



Press information

Leica Oskar Barnack Award 2017:

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Wetzlar, 12 May 2017. The submission phase for entries for the long-established 'Leica Oskar Barnack Award' photographic competition (LOBA) in 2017 has now closed. Now, the international jury of experts is judging the entries received and choosing the twelve finalists in the two categories of the competition, the 'Leica Oskar Barnack Award' and the 'Leica Oskar Barnack Newcomer Award'. This year's shortlist will be announced on the competition website at www.leica-oskar-barnack-award.com on 20 June 2017.

Around 2,700 photographers from a total of 104 different countries submitted entries to the LOBA 2017. The majority of the entries received came from China, France, Brazil, Germany, Italy, South Korea and the USA. The competition called for the submission of self-contained series of between at least ten and a maximum of twelve images. The jury places a special focus on photographers who perceive the world with their eyes wide open and document the interaction between people and their environment in creative and groundbreaking style.

The members of this year's jury are:

Karin Rehn-Kaufmann, Art Director & Director General of Leica Galerien International (Salzburg, Austria)

Michelle Dunn Marsh, Executive Director, Photographic Center Northwest and founder of Minor Matters Books (Seattle, USA)

Christian Pohlert, Managing Picture Editor, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (Frankfurt,

Germany)

Douglas So, Founder and Director of F11 Foto Museum (Hong Kong, China)

Scarlett Coten, photographer and winner of the LOBA 2016 (Paris, France)

The winners of the 37th LOBA will receive their prizes in the course of a gala event in Berlin in September. The works of all twelve finalists will then be on view in the context of a major exhibition in the 'Neuen Schule für Fotografie', Brunnenstrasse 188-190 in 10119 Berlin. The LOBA Magazin 2017, presenting the winners and finalists and their comprehensive portfolios, will be published to accompany the exhibition.

With prizes amounting to a total cash value of around 80,000 euros, the LOBA is one of the segment's most prestigious photographic competitions. The winner in the main category will be honoured with a cash prize of 25,000 euros and Leica M-System equipment (a camera and lens) valued at an additional 10,000 euros. The winner of the Newcomer Award will be honoured with a cash prize of 10,000 euros and will also be presented with a Leica rangefinder camera and lens. In addition to the two main categories, ten further submissions to the competition will each be honoured with prizes of 2,500 euros.