



UK Picture Editors' Guild Awards 2019 in association with Shutterstock

The British and Irish press gathered last night (Monday 25th March) in London to salute the Shutterstock Press Photographer of the Year.

Over three hundred leading members of the industry attended a black-tie event at the Headquarters of Honorable Artillery Company in City Road. Hundreds of photographers submitted over four thousand images, which were judged by a panel of ten experienced judges.

Donna Granato, the General Manager of Editorial and Head of Content Acquisition for Shutterstock, travelled from New York to attend. The opening speech was made by Mark Getty, Chairman of the Board of Getty Images.

Helen Healy, Head of Pictures at the Financial Times and chair of the judges, said: "There was a very strong set of entries for this year's Picture Editors Guild Awards. I was particularly impressed with the Photo Essay category.

"The photos covered a huge range of news stories from 2018, from big events such as the migrant crisis, Brexit and climate change to essays about Irish dancing and World War II veterans. It was very difficult to narrow down my top favorites.

"The Canon Sports Photographer of the year was another excellent field with difficult choices to be made, as was the Fixation News Photographer of the year where many of the key moments from last year in news were captured."

Derek Momodu of the Daily Mirror said: "Throughout the judging process, I looked for aestheticism, relevance and, more importantly, originality.

"There has been a wealth of talent in this year's competition. Congratulations to all the winners.

Every entry, professional or otherwise, is commendable.”

Alan Sparrow, Chair of the UK Picture Editors Guild Awards, commented that the striking thing about this year is that it seems to be the year of the freelance photographer.

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Notes to editors

The winners of each category in the Shutterstock Press Photographer of the Year 2018 were:

The Shutterstock Press Photographer of the Year: Daniel Lawson, Press Association

Daniel Lawson, who is 39 years old, started his career with the Rochdale Observer twenty years ago. He then worked for Deadline Scotland, Edinburgh Evening News and joined the Press Association in 2005. He has covered a Royal Tour in the Far East, the Commonwealth Games in Australia and the Invictus Games in Canada, as well as conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

His winning entry included the picture of Meghan Markle walking down the aisle of St George’s Chapel at Windsor Castle last year. Commenting on that picture, Daniel said: “It was one that could have been a ‘nothing picture’ of her just walking down the aisle. But the light was just so fantastic it’s given the picture a much longer life than it would’ve had.”

Fujifilm Student Photographer of the Year

Winner: Harriet Lander, University of the Arts (now employed by Getty Images)

Highly commended: Luke Ross Cameron, Press and Editorial Photography/Falmouth University

Commended: Jordan Pettitt, Press & Editorial Photography/Falmouth University.

Getty Images Young Photographer of the Year

Winner: Peter Summers, Freelance

Highly commended: Kirsty O'Connor, Press Association

Commended: Naomi Baker, Getty Images, and Kirsty O'Connor, Press Association

Bloomberg Business Photographer of the Year

Winner: Daniel Leal-Olivas, Freelance / AFP

Highly commended: Tolga Akmen, Freelance, AFP / Financial Times

Commended: Simon Hulme, Yorkshire Post, and James Hardisty, Yorkshire Post

Dave Benett Photos Art and Entertainment Photographer of the Year

Winner: Samir Hussein, Freelance

Highly commended: Samir Hussein, Freelance

Commended: Jeff Spicer, Freelance, and Gareth Cattermole, Getty Images

Iconic Images Royal Photographer of the Year

Winner: Yui Mok, Press Association

Highly commended: Chris Jackson, Getty Images

Commended: Steve Parsons, Press Association, and Richard Pohle, The Times

Genesis Imaging Regional Photographer of the Year

Winner: Jane Barlow, Press Association

Highly commended: Clodagh Kilcoyne, Freelance / Reuters

Commended: Anthony Devlin, Freelance, and Colin Lane, Liverpool Echo

Canon Sports Photographer of the Year

Winner: Ian MacNicol, Freelance

Highly commended: Alex Broadway, Freelance, SWPix / Getty Images

Commended: Mike Egerton, Press Association, and Carl Recine, Action Images / Reuters

Fixation News Photographer of the Year

Winner: Daniel Lawson, Press Association

Highly commended: Anthony Devlin, Freelance, and Jack Taylor, Freelance

Commended: Peter MacDiarmid, London News Pictures

UKPEG Essay Photographer of the Year

Winner: Charles McQuillan, Freelance

Highly commended: Hannah McKay, Reuters

Commended: Charlie Bibby, Financial Times, and Jack Taylor, Freelance / Getty Images

Fleet Streets Finest National Newspaper Photographer of the Year

Winner: Jack Hill, The Times

Highly commended: Richard Pohle, The Times

Commended: Richard Pohle, The Times, and Wattie Cheung, Freelance / Scottish Daily Mail

UKPEG Videographer of the Year

Winner: Ian Hodgson, Freelance / Liverpool Echo

Highly commended: Matt Writtle, Freelance

Commended: Bryan O'Brien, Irish Times

The package of pictures featuring a winning picture from each category is available to download from this link - <https://we.tl/t-4X2DNLO2Uc>

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