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WORLD PRESS PHOTO 2014: WORLD TOUR STARTS IN AMSTERDAM



World Press Photo, founded in 1955, is an independent non-profit organization based in Amsterdam. Each year they hold one of the most prestigious and largest press photography contests, showcasing some of the best photojournalistic talent in the world. Professional press photographers, Newspapers, Magazines and photo agencies from all over the globe submit their photos for consideration for the World Press Photo Award. 98,671 photographs were submitted from over 5,000 photographers from 130 different nationalities with only 53 positions of acknowledgement.

The 57th World Press Photo Contest will be held at De Nieuwe Kerk Amsterdam on the 18th of April this year. World Press Photo will be displaying over 150 breathtaking press photos of the 53 winners. The most outstanding photos are gathered and taken on tour around the world to 100 cities in over 45 countries to be exhibited and seen by over 2 million people. De Nieuwe Kerk Amsterdam is the first venue for this year's global traveling exhibition. The exhibition was previously held at De Oude Kerk for the past 15 years.



Philippe Lopez, Agence France-Presse

A panel of International Judges decide a winner for the 'World Press Photo of the Year' and also determine the winners in 10 sub categories including Spot news, general news, People – observed portraits, People – Staged portraits, Sports action, Sports features, Contemporary issues, Daily life, Portraits and Nature. All of these astonishing photos create an aesthetic summary of how we relay the most uplifting to the most harrowingly brutal news stories through images and begs to ask the question, are they at times intrinsically more important than the words they accompany?

The well deserving winner of the World Press Photo of the Year was the American photographer, John Stanmeyer, with the photo 'Signal' illustrating African immigrants on the shore of Djibouti raising their cell phones, attempting to catch a signal from Somalia, the neighboring country. For many migrants, Djibouti is a common stop over point for people pursuing a better life in other parts of Africa and Europe. The shot says a great deal about our need for connection and our desperation to be connected to our loved ones wherever we are. The picture was taken in February 2013 for National Geographic.



Goran Tomasevic, Reuters

Come and marvel at some of the most remarkable and awe-inspiring photos related to News stories from around the world. The exhibition will be displayed at De Nieuwe Kerk for only two months, from 18th April until the 22nd of June. Ticket prices are €10 for adults, Free for children under 5 years of age or €5 for children ages 6-16. Visiting Hours are from 10.00 – 17.00 Monday to Sunday.

For more information visit www.nieuwekerk.nl/en or <http://www.worldpressphoto.org>

Featured Image: John Stanmeyer, VII for National Geographic



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