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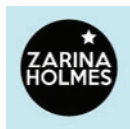
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KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL PHOTOAWARDS enters its 6th year with a quest for the perfect portrait.

What is the perfect portrait that will make you cry, smile, laugh out loud, shock or trouble your senses? How is beauty assessed in the world of portrait photography?

Should beauty and aesthetics even be in contemporary portraiture, in a similar exploitative sense not unlike advertising imagery? To what extent does an interesting narrative 'add value' to a portrait.

Must contemporary portraiture only consider the 'deadpan' style or can we discard the exclusiveness of this genre to include a smiling expression? How important is portrait photography today as a documentation and archiving medium? Can so called 'social photography' in a fast changing and ever growing 'click n' share' world produce masterpieces? Can conflict or touristic portraits ever be worthy of their subjects.

In 2014, our judges will be guided by the overall guiding philosophy of LOOK AT ME, and are required to seek the best images that will attempt to answer these questions and more, with an emphasis of the existentialist 'self', the 'me' in the portrait - the experiencer, an object of consciousness portrayed.

These are the finalists entries as selected by our panel of judges from over 1,200 entries.

2014 Judges

Snow Ng

Rachel Jena

She Fah Szetu

Tay Kay Chin

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KLPA2014 WINNERS LIST

CATEGORY A OPEN

1ST PRIZE ~ PAULO NUNES DOS SANTOS ~ IRELAND

PHIL HARRINGTON, 92, WORLD WAR II VETERAN USD\$3,500 PLUS TROPHY
PLUS PACSAFE BAG

2ND PRIZE ~ VINCENT GOURIOU ~ FRANCE

CAMILLE USD\$1,500 PLUS PACSAFE BAG

3RD PRIZE ~ JULIE GLASSBERG ~ USA

EDITH SUSSKIND, STATEN ISLAND GRANDE DAME USD\$750 PLUS PASCAFE
BAG

HIGHLY COMMENDED

LAURA PANNACK ~ UK IAN ATKINSON ~ UK SUPRANAV DASH ~ USA

CATEGORY B SAVAGE & SERENE THEME

1ST PRIZE ~ PATRICK WACK ~ CHINA

CHONGQING No.2 USD\$3,500 PLUS TROPHY PLUS PACSAFE BAG

2ND PRIZE ~ MAGDA RAKITA ~ UK

'GIRL LICKS KNIFE' USD\$1,500 PLUS PACSAFE BAG

3RD PRIZE ~ AARON JOEL SANTOS ~ VIETNAM

KLONG PREM PRISON USD\$750 PLUS PACSAFE BAG

CATEGORY C PHOTO STORIES HIGHLY COMMENDED

USD\$500

ALFREDO CASAS ~ IRELAND *DHAKA, BASKET CASE OF HOPE*

SALVATORE ESPOSITO ~ ITALY *WHAT IS MISSING*



Lana Locke, with Winged Victory trophy

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Paulo Nunes dos Santos

Ireland

1ST PRIZE CATEGORY A

Phil Harrington, 92, Irish World War II Veteran

Mr. Harrington is one of the few remaining Irish men who joined the British army during the war. As a neutral country, Ireland considered him a deserter and on his return home he was put in prison for several years, charged with treason to the nation.

Paulo Nunes dos Santos is a Dublin based freelance photojournalist & writer covering armed conflict, humanitarian crisis, current affairs, political and social issues worldwide.

Vincent Gouriou

France

2nd Prize Category A

Camille

These photographs are part of my on-going project "Singularities". I take interest in the human condition through the different steps in life and body transformations: childhood, adolescence, old age, sickness, identity ... a way to put forward the question of difference and normality.

The series represents colored pictures, almost monochromatic, like a painting with a melancholic tone. An obsessive search for truth, sincerity and simplicity through bodies and faces, through beings. I try to get close to the other, to know them better hence to know myself better.

When I take portraits, the sessions are comparable to painting ones, lasting for several hours with each subject as they are modeled through light. In silence, just a few words to adjust the pose or a movement to get the right image, gesture or action. The setting up has to remain simple to allow self-protection walls to collapse and then be able to get deepness in the look, in the body. Giving up and letting go, that's what could be considered as my decisive moment.

