

awards awards awards

Tickets for Sale !!!

The highly awaited dates and venues for the AOP Awards are confirmed below, together with information on how to get tickets to the prestigious Photographers Awards Exhibition/Awards Evening and exposure 2011; a day of talks, seminars, demonstrations and trade exhibitions for photographers and industry professionals.

AOP Photographers Awards:

Presentation:

This year we will present awards to 17 Best in Categories and 3 impressive 'Gold' winners. The presentation will take place during the late afternoon on Wednesday 28th September at Ambika P3, University of Westminster, 35 Marylebone Road, NW3 5LS, in front of an invited audience of Press, Photographers and key industry representatives.

250 winning images were selected for the AOP Photographers Awards Book and Exhibition this year, drawn from almost 3,000 images entered by nearly 400 individuals.

Awards Evening:

The exhibition and evening event will follow the presentation and the doors will open at 7pm for an industry party not to be missed! Tickets are on general sale now and are only £10 for members £20 for non-members, going up to £15 and £25 on the door.

exposure 2011:

exposure 2011 is a new AOP event. It is a day of talks, seminars, demonstrations and trade exhibitions for photographers, industry professionals, students and keen photography enthusiasts alike. It will run for one day only on Thursday 29th September at Ambika P3, University of Westminster, in and amongst the 2011 AOP Photographers Awards exhibition. All Photographers Awards exhibitors will have the portfolios on display throughout the day with exclusive access to commissioners of Photography.

exposure 2011 will start at 11.30am and run until 8pm. Tickets are on general sale now and only £10 for members £15 for non-members. Commissioners of Photography are eligible to free entry to exposure and just need to email caitlinlp@aophoto.co.uk to get their names put on the door.

Tickets on sale now at http://awards.the-aop.org/buy_tickets

Background information:

This year for the first time, 3 of the AOP's high profile competitions were launched together; The AOP Photographers Awards, The AOP Assistants Awards and the AOP Open.



Description of the Photographers Awards:

There are a lot of photography competitions out there for professionals but the AOP Photographers Awards is still regarded as the original and the best, a celebration of exceptional work by the industry's elite.

This competition is only open to Full & Provisional Photographer Members of the AOP. It is regarded as THE awards competition for professional photographers and being selected for entry into the book and accompanying exhibition is considered one of the highest accolades available to photographers around the world.

AOP Photographer Awards 2011

The AOP Photographers Awards are now in their 28th year and are steadily evolving and moving in parallel with the demands of a progressive and ever-changing industry. This year the AOP made a couple of subtle changes to the awards categories reverting back to more classic genres with the re-introduction of the Non-Commissioned Portrait and the popular Non-commissioned Project categories. Building on last years inclusion of a moving image option, within the Innovation category, whilst looking to reflect the modifications that digital SLRs have made, they decided to create two solely 'Moving Image' Categories that generated a great deal of interest from the membership.

Description of exposure 2011

exposure 2011 is a day of talks, seminars, demonstrations and trade exhibitions for photographers and industry professionals. It will run for one day on Thursday 29th September at Ambika P3, in and amongst the AOP Photographers Awards exhibition.



The space will be arranged in three main areas; the main exhibition area will be host to a variety of trade stands, showcasing a range of industry companies exhibiting their products and services. Alongside the main space, we have two separate spaces allocated especially for photographic demonstrations and for an exciting line-up of talks and seminars. These will cover a wide range of topics and include talks from: Michael Hoppen (Art Dealer) talking about 'The Presence of British Photographers in International Art Markets', Dewi Lewis (Publisher) talking about 'The Role of Books in a Digital Age' and Grant Smith (AOP Photographer) will talk about 'Street Photography. More interesting participants and topics are being announced regularly on the Photographers Awards website,

<http://awards.the-aop.org/exposure>

In addition to the three public areas, a fourth area will host the portfolios belonging to those in the Awards Exhibition can be seen privately by commissioners of photography.

The event will be attended by professional photographers (members and non members alike), commissioners, press, students and keen photography enthusiasts.



Description of the Assistants Awards:

The AOP Assistants Awards showcases the best images from the next generation of professional photographers. Winners from the AOP Assistants Awards regularly go on to win at the AOP Photographers Awards and success in the Assistants Awards often results in making the leap into professional photography. The standard of entries was high and it was a difficult task for the judging panel to select the final 80 images that forms the 2011 exhibition.

AOP Assistant Awards 2011

This years AOP Assistants Awards Exhibition, Presentation and Party will be held at the Hoxton Gallery located in the heart of Shoreditch. The Gallery is based at 12-18 Hoxton Street, London N1 6NG, only a short walk from Old Street tube and at the centre of east London's creative scene. The recently opened basement space retains its former warehouse features yet successfully combines its original interiors with a modern white walled gallery space, perfect for this show. The space is accessible from 2 separate entrances and split into 2 rooms of approximately 100 sqm and 50 sqm with an interconnecting corridor plus a bar area.

The AOP Assistants Awards show will be open for one night only, on Thursday 6th October.

Press Images are available now on request



Description of the AOP Open:

The AOP Open is run by the Association of Photographers and is the only competition where professionals and amateurs compete on equal terms. There are no categories or themes in this competition so the choice of work submitted is entirely up to the photographer. The competition has been running for 11 years and each year it attracts approximately 1,500 entries from around the world, with a public vote that in 2010 attracted over 4000 voters.

AOP Open Awards 2011

This year's AOP Open Awards Exhibition, Presentation and Party will be taking place at The Dray Walk Gallery in London's vibrant Truman Brewery.

The Exhibition also falls within East London's Photomonth and will be open to the public on the 14-16 October Friday 11-8pm, Saturday & Sunday 10am-6pm. The Exhibition, Presentation and Party will take place on Thursday 13th October.

Press Images are available now on request

Note to Editors

For press images and further media opportunities please contact Bridget Flynn at awards@aophoto.co.uk or via the numbers listed below. All the information on the award-winners is embargoed until after the following dates;

Photographers Awards-28th September
Assistants Awards-6th October
Open Awards 13th October

We can however, release this information to you before these dates to meet copy deadlines etc. Please contact us at awards@aophoto.co.uk for further info and to request an embargo agreement.

If you would like to attend any of the presentations listed above or exposure 2011, please rsvp to awards@aophoto.co.uk, stating which events you wish to attend.

The Association of Photographers actively supports and promotes professional photographers interests globally and is recognised as the benchmark for rights, ethics and business practice. It forms an effective network to encourage the highest standards in creative, technical and commercial practices in the photographic industry.

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