

All About Photo Reveals the Winners of AAP Magazine #46: Women in Photography

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Throughout the history of photography, women have often been seen through the lens rather than behind it. Their presence was visible, yet their voices frequently unheard. Cast as muses, mothers, or memory keepers, they were rarely recognized as authors of their own narratives.

Yet from the earliest days of photography, women have been quietly — and sometimes defiantly — claiming space. They've turned the camera inward and outward, using it as a tool to explore identity, society, intimacy, and resistance. Their work has challenged conventions, redefined beauty, and expanded the language of photography itself.

With this 46th edition of AAP Magazine, we aim to celebrate the women who continue to shape the photographic landscape — not only as subjects, but as visionaries. The theme of this issue centers on women as the subject, but the winning photographers include artists of all genders, united by a shared commitment to portraying womanhood in all its complexity.

The 25 selected artists come from 16 different countries across 5 continents, bringing with them a multitude of cultural backgrounds, lived experiences, and creative voices. Among them, 17 are women photographers, whose images offer both vulnerability and strength, quietude and confrontation. Whether working in portraiture, documentary, fine art, or conceptual photography, each contributor provides a deeply personal and thought-provoking interpretation of what it means to be a woman in today's world.

Their photographs are tender, bold, poetic, and political — a testament to the enduring power of visual storytelling and the female gaze. These images elevate untold stories, challenge expectations, and expand how we see and understand each other.

Selecting the final group of winners was no easy task given the outstanding quality and emotional depth of the submissions. Yet we are proud to present this diverse and compelling collection — one that honors the role of women in photography and encourages ongoing reflection on representation, authorship, and voice.



The Winner of *AAP Magazine* #46: *Women* is **Grace Weston** (United States) with the series '*Reclaiming the Muse*'.



Featured Image: *House of Atlas* © Grace Weston

<https://graceweston.com>

The Second Place Winner is **Valentina Sinis** (Italy) with the series '*Were Afghan Women to Unveil Their Tales*'.



Featured Image: *Hidden Stitches: A Clandestine Sewing Workshop in Kabul* © Valentina Sinis

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

The Third Place winner is **Patricia McElroy** (United States) with the series '*Between Then and Now*'.

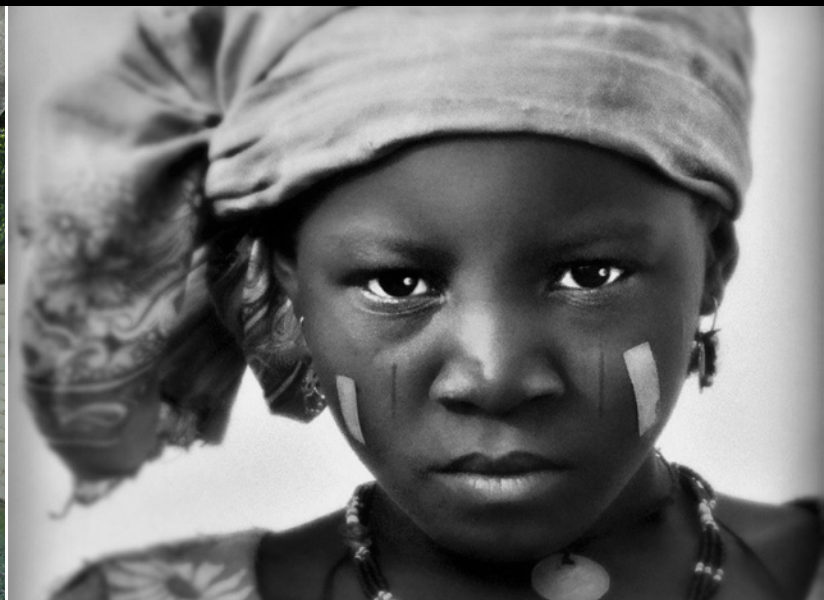


Featured image: *Routine* © Patricia McElroy

<https://patriciamcelroy.com/>



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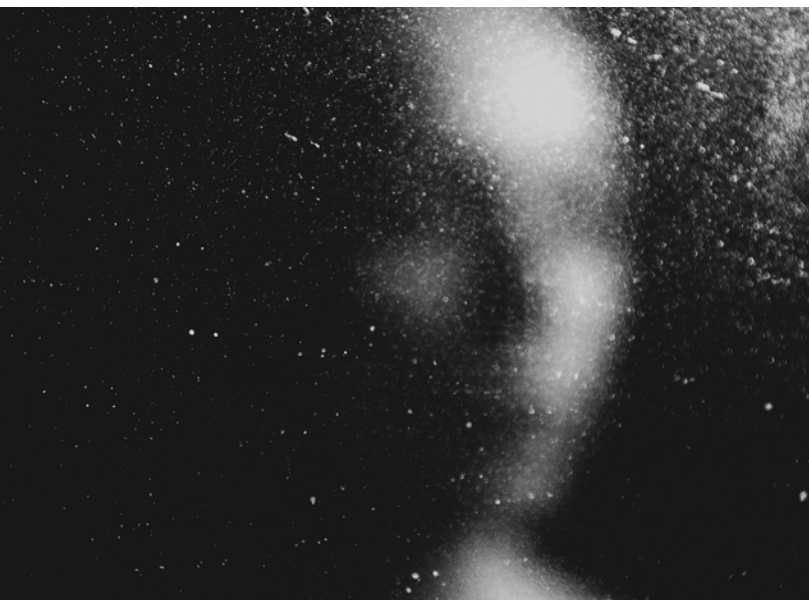


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The other winners featured in the Merit Award's Gallery are: **Andrea Bettancini** (Italy), **Markku Lahdesmaki** (USA/Finland), **Piotr Skubisz** (Poland), **Nathalie RUBENS** (USA), **Bahrudin Bandic** (Bosnia Herzegovia), **A'ja Dotson** (Germany), **Michele Zousmer** (USA), **Sandra Hernandez** (Mexico), **Caesar Lima** (Brazil), **Takayuki TOBITA** (Japan), **Susanne Middelberg** (Netherlands), **Chris Yan** (China), **Robert Moran** (USA), **Martina Holmberg** (Sweden), **Susan Friedman** (USA), **Ingetje Tadros** (New Zealand), **Anja Bruehling** (Germany/USA), **Alena Solomonova** (Russia/Slovenia), **Jennifer Baron** (Netherlands), **Anqi Hu** (China/USA), **Marika Poquet** (France) and **Vicky Martin** (United Kingdom).

The top three winners will receive a prize of \$1,000, and all winning photographs will be prominently featured in the All About Photo Winners Gallery and published in the printed issue of **AAP Magazine #46: Women**.

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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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