Vincent Gouriou lives in Brest (France) where his work leads him to explore the intimate and identity. He has learned photography participating in many workshops directed by French and European photographers (Anders Petersen, Klavdij Sluban, Denis Darzacq).



Julie Glassberg USA

3rd Prize Category A

*Edith Susskind,
Staten Island Grande Dame*

This image is from the series Character Study. Every week, I go with the New York Times reporter Corey Kilgannon to find a character with an interesting personality or occupation in one of the five boroughs of New York City.

Julie Glassberg is a French born, international award winning photographer currently living and working in New York. Her interests are primarily based on the diversity of world cultures, subcultures, underground scenes as well as the misfits of society. Photography is like a passport to enter worlds that she would never be able to see otherwise. It simply is a way to learn about life from the persons she meets. Wherever they come from...

Julie is a regular contributor to The New York Times and her work has



appeared in publications such as The New York Times Magazine, Le Monde, Aamulehti, Neon Magazine, Stern View, L'Equipe Magazine, Polka Magazine, among others.





Patrick Wack China



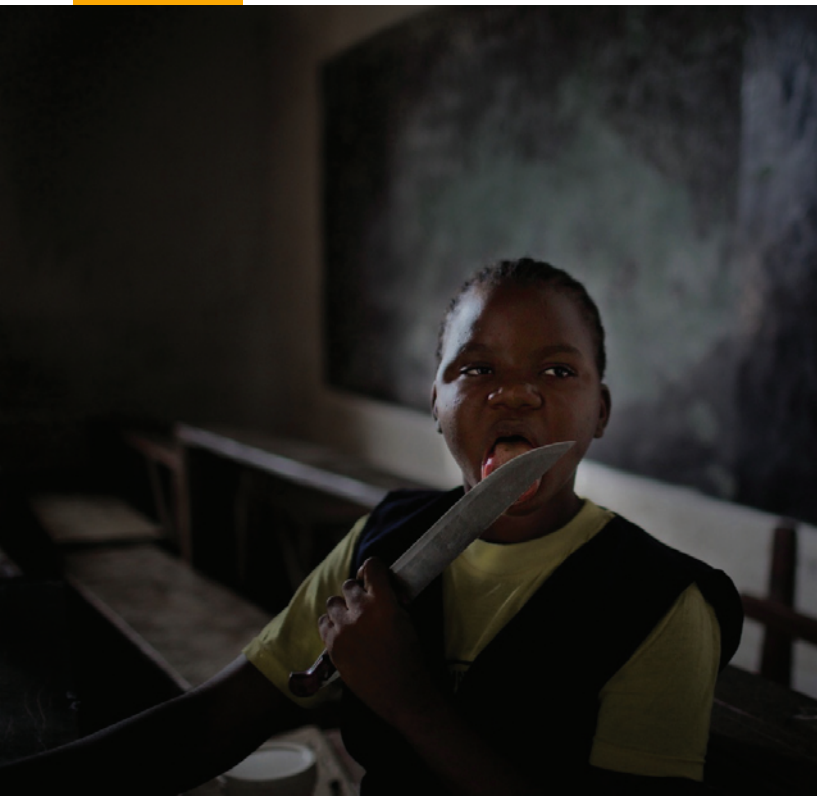
1st Prize Category B Savage & Serene theme

Chongqing 02

This image of a young Chinese boy on a scooter was made in the spring of 2013 in the city of Chongqing. I travelled twice two weeks that year to this incredible metropolis as part of my China Portraits project. I had been there for the first time in 2010 and had loved the mix of chaotic urbanism, science-fiction atmosphere and gigantism. I made this portrait on the banks of the Jialing River in downtown Chongqing. We were walking on this moon like type of earth and a bit further down we could see this huge rift through which sewage was flowing. This boy came driving by on his flashy yellow scooter and I ran after him to try and get his portrait among this apocalyptic environment. He seemed to think that was a perfectly normal place to spend some time.

