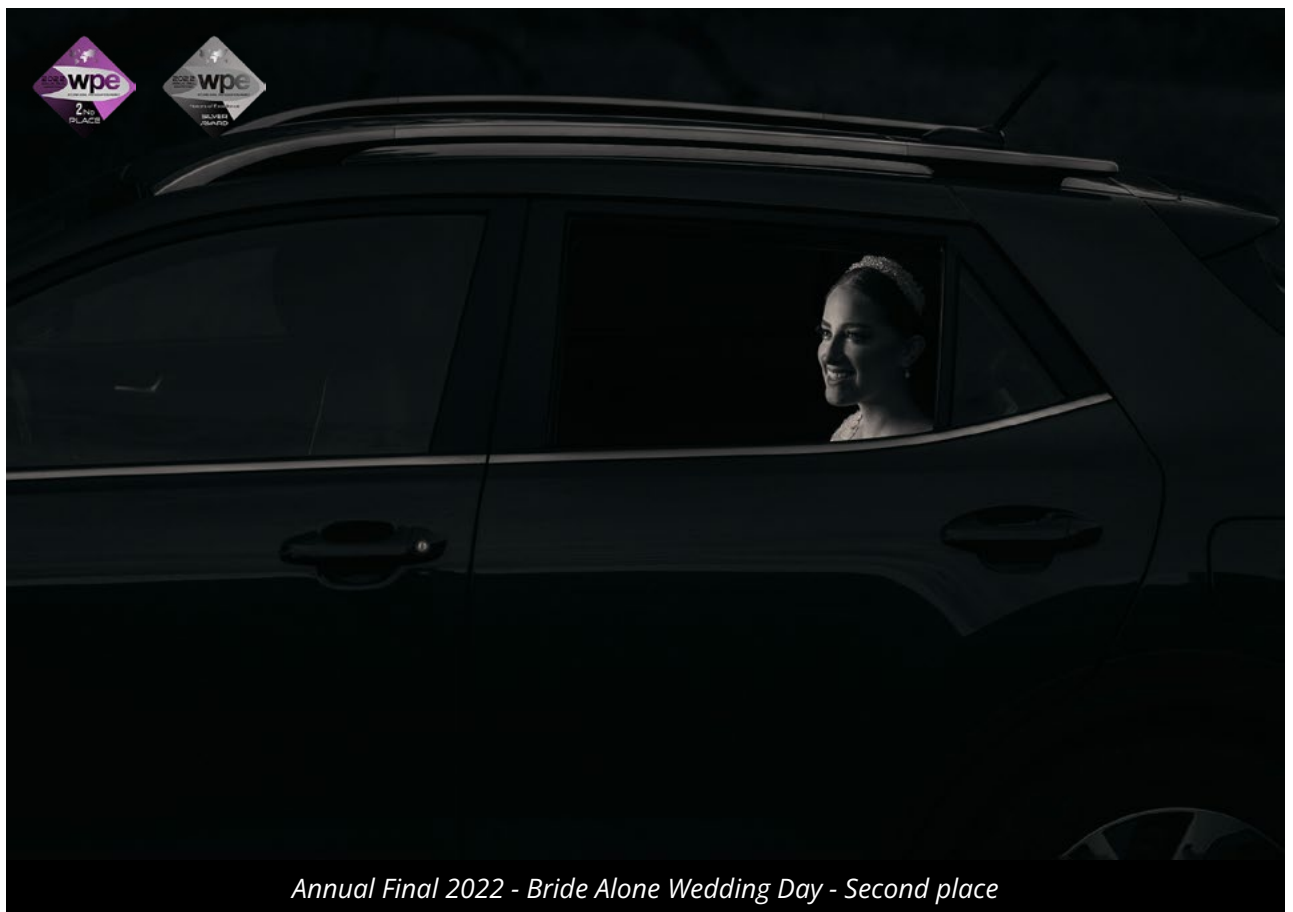
*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 4*



Greece

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*Annual Final 2022 - Bride Alone Wedding Day - Second place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Groom Alone Wedding Day - Second place*



# Saurabh Sirohiya

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 4***



India

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*Annual Final 2022 - Street Photography - First place*



*Annual Final 2022 - Photojournalism / Reportage / Culture - First place*



# Cindy Hains

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3.5***



Canada

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In the beautiful city of Quebec, the Cindy Hains Photographe studio is creative portraits, works of art! I specialize in photography of newborns, children and families. Creating is for me a vital need as important as breathing! I started photography in 2006. I started competing in 2018 and was Photographer of the Year in 2019 by Professional Photographers of Canada.



*Second Half 2022 - Children - Third place*



# Xenia Ivanoff-Erb

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3.5***



**Namibia**

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I am a professional Graphic Designer, Photographer & Brand consultant with 25 years of experience in the business of building brands. In 1988 I graduated from Rhodes University with a BA (Fine Arts) Degree, majoring in Graphic Design. In 1993 I designed the new South African emblem "the Protea". It was during this project that my real passion for logo design started.

My husband Georg and I own our own Fine Art Photography gallery in Swakopmund, Namibia. We regularly conduct one-on-one photo workshops and offer self-drive bespoke phototours through Namibia.



*Second Half 2022 - Aerial / Drone - Second place*



# Adam Neuba

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3.5***



Germany

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# Nguyễn Tuấn

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3.5***



Viet Nam

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*Annual Final 2022 - Landscape - First place*



# Kimberly Van Den Boogaard

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3.5***



**Netherlands**

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My name is Kimberly van den Boogaard and I live in The Netherlands. I am 27 years old and photographing for 3 years.

I have been working with animals all my life, I graduated from Animal Care in 2016 with a specialization in dog behavior.

During my training I lived in Lapland (Finland) for three months and worked with sled dogs. This was an amazing experience that I will never forget and I learned a lot about dogs that live in a pack and the behavior that come with it.

In 2019 I graduated to be a Equestrian Coach, specialized in behavior problems with horses.

I bought my first professional camera in te beginning 2019. I have always been interested in camera's and taking photos, but as I got older I wanted to develop myself deeper into photography.

Now I'm active as a professional Animal & Wildlife photographer. I have been able to photograph a lot of nice, beautiful and funny animals! I really enjoy this. A casual atmosphere in a natural environment where the animals feel good, are happy and shows this!

Besides my bookings I can often be found in nature, my camera is always with me as soon as I have put on the hiking boots. My passion is creating unique works of art. All this has grown into a huge passion that I do with a lot of love !



*First Half 2022 - Wildlife - First place*



# Ivan Villagrana

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3.5***



**Mexico**

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Graduated in graphic design and photographer, Iván Villagrana is a young man who has been interested in the arts since adolescence, mainly music and drawing, which led him later, in 2016, to approach artistic and portrait photography.

He represented Mexico in the World Cup of Photography (WPC)

Being the winner of the Silver Medal at the World Level with the photography "URANO" of the Planets series, in Rome Italy 2022 Portrait category, as well as winner of the Photography World Cup for the first time in the history of Mexico, together with the Mexican team.

His work has been exhibited in Berlin, Germany (2018) and his work was published for the book JPGBOOK in Spain (2018). He also has 3 individual exhibitions of his photographic series "México ArteNativo" in Guadalajara (Apolignare gallery, Habanera cultural center, Dance School and Makani Gallery). He also received an Honorable Mention in the contest and exhibition "The life of the fishing communities against Covid 19" in 2021 with reportage photography, as well as the publication of a book with said photography.

Emerging photographer for whom the most important thing is the connection with the human being. Through bodily expression, psychological portraiture, experimentation with light and his photographic technique, Iván seeks to take a common moment towards the divine.



*Second Half 2022 - Portrait Creative - First place*



# Angi Wallace

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3.5***



United Kingdom

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I am a photography enthusiast with a passion for close up and macro, nature, creative portraiture, landscapes and gig photography. Over 17 years of enjoying the hobby I have relished learning various genres, concentrating initially on capturing images of amphibians and reptiles ( another hobby of mine). More recently I have been concentrating on floral, fungi and other close up nature images as well as learning still life. In 2023 I am concentrating on focus stacking macro images to start with.

I produce a lot of my photography from home, using a mini studio set up in our dining room, simply because my health does not allow for energy demanding activities - this does not stop me from producing beautiful images but does restrict what I am able to do and how often. I mostly photograph personal projects for my own enjoyment and to enter competitions.

My biggest achievements to date are winning Photographer of the year with the National photographic society for the last 3 years, winning International Garden photographer of the year's Still life category 2021 and 2022 ( with 6 images placed, including 3rd), winning Plant and fungi photographer of the year 2020 with the SWPP and winning Amateur photographer magazines Close up round in 2020. Winning Camera jabber photographer of the year 2023. As well as gaining an associateship with the SWPP in nature photography.





