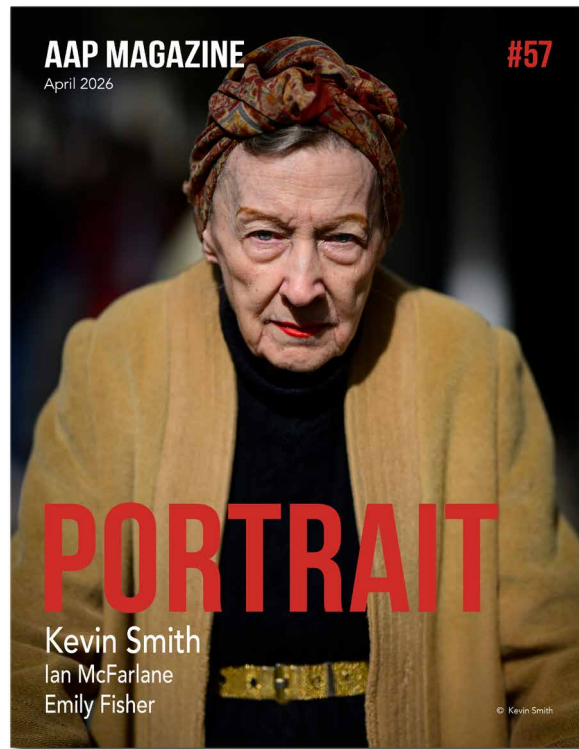


AAP Magazine Announces the Winners of Portrait Photography Issue #57

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AAP Magazine is proud to announce the winners of **Portrait Photography Issue #57**, an international celebration of the art, creativity, and emotional power of portrait photography.



Portrait photography remains one of the most compelling and demanding forms of visual expression. Beyond technical skill, it requires empathy, trust, and the ability to reveal something authentic about a subject. The strongest portraits do more than record a likeness—they tell stories, evoke emotions, and offer a deeper understanding of the human experience.

This year's competition attracted an exceptional range of submissions from around the world. After a rigorous selection process, **25 photographers** were selected from a highly competitive international field, representing **13 countries across five continents**. Together, their work reflects the richness and diversity of contemporary portrait photography.

The winning images showcase a remarkable variety of approaches, from intimate studies that capture moments of vulnerability and connection to dynamic compositions that explore identity, culture, and place. Spanning documentary, fine art, environmental, and conceptual portraiture, the selected photographs demonstrate both technical excellence and a distinctive personal vision.

AAP Magazine would also like to pay special tribute to Merit Award winner Jeff Schewe, who sadly passed away before learning that his work had been selected for Portrait Photography Issue #57. A highly respected photographer, author, educator, and pioneer in digital imaging, Jeff's influence on the photographic community has been profound and enduring. We are honored to include his work in this issue and dedicate this recognition to his memory.

The Winner of AAP Magazine 57 Portrait is Kevin Smith (United States) with the series '*Characters, New York*'.



Featured Image: '*Character, New York*' from the series '*Characters, New York*' © Kevin Smith

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The Second Place Winner is **Ian McFarlane** (United States) with the series '*Of The South*'.



Featured Image: '*Quarry Soldier*' from the series '*Of The South*' © Ian McFarlane

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The Third Place Winner is **Emily Fisher** (United States) with the series '*Natural Tendencies*'.



Featured image: '*Willow*' from the series '*Natural Tendencies*' © Emily Fisher

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The other winners featured in the Merit Award's Gallery are: **Manuel Besse** (France), **Beidi Tu** (China), **Martina Holmberg** (Sweden), **Svetlin Yosifov** (Bulgaria), **Abdelrahman Alkahlout** (Palestine), **Chris Panas** (Poland), **Kristyn Taylor** (New Zealand/Australia), **Andi Xie** (China), **Markus Kirchhofer** (Germany), **Stephen Wallace** (United States), **Larry Snider** (United States), **Ying Yin** (China), **Marc Gaillot** (France), **Oleg Buyanov** (Russia), **Anne Berry** (United States), **Roberta Vagliani** (Italy), **Sankar Sridhar** (India), **Susanne Middelberg** (Germany), **Lennard Grohn** (Germany), **Steff Gruber** (Switzerland), **Somdukt Prasad** (United Kingdom/India), and **Jeff Schewe** (United States).

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 #57: Portrait**.

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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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