Born in 1979 in Cannes, France, Patrick Wack is a self-taught photographer based in Shanghai since 2006. Though his educational background is in economics and linguistics, he left a job in Berlin to pursue an interest in photography. Wack's work focuses on portraiture and editorial photography, taking photographs of everyday people in their normal contexts, with a distinctive lighting and narrative style, and travelling through China to capture its fast-changing identity. Wack works with a number of corporate and advertising clients around Asia and is active in the field of photojournalism as a member of the renowned German agency LAIF. He has published in The Sunday Times, The Sunday Telegraph, Monocle, HK and SHTatler, Courrier International, Elle, SModa, Vogue, Le Point and Travel & Leisure.

SAVAGE
& SERENE



Magda Rakita

UK

2nd Prize SAVAGE & SERENE
theme

*Untitled. Girl licks a knife after
cutting birthday cake to celebrate
friend's birthday, Monrovia, Liberia*

From project "God made woman, then
he jerked" exploring living experience of
young girls growing up in post war reality
of Liberia.

I am freelance documentary photographer,
originally from Poland, but currently based
in London, UK.

Besides self initiated projects focusing on
social and health issues, particularly those
affecting women and girls, I usually work
with NGO's and nonprofits worldwide. In
my practice

I also include participatory projects and
multimedia production. In 2013 I took MA
course in Photojournalism and Documen-
tary Photography at the London College
of Communication and graduated with
distinction. My final project "God made
woman, then he jerked" was highly com-
mended in the 2013 Ian Parry Scholarship
Awards and finalist in student category of
PhotoPhilanthropy Activist Awards.



Aaron Joel Santos Vietnam

3rd Prize SAVAGE & SERENE
theme

Klong Prem Prison, Thailand

Inmates relax in their cell at Klong Prem prison in Bangkok, Thailand. The men are part of a program that pits prisoners against foreign Muay Thai fighters for a chance at reduced sentencing or early release.

I've worked as a photographer in Vietnam since 2009. I get to travel the world and take pictures of some pretty amazing things for some pretty amazing clients.





SAVAGE
& SERENE



Jason Andrew, USA
Adegeye, from the series
"Black Diamonds"



Ian Atkinson, UK
Cllr. Obajimi Adefiranye,
Chair of Lewisham Council



Barbara Beltramello, Italy *Mexican Wedding*



Ailsa Bowyer, Australia *The Wire that Cuts Us*



Mario Cardenas, Philippines *My Solemn Pledge*



Alfredo Casas, Ireland *Night Travel, Dhaka*



Supranav Dash, USA
 Ashu Yadav, 45yrs from series
Pahalwani Culture which documents
 the last dying breed of Indian Wrestlers
 (Pahalwans)



Colin Delfosse, Belgium
Clemence, Child of Honour,
during a wedding in Minova,
Eastern Congo



Michele de Punzio, Italy *American Woman*



Fares Fares, Ireland *Off Duty*



Jacopo Farina, Italy Prince Manvendra Singh Gohil belongs to the royal family of the former princely state of Rajpipla in India



Selma Fernandez Richter, USA
Kamil Mohamud, Minneapolis,
MN, 2011



Paul Gadd, South Korea
Lisa



Bill Gekas, Australia
Punjabi Australian



Julie Glassberg, USA *Leyland, plays Christian music tapes to his neighbourhood in Brooklyn*



Julie Glassberg, USA *Tony Disco*



Vincent Gouriou, France *Eliot and his surgical corset. From project "Singularities"*



Vincent Gouriou, France
Madeleine, nun. From on-going project "Singularities"



Marcus Koppen, The Netherlands

This portrait of Scarlet Fudge was taken during the 9th Amsterdam Drag Queens Olympics



Taiga Koyama, Japan
A hand-knotted rug maker.
 Qum, Iran



Andy Massaccesi, Italy
 Fabio



Nguyen Quang Toan, Vietnam *Mother's Absentation*



Paulo Nunes dos Santos, Ireland *Ukraine protestor*



Umit Okan, Turkey

Preacher. I took this picture in a small village near Cachoeira, in Bahia State of Brazil