*Annual Final 2022 - Flowers - First place*



# Barmina Anastasiya

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



**Russian Federation**

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Photography professional and passionate artist, Anastasiya is working around the world while living in Russia. Since 2017 she was acknowledged by many national and international photo contests.

Anastasiya mostly works with children photography and female portraits. She also teaching the basics of photography and picture enhancement. Anastasiya is also a photo tours organizer for photographers all over the world.



*Annual Final 2022 - Group / Families - First place*



# Lucy Barrett

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



United Kingdom

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Lucy is an amateur photographer from Hertfordshire.

She has two photographs on display in London Heathrow airport's Terminal 3 as part of the UK government's Great Campaign project. She is exhibiting another two photos in an online gallery.

Lucy works full-time in the charity sector. Photography is her part-time passion. She especially likes architectural photography.



*Second Half 2022 - Architecture - Third place*



# Kate Baumgartner

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



USA

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*First Half 2022 - Photojournalism / Reportage / Culture - Third place*



# Chong Chee Ho

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



Malaysia

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*First Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Groom Alone - First place*



# Quentin Décaillet

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



Switzerland

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Quentin Décaillet is a product and beauty photographer based in the heart of the Alps, in Switzerland. His endless curiosity and hunger towards learning new things have led Quentin to create a unique and bold visual style. His imagery is a combination of his deep passion for art and technology. When Quentin is not working on a project, you'll most likely find him trying new techniques to push his art further or taking care of his plants collection.



*First Half 2022 - Flowers - Third place*



# Lars Fink Rasmussen

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



Denmark

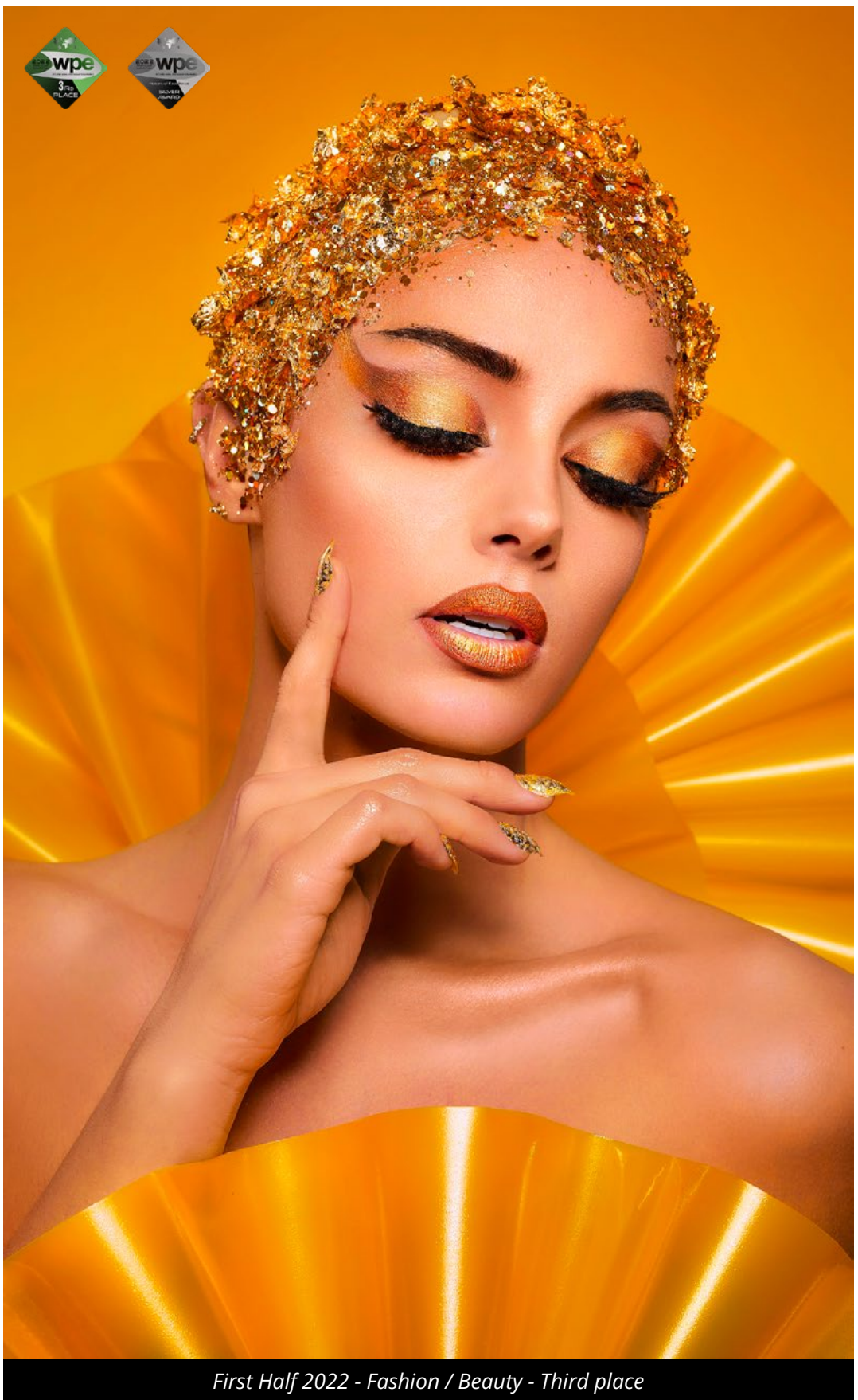
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My name is Lars Fink Rasmussen. I'm a photographer based in Copenhagen, Denmark.

I try to learn my kids that life would be extremely boring and uninspiring, if we all did the same, looked the same, had the same culture and walked in other people's footsteps. So, in other words, I try to make my photography different by not doing the same as other photographers. I do not find my inspiration on Pinterest, Instagram or elsewhere - I see pictures in my head - all made by my fantasy. Do it your own way or die trying :-)

I have a deep respect for many kind of photography, but I think fashion and beauty is extra hard to manage and make catchy. It's really hard work with all the ideas, planning, research, lights, gear and 100 other details, that makes this kind of photography special. But the most important thing is that fashion and beauty is an art form - it shall hit your heart and make you wanna stop up. It's all about creativity, feelings and to make it unlimited eye catching. And I just love love love when I capture the one and only moment, the magic, the truth in the models eyes and I can feel my heart pumps faster!

My goal is to become the most iconic photographer in Denmark, even though I know my style is so untypically Danish. I think we need some changes and colors in the Danish style - it's all so grey, desaturated and boring - and I want to make that change !



*First Half 2022 - Fashion / Beauty - Third place*



# Ar Kar

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



Myanmar

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# Alexey Kazantsev

Distinguished of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3*



Russian Federation

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*Annual Final 2022 - Individuel - First place*



# Yevhen Kostyuk

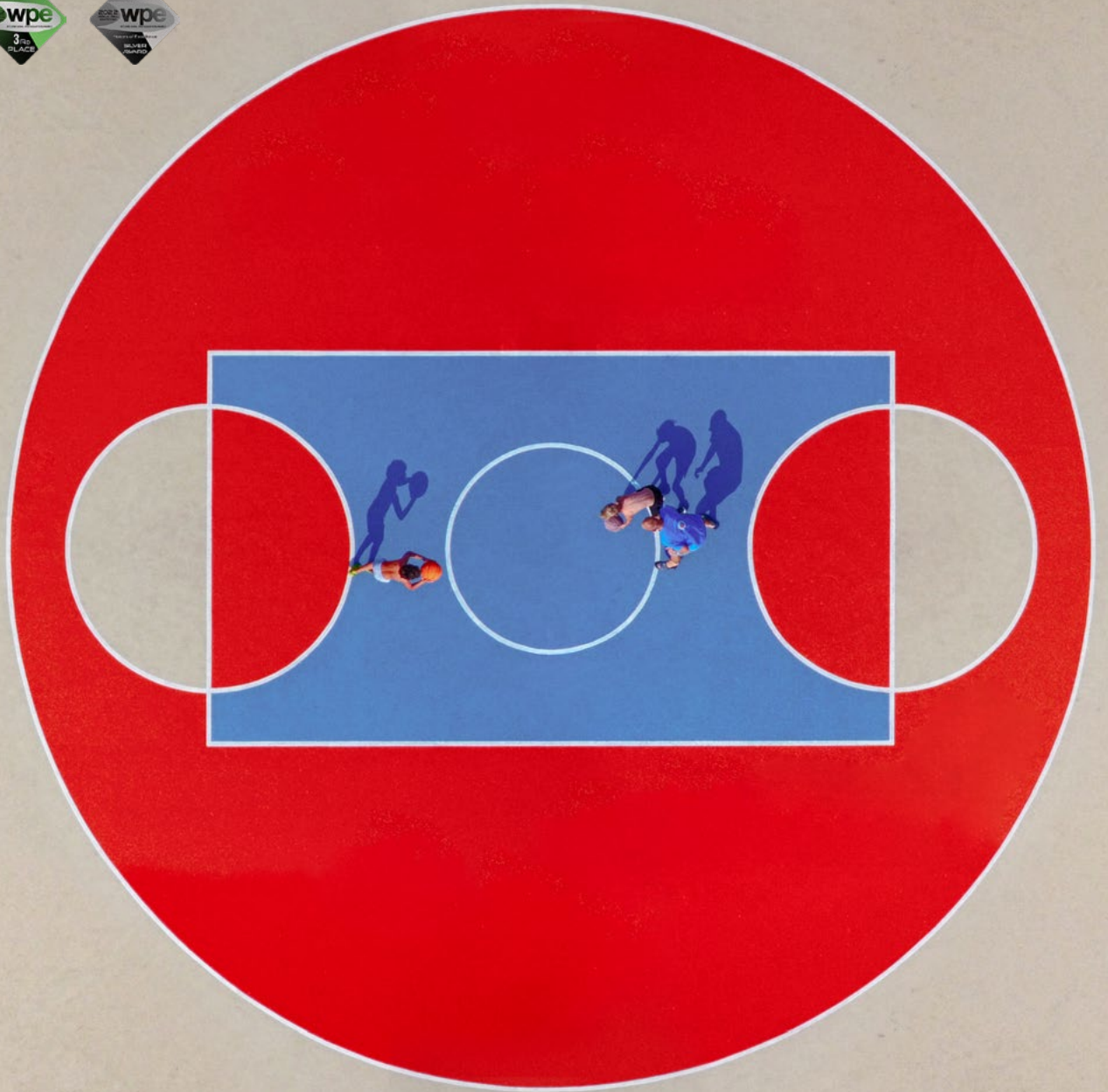
Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



