

All About Photo Announces Winners of the AAP Magazine #24 Portrait

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We're delighted to reveal the names of the 25 talented photographers who won "AAP Magazine #24: Portrait"

The most difficult thing for me is a portrait. You have to try and put your camera between the skin of a person and his shirt.

--Henry Cartier-Bresson

The most common definition of portrait photography: from identifying, to the most sensitive approach of capturing emotions, (including its ability to heighten the model or to educate the viewer) portrait photography is strengthened by a wide variety of forms and practices. It transcends the posed studio shots or the common family portraits to become a genre in its own right that allows photographers to express their full creativity.

Describe, reveal, embellish, question, disturb... a portrait can inspire many different reactions. But if there are indeed a thousand faces to a photograph, we could only showcase some of them, and this new edition of AAP Magazine focuses on the vision of 25 photographers from 14 different countries and 4 continents!.

Each one of them reveals their personal narrative and different approach to the Portrait Photography.

The Winner of AAP Magazine 24 Portrait is Ryotaro Horiuchi (Japan) with the series *Descendants of Samurai*



Featured Image: *Cavalry warrior* ©Ryotaro Horiuchi

Samurai still live in today's Japan. In the Soma region of Fukushima prefecture, there is a traditional Samurai festival called "Soma Nomaoui", which is said to have continued for more than 1000 years. At the festival, the descendants of Samurai continue to protect their culture in parallel with living their current lives.

<https://ryotarohoriuchi.com/>

The Second Place Winner is Colby Sadeghi (United States) with the series *Reflection*



Featured Image: *Isabelle* ©Colby Sadeghi

<https://www.colbysadeghi.com/>

The Third Place Winner is Bharat Patel (United Kingdom) with the series *Portraits from Remote Angola*



Featured image: *Mundenguelengo Sisters* ©Bharat Patel

These portraits were taken on a special trip to southern Angola to document the varied cultures amongst the many tribes there.

<https://www.bharatpatelphotography.co.uk/>



© Joseph-Philippe Bevillard - Merit Award



© Damian Lemański - Merit Award

The other winners featured in the Merit Award's Gallery are: **Erberto Zani** (Switzerland), **Joseph-Philippe Bevillard** (Ireland), **Damian Lemański** (Poland), **Menghan Tsai** (China), **Marco Mignani** (Italy), **Lilian Caruana** (United States), **Caesar Lima** (United States), **Carol Foote** (Australia), **Bruce Morton** (United States), **Anne Berry** (United States), **Claudio Allia** (Italy), **Cheryl Clegg** (United States), **Liliroze** (France), **Alireza Sahebi** (Iran), **Luke Stambouliah** (Australia), **Ingetje Tadros** (New Zealand), **JK Lavin** (United States), **Maureen Ruddy Burkhart** (United States), **Foteini Zaglara** (Greece), **Diane Fenster** (United States), **Sandra Chen Weinstein** (United States) and **Alex Cao** (Vietnam).

The top 3 winners will be awarded \$1,000.

All winners will have their work showcased on All About Photo Winners Gallery, and published in the printed issue of **AAP Magazine #24 Portrait**.

© Erberto Zani - Merit Award



© Foteini Zaglara - Merit Award





© Sandra Chen Weinstein - Merit Award

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About AAP Magazine

All About Photo invites dedicated and passionate photographers from all around the world to share their work in its printed edition. Each issue is central to a specific theme and provides a gallery of inspiring imagery, focusing on each artist with their own experience to share.

We are honored to be a part of the process of jurying work from such an amazing call for entry and to be able to design such a beautiful, hand-curated publication of the best contemporary photography. We showcase exclusively the winners of AAP Magazine's call of entries organized by All About Photo all year long.

With an eye towards beauty, quality and novelty, we strive to promote portfolios which stand out for their unique visual signature style and character. Our goal is to help photographers get the exposure we think they deserve and to inspire the others with ideas, projects and goals to help develop their own photography.

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