Georges Pacheco
France
Amalthee



Laura Pannack, UK
SAVAGE & SERENE : *This work in progress is titled Dallas Babies.*

Roman W Schatz, Australia
Family Portrait





Simon Urwin, UK
Mosque Boy,
Dhaka

Simon Urwin, UK *Fiesta, Mexico*





Patrick Wack, China
Inner Mongolia 37



Sean Yeo Boon Kong, Singapore *Anusha is 20 years and became a transgender about a year ago*



Zhang Long Fei, China *Haze in China*



Mo Zhuang Ze, Singapore
The Other Self-Portrait



Toufic Beyhum, UK
SAVAGE & SERENE :
Himba supermarket

Supranav Dash, USA
SAVAGE & SERENE : *Untitled #5 from the
series "In A Hindu's Girl's Life"*





Alain Laboile, France
SAVAGE & SERENE :
'Icarus'

Eduardo Leal, Venezuela
SAVAGE & SERENE :*Jose
Martins, a member of the
Group of Forcados of Evora,
after wrestling a bull in the
arena of Entradas, a small
town in Alentejo region,
Portugal*





Helen Marshall & Risang Yuwono UK
SAVAGE & SERENE :Traditional Ketoprak actress who lives within the Tobong community



Gloria Oyarzabal, France SAVAGE & SERENE : A young woman drowned was not a very common subject in mid-nineteenth century paintings



Zorica Purlija, Australia
SAVAGE & SERENE : *Going Home*

Frederic Vanwalleghem, Belgium

SAVAGE & SERENE : *'Vodun devotee' from series 'Vodun, Trying to Grasp the Ungraspable', Benin*



HIGHLY COMMENDED PHOTOSTORIES CATEGORY C

Alfredo Casas, Ireland

DHAKA - BASKET CASE OF HOPE



For many, Dhaka is known as the clothes manufacturing capital for multinational fashion outlets. Others will know its unfortunate reputation as being continually bottom of the Economist's 'liveability ranking'. Few know little more. This lack of international coverage coupled with the recent Rana Plaza disaster motivated me to investigate the truth about the conditions and poverty of Dhaka in the first part of my project.

<http://vimeo.com/93440700>

HIGHLY COMMENDED PHOTOSTORIES CATEGORY C

Salvatore Esposito, Italy

WHAT IS MISSING?



My story is concentrated specifically on two quarters : the first is the Forcella neighborhood of Naples' central district in the historic city center, and it also focuses of the criminal power of the Camorra since the late 70s.

Back then with the arrest and the repentance of Boss Luigi Giuliano, the power of the district declined and it moved to the clans in the northern district of Naples, and the other is Scampia neighbourhood, which has also been part of my story. Unfortunately, in these and other areas the Camorra has replaced the institutions, generating illegal employment and appropriating the unemployed as laborers for its illegal activities.

My photo story focuses mainly on young criminals affiliated with the Camorra, drug dealers, robbers and all the young people living illegally because they have not known anything else or anything better in their lives. I concentrate on young people because they represent the future and on the assumption that if he or she is denied the opportunity to a normal life we cannot hope for a better society.

For the last five years I've been working on the weaker social layers in Naples. It has been an attempt to document my city by analyzing the most feeble and needy social structures within the city; the inner need to show the difficulties arising from the negligence of its ruling class; the desire to highlight that social necessities have not been met by local and national institutions, which are the result of both bad policies and a ruling class that pays attention only to itself.

<http://vimeo.com/92962226>

Jason **Andrew** USA Ian **Atkinson** UK Barbara
Beltramello ITALY Ailsa **Bowyer** AUSTRALIA
Mario **Cardenas** PHILIPPINES Alfredo **Casas**
IRELAND Supranav **Dash** USA Colin **Delfosse**
BELGIUM Jacopo **Farina** ITALY Fares **Fares**
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Laura **Pannack** UK Georges **Pacheco** FRANCE
Michele de **Punzio** ITALY Selma Fernandez
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Roman W **Schatz** AUSTRALIA Simon **Urwin** UK
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EZUELA Helen **Marshall** & Risang **Yuwono** UK/
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