Ukraine



*Annual Final 2022 - Aerial / Drone - Third place*



# Aly Kuler

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



USA

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Aly Kuler is a multi-award-winning photographer based out of New Jersey, United State. His work has been published through Rangefinder, Shutter, Professional Photographer, MunaLuchi Bride, Marie Claire, BRIDES, ESSENCE, Manhattan Bride, SLR Lounge, Fashion Maniac, The Select Bride and Jean-Ralph Thurin, Shutterfly, among others.

Over a few years, I've won multi international awards, WPPI The Grand Award, IPC Gold Medalist, MPI Photographer of the year, RF 30 Rising Stars Nominee, WPE, WPS, APEX, and was nominated Top 3 wedding photographers in 2019 by Wedisson and Top 10 by Wedaward.

His style has been described as highly creative and dramatic while maintaining an engaging, yet relaxed environment.





# Adriano Oening

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



Brazil

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*Annual Final 2022 - Photojournalism / Reportage / Culture - Third place*



# Tomas Paule

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



**Slovakia**

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My name is Tomáš Paule, I come from Slovakia

I have been actively involved in photography since 2008, when I received my first digital SLR camera. Since then, I've changed a lot of technique to help me move forward. Every single photo shoot gives me the opportunity and space to do my best.

I focus mainly on photographing weddings, nudes, boudoirs and also personal projects. I did not study photography. I am self-taught.





*First Half 2022 - Fine Art Nude - Second place*



# Kristine Ristesund

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



Norway

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Kristine Ristesund is a Norwegian photographer specializing in wedding and elopement photography.

Heavily influenced by nordic folklore, history and the beauty of nature - she incorporates people into natural surroundings and strive to make the images tell a story and to capture real and honest moments.

Kristine has a masters degree in fashion photography, a bachelors degree in Fine Art photography and a decade of experience working as a press photographer.



*First Half 2022 - Wedding Couple Together Wedding Day - First place*



# Camilla Smistad Tofteraa

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



Norway

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Camilla, born in Bergen, Norway in 1983. Mother of two boys.

Camilla loves to capture small and big moments, newborn, maternity and family. She also have a passion for motorsports, and have been shooting for several years around Europe on different racetracks.

2005 : Camilla started her carrier as a press/media photograher and has since then had a photographer full time job.

2015 : Camilla opens her own studio in Spydeberg.

2022 : Camilla was listed as top 10, in "Landskonkurransen" held by Norges Fotografforbund, NFF (The Norwegian photography association) in Norway where all professional photographers are competing in several themes.

Camera gear : Nikon since 2002.



*First Half 2022 - Newborn - Second place*



# Yuliy Vasilev

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 3***



**Bulgaria**

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Yuliy is an urban and culinary photographer, born in 1985 in Bulgaria. He was very keen on travelling and discovering new places and cultures, which led him to study in the field of hospitality.

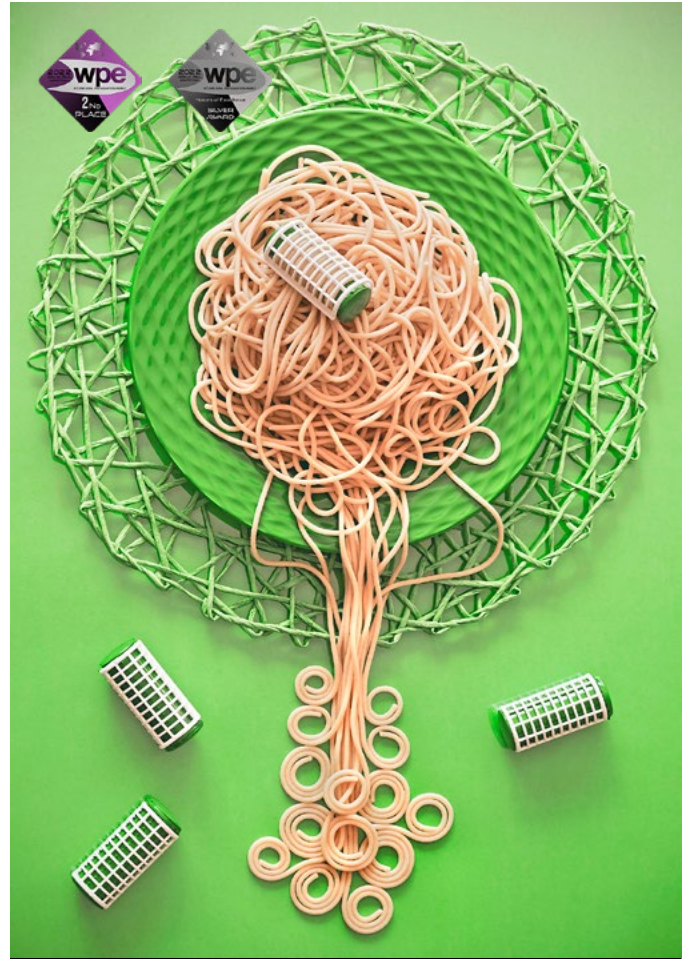
He is the holder of a Master's degree in Business Management diploma. On one of his trips to London at the beginning of 2012, he discovered that photography was his real passion. He has been devoted to urban and street photography ever since. Art became his life and love. Yuliy has shot in over 30 countries across three continents.

His passion and interest in food and culinary led him to experiment in the field of culinary photography, where he is currently one of the most prominent creative culinary photographers in the world, with a distinctive style and technique. Yuliy's talent for spotting the details and seeing the world from a different perspective made his pictures stand out very quickly, and so far his photographs have won more than 300 awards on six continents. Yuliy has participated in over 100 exhibitions all over the world and has been published in many editions, including Forbes.

Since 2022, he has held the prestigious EFIAP/Silver title from the International Federation of Photographic Art.



Second Half 2022 - Food - Second place



Annual Final 2022 - Food - Second place



# Thuy Quynh Anh Doan

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2.5***



Australia

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*Annual Final 2022 - Newborn - First place*



# Tomas Haluska

Distinguished of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2.5*



Slovakia

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*Second Half 2022 - Fashion / Beauty - First place*



# Emrah Karakoç

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2.5***



**Turkey**

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Hello, I'm Emrah Karakoc, I've been working on photography and video since 2010.

In the sony world photography competition organized by the world photography organization in 2017, my photograph named Mourning ceremony was shortlisted among 105 thousand photographs and was entitled to receive the Turkish national award.

In the black and white photography competition organized by Lensculture in 2018, my photo was selected among 25 photos in the short list and was selected for the annual edition and was shown among 160 photographers to be followed around the world.



