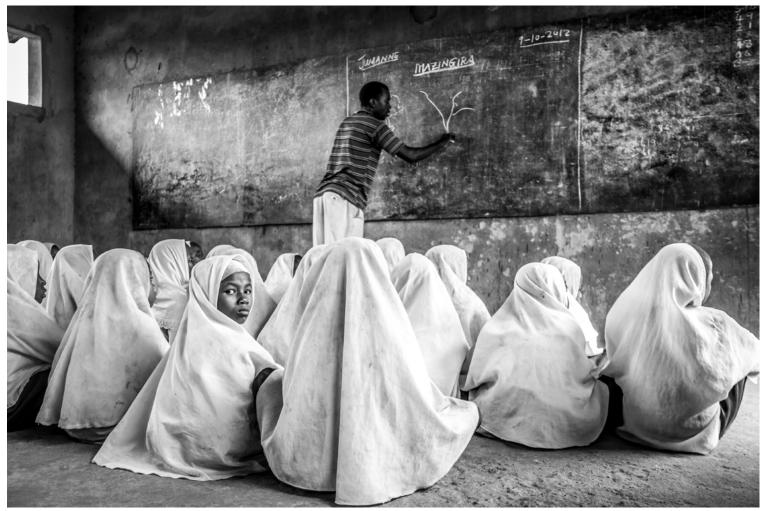




#### All About Photo Reveals the Winners of ALL ABOUT PHOTO AWARDS 2024

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All About Photo is thrilled to unveil the winners of this year's *All About Photo Awards 2024*, celebrating the finest single images from photographers around the world.



© Roberta Vagliani - 1st Place Winner, Photographer of the Year 2024

Visionary photographers, both professional and amateur, shared their unique perspectives and competed for international recognition as the next "Photographer of the Year," \$10,000 in cash prizes and publication in the printed magazine "Special Edition All About Photo Awards 2024".

A panel of 6 expert jurors, including **Clare Freestone**, Curator of the Photography Department at the National Portrait Gallery, London, UK; **Ann Jastrab**, Executive Director of the Center for Photographic Art in Carmel, CA; **Klavdij Sluban**, Photographer and Founder of Le Masterclass; **Dewi Lewis**, Publisher and Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society; **Priyo Widdi**, Photographer and Winner of the All About Photo Awards 2023; and **Sandrine Hermand-Grisel**, Photographer and Founder & Editor of All About Photo, faced the challenging task of evaluating thousands of entries.

Now in its 9th year, *All About Photo Awards - The Mind's Eye* has become a reference for discovering new talents and celebrating outstanding photographers. The jurors selected **48 winners** who come from **22 different countries** and across **3 continents**.

The winner and Photographer of the Year 2024 is Roberta Vagliani (Italy) with her image "*The right to know*". The second-place winner is Véronique de Viguerie (France), the third-place winner is Lieven Neirinck (Belgium), the fourth-place winner is Joseph-Philippe Bevillard (USA/France) and the fifth-place winner is Victor Wong (Hong Kong SAR China).

Most of this year's submissions were in color, but two in the top five are nevertheless in black and white. It is also notable that only 11 women are amongst the 48 winners, yet they take the top two places. Many submitted images to this year's competition reflected on the catastrophic events happening in the world, including wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, but also an impressive number of images showing how the world is polluted and urgently needs our care. This final selection is a mix of powerful heartbreaking images alongside more light-hearted ones. Overall, this year's selection emphasizes strong aesthetics and storytelling.

In "The Mind's Eye: Writings on Photography and Photographers," Henri Cartier-Bresson emphasizes how photographers engage with subjects on the brink of disappearance, highlighting the irreplaceable nature of these captured instants. The five top winning images aptly echo Cartier-Bresson's sentiment, showcasing their mastery in seizing and preserving fleeting moments through photography.

The winning image by Italian photographer **Roberta Vagliani** feature a captivating scene in black and white in the heart of a humble school in Zanzibar. Here, amidst the absence of desks, chairs, or conventional school supplies, a group of young girls gathers around their teacher. One of them seems distracted by the photographer who took the shot and looks at her in a powerful way. In this image, simplicity and austerity converge to highlight the essence of learning for women: 'The right to know'. As Nelson Mandela said "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world".

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© Véronique De Viguerie - 2nd Place Winner 2024

© Lieven Neirinck - 3rd Place Winner 2024

Véronique De Viguerie captures a young couple on their wedding day, presenting what might have been a traditional wedding portrait, were it not for the stark backdrop of the devastated cityscape of Mosul, Iraq. A poignant depiction of love and war encapsulated within a single frame.