*First Half 2022 - Photojournalism / Reportage / Culture - First place*



# Hadi Malijani

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2.5***



Iran

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*Annual Final 2022 - Photomanipulation - Third place*



# Sandro Matarrelli

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2.5***



Italy

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I was born in Switzerland in 1976 from Italian parents who had emigrated there. I spent the first 10 years of my childhood in Switzerland. Returning to Italy it was difficult to overcome the trauma of having to start a new life but these are the years in which I began to develop a certain innate propensity for everything related to art and creativity. However, I continued my studies following another great passion of mine, technology, and I got a Diploma as an IT technician. After that, having to carry out compulsory military service, I decided to enlist as a volunteer in the Italian Army, a choice that then became a life since I still serve as a non-commissioned officer in the Italian Army. The work has brought me to the main theatres of war of the last 30 years, letting me meet and understand, among other things, people, cultures and realities that have enriched my personal experiences.

Although I have always been fascinated with the world of images, the encounter with photography is recent. In the summer of 2019 I began to delve into the world of photography with personal studies and then decided to enroll in a basic course at the Click Association in Viterbo, held by the photographer and teacher Lietta Granato. From there I never stopped, I continued my studies with an advanced and professional course various courses on post production, various workshops also with photographers of the caliber of Eolo Perfido and Gabriele Rigon.





*First Half 2022 - Street Photography - First place*



# Sergey Miroshnik

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2.5***



Ukraine

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*First Half 2022 - Macro - First place*



# Ruth Spiller

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2.5***



Switzerland

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*Annual Final 2022 - Sports - First place*



# Anh Tuan

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2.5***



Viet Nam

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*Second Half 2022 - Photojournalism / Reportage / Culture - Second place*



# Zairul Yo

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2.5***



Malaysia

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*First Half 2022 - Architecture - Second place*



# Aris Christou

Expert of WPE



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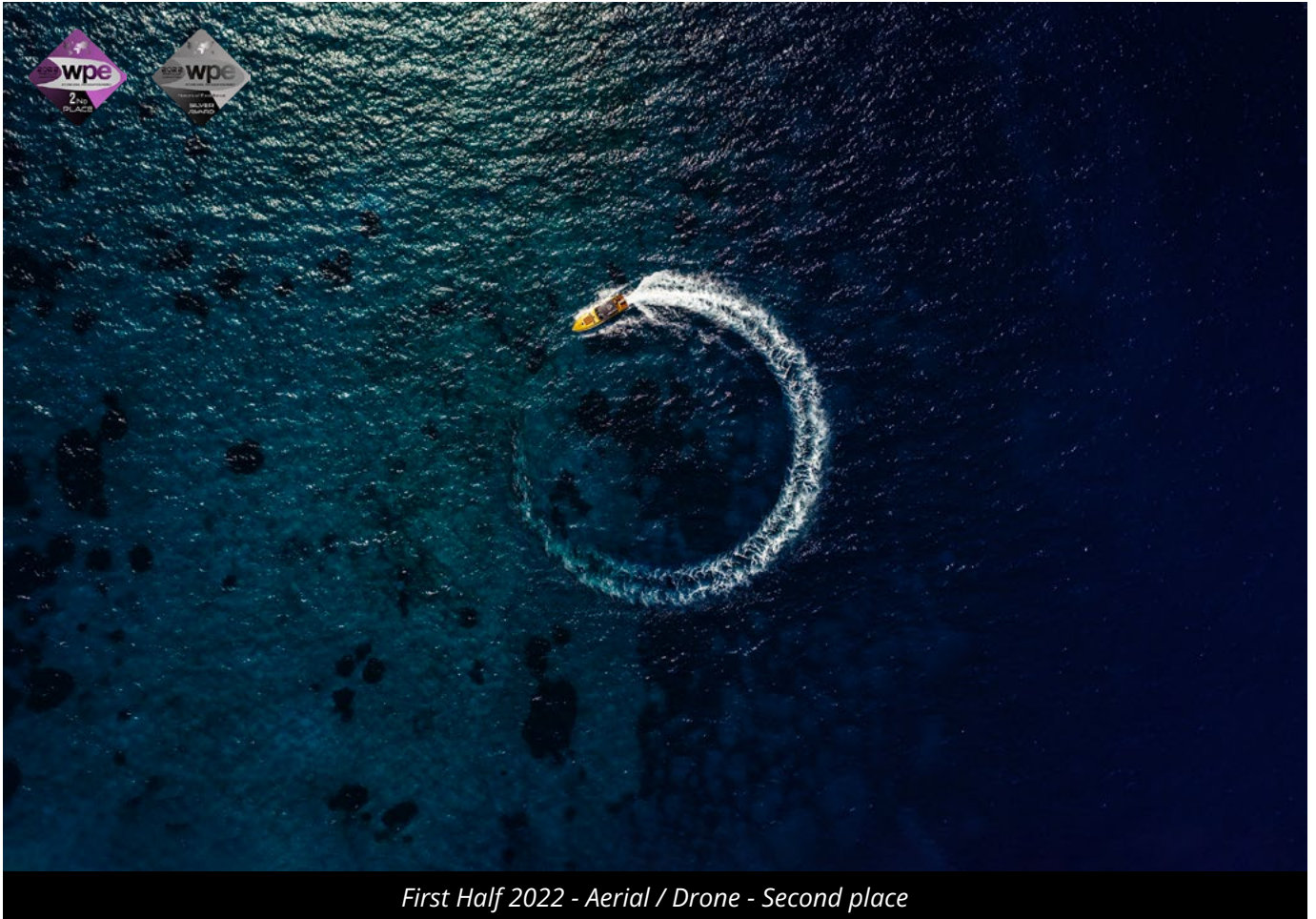


Greece

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I am a simple man who loves traveling around the world and taking photographs . Photography is my calling, my profession, and the thing that will undoubtedly drive me insane someday.

I don't photograph subjects. I photograph the way they make me feel. Yes, perfection is possible and I want to wring it out of every picture.



*First Half 2022 - Aerial / Drone - Second place*



# Marcos Dias

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2***



**Brazil**

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Every year photography becomes more and more accessible and common among people. Our mission is to innovate and bring what may be beyond photography, the recording of a story told from a new point of view.

This is my constant goal and it was exactly this philosophy of work that brought me here.



*Annual Final 2022 - Wedding Details - First place*



# Talia Duclos

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2***



Peru

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*Second Half 2022 - Photomanipulation - Third place*

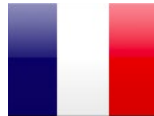


# Carlier Estelle

Expert of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2*



France

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*Second Half 2022 - Wedding Couple Together Wedding Day - Third place*



# Genc Fona

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2***



**Albania**

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I am Genc, and I am a professional beauty and fashion photographer. I always loved taking photos, but professionally I've been doing this for 5+ years



*First Half 2022 - Fashion / Beauty - Second place*



# Sergio Guilhermino

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2***



**Portugal**

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Sérgio Belfoto is 47 years old, more than 35 in the field of photography and is currently one of the most awarded Portuguese photographers worldwide in the category of wedding photography.

The taste for this art was inherited by his grandparents and later his parents who opened Belfoto 43 years ago in Santarém.

Belfoto Studios passed into his hands and since then the photographer has dedicated himself to wedding photography. The awards given by different international associations have given him greater visibility among clients who are increasingly looking for him as the photographer of choice for their wedding.

Among the winning photographs are those from the wedding day and post-wedding sessions, where the photographer can give free rein to his imagination. "I like to capture moments when people don't realize I'm photographing them and, from there, tell a story. Of course, the technique is very important, like the light, the framing, the angle, but more than anything that gives me pleasure is looking at a photo, captured in the moment, and interpreting it as a set of stories in a single image."



*Annual Final 2022 - Bridal Party (Family and Friends) - Second place*



# Mohammed Hamzah

Distinguished of WPE

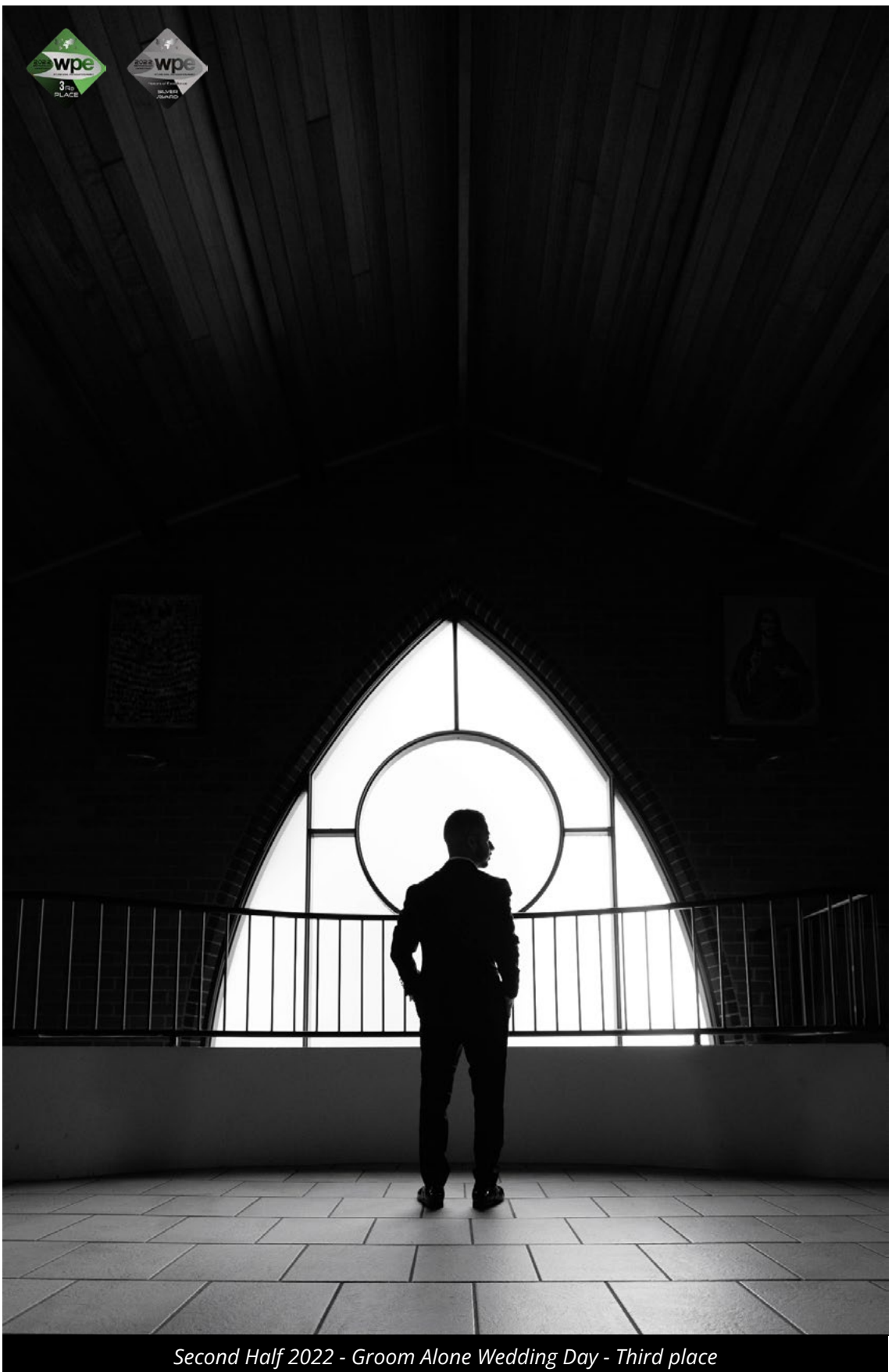


***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2***



Australia

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*Second Half 2022 - Groom Alone Wedding Day - Third place*



# Eldon Lau

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2***



**Hong Kong**

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Founder and Chief Photographer of ME studio. Studied in Visual Art and Image Concept.

Engaged in Wedding, Fashion and Commercial Photography With over 10 years experience in photographing Portraits Winner of more than 200 International Awards of Global Photography Competition hosted by Famous Photographic Society like WPPI, PWS, WEP, WPE, MPA, One Eyeland, etc. since 2014.

Undertake teaching of photography in different educational institutions and have been interviewed by magazines, newspapers and radio program for several times





Second Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Bride Alone - Third place



# Antonino Barone Marco

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2***



Italy

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Born and raised in Palermo, I have always loved painting, drawing and art in general. Over the years I have developed the skills necessary to transform my passion into a real job, refining my photographic techniques and post production.

Professional photographer based in Sicily, I love to photograph everything. Space from weddings to landscape photography. I prefer the reportage style, that photograph which, with taste and naturalness, manages to express unique and unrepeatable sensations, but which, at the same time, tells a story, that of the most beautiful day of your life, capturing the atmosphere and emotions of those magical moments.

I love black and white and I prefer to shoot in natural light.



*First Half 2022 - Groom Alone Wedding Day - Second place*



# Lucia Morvay

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2***



Slovakia

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*Second Half 2022 - Maternity - Third place*



# Junior Oliveira

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2***



**Brazil**

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We believe that photography is the visible memory of the moments we live. It's what's left when only memories remain.

Hi ! I'm Junior Oliveira and I love being a storyteller through the simple but amazing images.



*Annual Final 2022 - Wedding Details - Second place*



# Oksana Polakova

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2***



United Kingdom

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*First Half 2022 - Bride Alone Wedding Day - First place*



# Karar Ali Sabih

Member of WPE



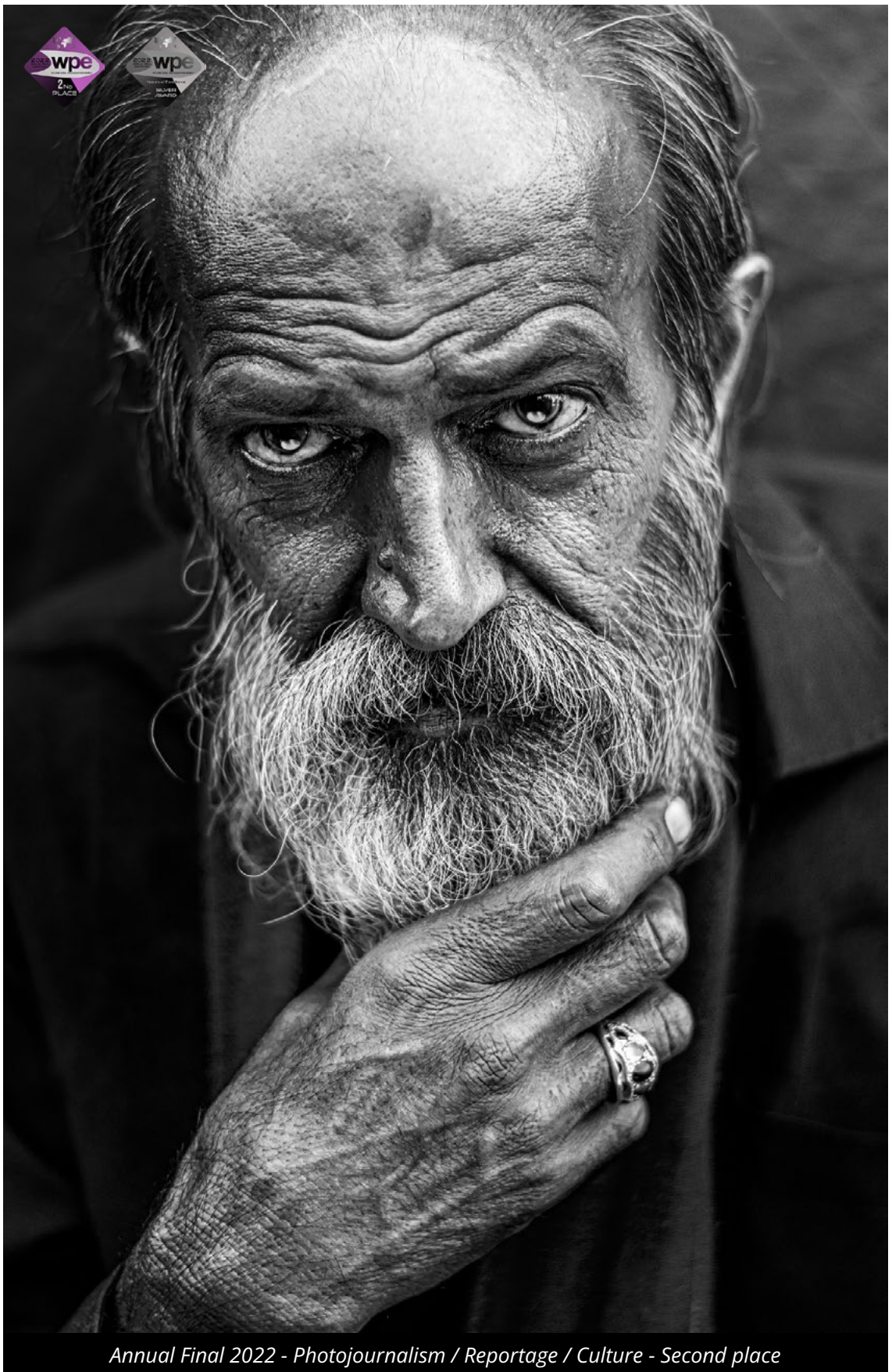
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Iraq

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Karar Ali Sabih is a photographer from Iraq. A specialist in portraiture and street life, and always the best black and white photos. I participated in many international and local competitions, including in China, Oman, Morocco, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Russia, India and others. Also, I had many posts on the same site, and I also won first place in the Photocrowd site, the international smile contest, and I had participation in many international and local exhibitions as well.