Lieven Neirinck captured a decisive moment in this striking black and white street shot taken in Sanaa, Yemen. In the frame, a couple identically dressed in white walks away from us, about to disappear into the shadows of an alley. The skillfully arranged lines in this image contribute to its perfect composition.

**Joseph-Philippe Bevillard** captures a behind-the-scenes moment between an aunt and her young niece in an Irish kitchen. Elaborately dressed for church, the aunt leans over to adjust her niece's sock, causing the sleeves of her dress to slip off her shoulders. Meanwhile, the niece gazes at the photographer, seemingly displeased with being caught in a moment of being treated like a child.

Victor Wong's image whisks us away to India, freezing a moment in time where a young girl delicately balances on a rope with a long baton, demonstrating her tightrope-walking prowess under the vigilant gaze of her mother at Pushkar, while a line of camels forms the backdrop.

© Joseph-Philippe Bevillard - 4th Place Winner 2024

© Victor Wong - 5th Place Winner 2024



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The other winning photographers are:

John Francis (USA), Emily Fisher (USA), Emeric Lhuisset (France), Manuel Besse (France), Andre Hidayat (Indonesia), Elaine Klein (Israel), Fabien Dendiével (France), Ilaria Miani (Italy), Giovanni Diffidenti (Italy), Andrea Peruzzi (Italy), Zhenhuan Zhou (China), Jennifer Carlos (France), Md Tanveer Rohan (Bangladesh), Guillaume Petermann (France), Beamie Young (USA), Pedro Luis Ajuriaguerra (Spain), Silvia Alessi (Italy), Andreas Kanellopoulos (Greece), Mauro De Bettio (Italy), Alain Schroeder (Belgium), Maria Bratan (Moldavia), Gouguenheim Yannick (France), Dejan Mijovic (Slovenia), Martina Holmberg (Sweden), Achilleas Chiras (Greece), Georgi Georgiev (Bulgaria), Kazutoshi Kawakami (Japan), Daniel Sackheim (USA), Damian Lemański (Poland), Emily Marie Wilson (USA), Eric Davidove (USA), Deba Prasad Roy (India), Ares Jonekson (Indonesia), Sandro Maddalena (Italy), Jabin Botsford (USA), Mahmoud Hams (Palestine), John T. Pedersen (Norway), Gerdie Nurhadi (Indonesia), Francesco junior Mura (Italy), Alessandro Deluigi (Italy), Ahmed El Hanjoul (Germany), Zay Yar Lin (Myanmar) and Rémi Vinas (France).

The top 5 winners will be awarded \$10,000. All winners will be featured on *All About Photo's Winners Gallery* and showcased in the printed issue of *AAP Magazine Special Edition All About Photo Awards 2024*. In addition, a selection of entrants of particular merit will be invited to display their portfolio on All About Photo.

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Established in 2013 by Editor/Photographer Sandrine Hermand-Grisel and Entrepreneur Fabien Hermand, **All About Photo** has blossomed from an online magazine into a vibrant platform dedicated to honoring photographers' exceptional contributions on a global scale. Our unwavering commitment is to empower artists by granting them the exposure and recognition they rightfully deserve. This mission is achieved through a myriad of avenues, including engaging competitions, enlightening articles, showcased portfolios, and the prestigious *All About Photo Awards, "The Mind's Eye,"* inaugurated in 2016.

*All About Photo Awards* stands as a pinnacle, attracting thousands of participants from around the world. Since its inception, we have had the privilege of welcoming esteemed photographers such as **Sabine Weiss**, **Frank Horvat**, **Liu Bolin**, **Ian Berry**, **John Rankin**, **Ed Kashi**, **Ami Vitale**, **Keiichi Tahara**, **Laurent Baheux**, **Stephan Vanfleteren**, **Hiroshi Watanabe**, **Denis Dailleux**, **Stefano de Luigi**... alongside numerous prominent galleries, editors, and curators, to serve as jurors.

Furthermore, we are honored to enjoy the support of esteemed American and International publications and photography platforms, including **The Eye of Photography**, **Lenscratch**, **Réponses Photo**, **Alexia Foundation**, **The Times**, **National Geographic**, **Daily Mail**, **Digital Camera**, **Compétence Photo**, **Der Standard**, **The Sun**... among many others. This collaborative network amplifies our reach and furthers our mission of celebrating and promoting extraordinary photographic talent.

More than \$100,000 has been awarded to the winners since the inception of the All About Photo Awards.