*Annual Final 2022 - Photojournalism / Reportage / Culture - Second place*



# Benjamin Siew

Expert of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2*



Singapore

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*First Half 2022 - Creative Wedding - Second place*



# Jan Zavadil

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2***



Czechia

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*Annual Final 2022 - Wedding Couple Together Wedding Day - Third place*



# Rute Ângelo

Distinguished of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 2***



Portugal

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*Second Half 2022 - Newborn - Second place*



# Ekaterina Borisova

Member of WPE

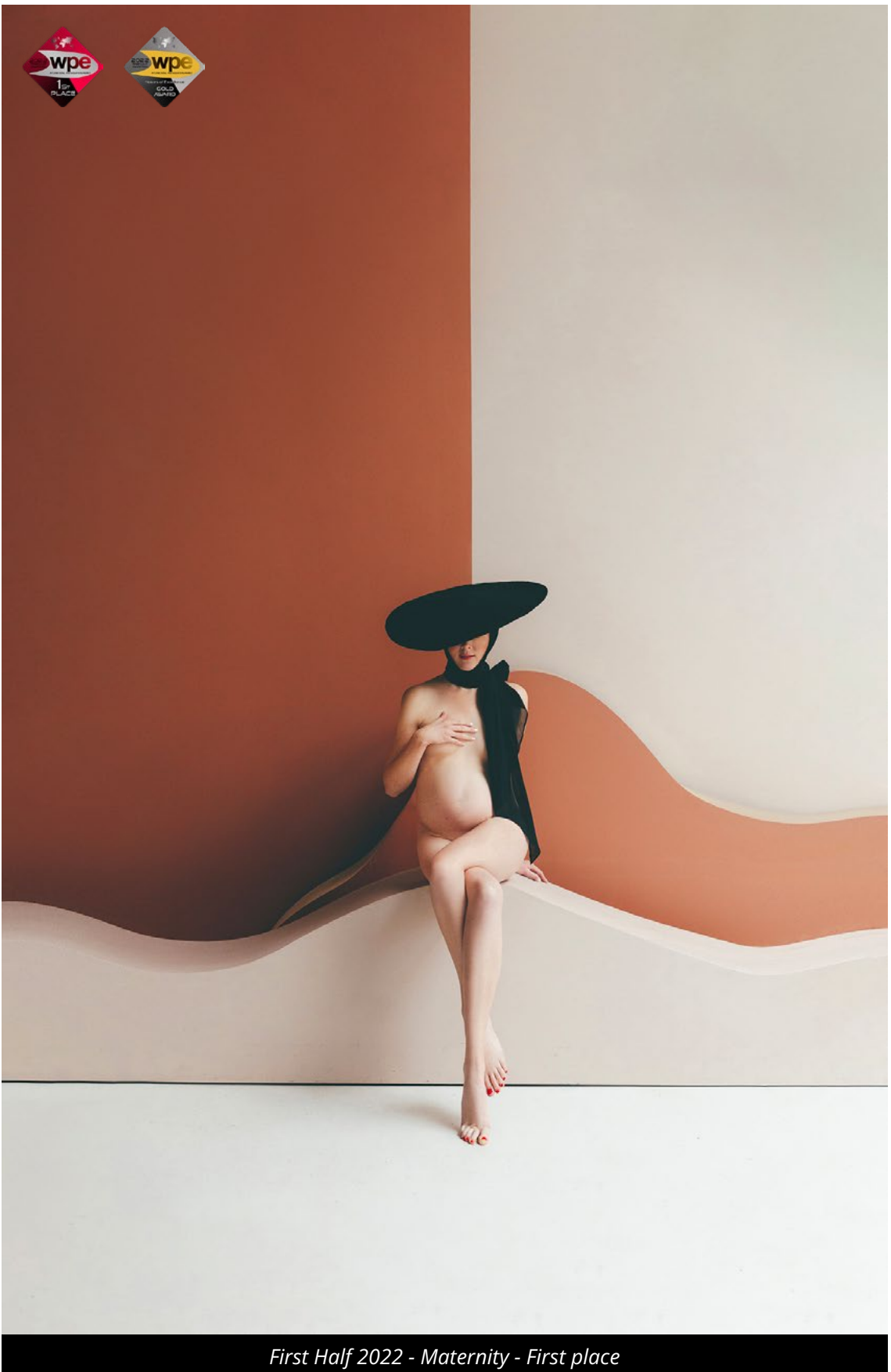


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Russian Federation

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*First Half 2022 - Maternity - First place*



# Damian Drewniak

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1.5***



Poland



*Annual Final 2022 - Portrait Creative - First place*



# Mariya Flart

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1.5***



Russian Federation

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*First Half 2022 - Group / Families - Second place*



# Filip Hrebenda

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1.5***



Slovakia

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*First Half 2022 - Landscape - Third place*



# Jesse Hunter

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1.5***



Australia

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*Second Half 2022 - Aerial / Drone - First place*



# Arnfinn Johansen

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1.5***



Norway

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*Second Half 2022 - Wildlife - First place*



# Parsa Kamali

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1.5***



Iran

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*First Half 2022 - Architecture - First place*



# Kenneth Lam

Expert of WPE



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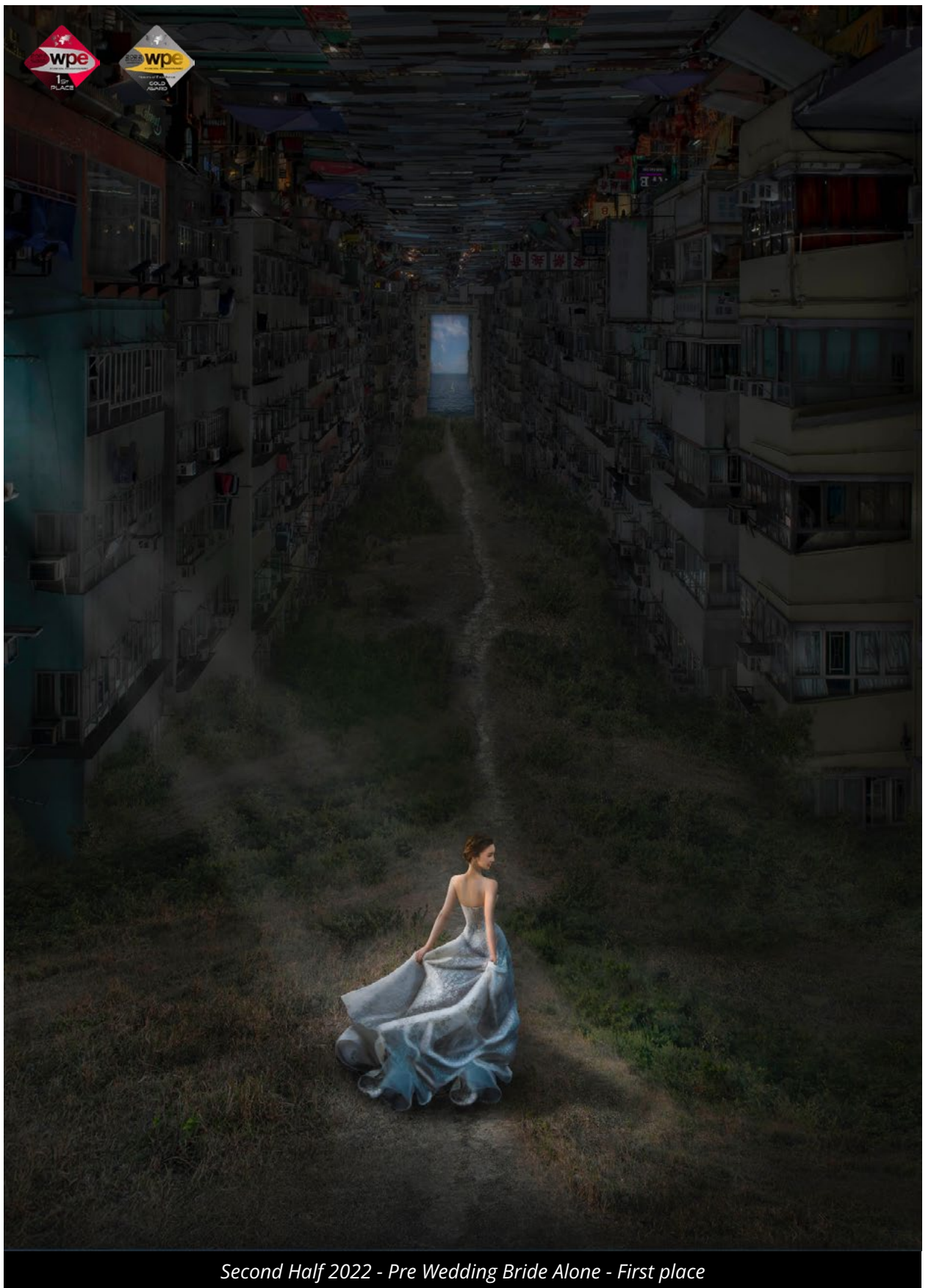
Hong Kong

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I was educated in different countries like UK , Paris and Canada. I have been working as chief fashion designer for different International brands.

I am a professional wedding photographer for ten years, i see photography is another form of design. Both of them have different character, such as, theme, color, texture... I think my passion is making a piece of art (from photography and/or design) to show my audience what I think, what I see and what I feel from it. I should say, sometimes I am a story teller.





*Second Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Bride Alone - First place*



# Cheryl Moore

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1.5***



USA

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A Colorado Native, Cheryl Moore has maintained a passion for the outdoor lifestyle throughout her over 20 year career in photography. Along with her husband Jim, Cheryl now travels annually to some of the world's wildest regions to photograph nature's most majestic creatures in their natural habitats. Cheryl's collections feature some of the most diverse species and setting, including shoots of killer whale pods captured throughout the inside passage of southeast Alaska and families of grizzly bears in Wyoming's famed Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

Cheryl's portfolio also features numerous Colorado settings, providing both landscape and local wildlife specific to the regions. In her continuous efforts to capture the changing landscape and varied animal species, Cheryl has developed unique collections that provide customers with an extraordinary visual experience that targets the hidden treasures present in their local regions.



*Second Half 2022 - Wildlife - Second place*



# Michael Secorata

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1.5***



**Philippines**

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Michael Secorata is an independent photographer and visual composer based in the Philippines





# Zhuo Ya

Master of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1.5*



New Zealand

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*Second Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Couple Together - First place*



# Stanislav Akimkin

Member of WPE



*Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1*



Russian Federation

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*First Half 2022 - Flowers - Second place*



# Kacper Białobłocki

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Poland

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*Annual Final 2022 - Bridal Party (Family and Friends) - First place*



# Fernando Cerrone

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Italy

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Born in Salerno (Italy) in 1975 where he obtained his professional diploma in photography at the ABAN (Academy of Fine Arts of Nola.) His great passion for photography led him and undertook studies and courses that made him a professional associate in his Field. As a wedding photographer, he obtained the QEP (Qualified European Photographer) certification in 2017, he won the Photographer of the Year 2018, wedding category, in the renowned annual contest of the FEP (European Federation of Professional Photographers). And also last year he was awarded the MQEP (Master Qualified European Photographer), a title reserved for the best European photographers.



*Second Half 2022 - Wedding Couple Together Wedding Day - Second place*



# Carlos Dávila

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



**Mexico**

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Carlos Dávila is a mostly 26-year-old wedding photographer with approximately 3 years of experience in mainly destination weddings, based in Mexico City.



*Annual Final 2022 - Wedding Details - Third place*



# Adrian Fluture

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Romania

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*Second Half 2022 - Wedding Photojournalism - Second place*



# Rawa Hamasur

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Iraq

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I was born in 1994/10/10  
I am from Kurdistan - Iraq  
Bachelor's degree  
Occupation | photographer



*First Half 2022 - Aerial / Drone - Third place*



# Rune Havn

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Norway

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33 year old professional Norwegian wedding photographer.  
I LOVE passionate photos.



*First Half 2022 - Wedding Couple Together Wedding Day - Third place*



# Dilan Jayatilaka

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Australia

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*First Half 2022 - Groom Alone Wedding Day - Third place*



# Gurvir Johal

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



United Kingdom

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Gurvir is an international wedding photographer based in Birmingham, UK.

He has won numerous awards along with earning his titles of Double Master photographer with WPPI and Fellowship Photographer with SWPP. He is also an ambassador for Fundy Designer, GraphiStudio and Light & Motion.

Gurvir has travelled the World photographing Indian Weddings, teaching many sold out workshops along the way, being an educator at numerous conferences as well as judging prestigious photography competitions internationally including WPPI and SWPP. Recently, he represented Team Great Britain at the 2020 World Photography Cup and won Wedding photographer of the year 2020 at BIPP along with the online Grand award at WPPI (Pre-wedding division) 2019.





*Second Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Couple Together - Third place*



# Emilija Jušková

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Lithuania

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*First Half 2022 - Bride Alone Wedding Day - Second place*



# Igor Kovalev

Member of WPE

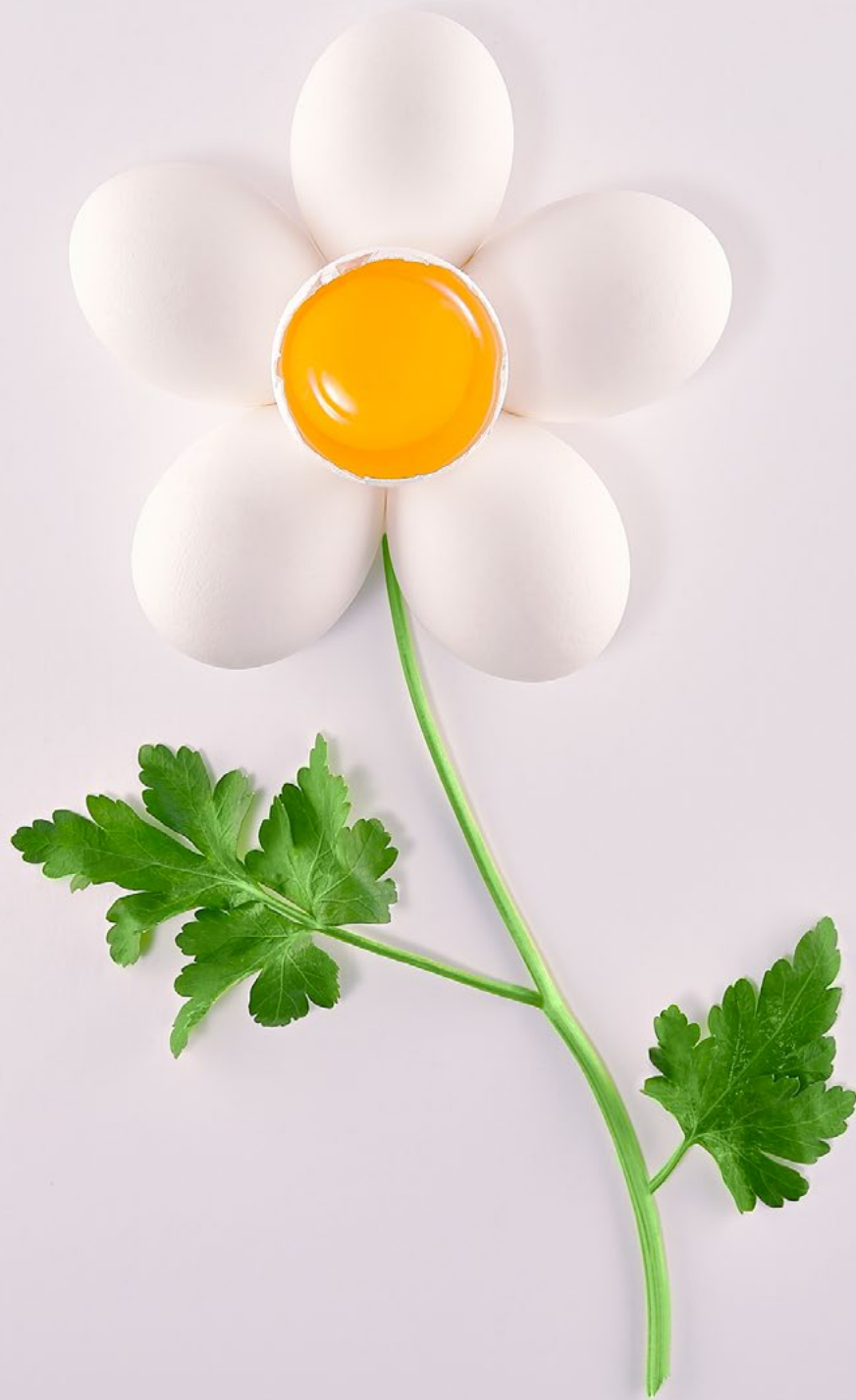


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Russian Federation

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*Annual Final 2022 - Food - Third place*



# Rafael Pimenta

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Brazil

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*First Half 2022 - Pre Wedding Couple Together - Third place*



# Dimitris Pitsilkas

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Greece

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I was born in Larisa in 1979. I studied at the Technological Institute of Larisa and I graduated as an Electrical Engineer. During my studies and because of my passion for photography, I worked as a photographer at a central photographic studio of my home city. I continued to work there and in other two companies as an Electrical Engineer until 2005 when I decided that Photography is what I want to do in my life. So, I quitted of everything else and dedicated to it. Since then I keep on being informed of the developments in Photography and my main concern is to become better and better all the time.

I have participated in several seminars learning from some of the best wedding photographers in the world like YERVANT ZANAZANIAN, JERRY GHIONIS, NICK GHIONIS, KEVIN KUBOTA, MARTIN SCHEMBRI, RYAN SCHEMBRI, DAVID BECKSTEAD, ROCCO ANCORA , JIM GARNER, BAMBI CANTRELL, DOUG GORDON, ROBERT BALASKO, FER JUARISTI, CM LEUG, KEDA Z.FENG, ROBERTO VALENZUELA, MERCURY MEGALLOUDIS, SUSANA BARBERA, SALVATORE DIMINO, VIRGINIA CIMENO STUART BEBB, PAUL CARAOLIDES, SOFIE LOUKA, ADAM ALEX, SAM SCIARRINO, SERGEY IVANOV, MICHAEL GREENBERG, "Photoshop" seminars with JESS SCHEMBRI, DANIEL ILINCA and NIKOS VASILAKIS and seminars about "Criticising Photos" with MARTIN GRAHAME-DUMM and DENNIS ORCHARD.

My goal in every job that I do is to give high quality services combining the Traditional with the Modern view in Photography. I speak Greek, English, Italian and Spanish.





*Second Half 2022 - Creative Wedding - First place*



# Emerson Ribeiro

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Brazil

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*First Half 2022 - Wedding Photojournalism - First place*



# Maydeline Rivera

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Puerto Rico

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# Rinat Shahmetov

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



USA

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Rinat Shahmetov is currently in New York, United States. Rinat Shahmetov is a photographer and filmmaker.

His work has yet to be published in many international publications, including Harpers Bazaar, Numero, L'Officiel, Elle, Marie Claire and Vanity Fair. For the first 10 years of his professional career, he worked in the field of web development, finally deciding to pursue his passion for photography.

He was born in 1989 in Moscow, Russia, into a family of Muslim religion and Tatar nationality. From 1995 to 2004 he studied and graduated from the Moscow Lyadov Music School No. 15, piano class. Musical literature at Rinatu's school was taught by Glier Yuri Leonidovich, the grandson of the composer Reingold Moritsevich Glier (1875—1956). From 2003 to 2015, he played tennis at the stadiums CSKA and October. "I create images that make you feel something. Images that make you feel nostalgic and bring you back to that place. Images that tell a unique story in a creative and honest way. No fluff, nothing invented, just real. I consider myself free from stereotypes and try to show something different and possibly incomprehensible the first time."

In his free time from photography, he spends with his family (mother, sister) in the country or works on new projects. He is fond of football, tennis, playing the piano, interior design, outdoor recreation, communicating with close relatives,, whom he loves very much.



*Second Half 2022 - Creative Wedding - Third place*



# Thiago Silva Cruz

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



**Brazil**

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I am from the city of Passos MG, born in 1985 (I am a child of the 80s), I started in professional photography in February 2018.

By training, Technician in Buildings and Interior Design, specializing in 3D Electronic Models, musician, I play popular piano and keyboard, passionate about reading, and today photography has conquered a very important space in my life dedication.





*Annual Final 2022 - Wedding Photojournalism - Second place*



# Harjit Singh

Distinguished of WPE

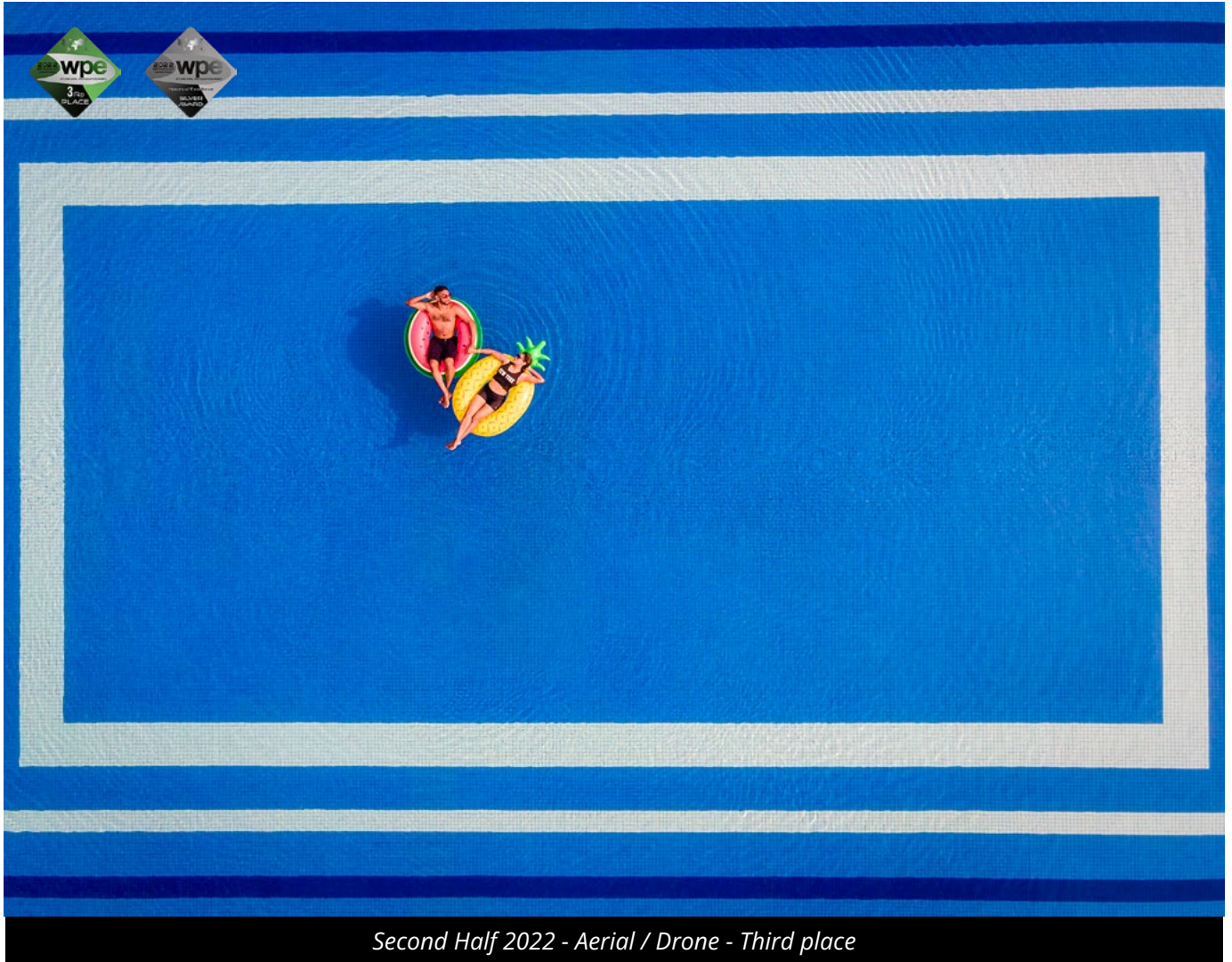


***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Malaysia

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*Second Half 2022 - Aerial / Drone - Third place*



# Matt Ben Stone

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



United Kingdom

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First Half 2022 - Commercial - Third place



# Erika Tal-Shir

Expert of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Israel

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Erika was born in Belgium and came to live with her family in Israel in 1994. She is a portrait and fine art photographer. Erika possesses the soul of an artist and has always been busy with some creative expression like music, writing, painting and for a few years photography. She believes that photography gives her the ultimate possibility to bring her visions to life, where beauty, innocence, and faith play a key role.



*First Half 2022 - Storytelling With Collages - Third place*



# Giandomenico Veneziani

Member of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



Italy

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Since I was a child I always loved to create. I was always attracted to particular shapes, symmetries, light effects.

I've always been looking for something that was visually beautiful; this propensity for beauty resulted in my passion for photography.

In my first creative period I was mainly attracted to urban landscapes and architecture; I have made many works of that photographic genre.





*First Half 2022 - Photojournalism / Reportage / Culture - Second place*



# Jorwin Wong

Professional of WPE



***Total points earned for the year 2022 : 1***



China

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Jorwin Wong is an award-winning photographer based in China, who has been named as one of the Top 50 wedding photographers in Asia and Top 10 photographer in China. He is here to preserve the precious memories of your very special day.

Jorwin Wong is won numerous awards from WPPI, and throughout Asia, Europe, and the USA. He is known for fusing their imagery with natural, real emotion, color & light and a unique vision for all their couples.



*Second Half 2022 - Bridal Party (Family and Friends) - Third place*