



URBAN2020

PHOTO AWARDS + EXHIBITION

11th EDITION

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*Audience at URBAN 2019 Award Ceremony
during Trieste Photo Days festival*

An international photography competition now at its 11th edition **A world wide platform on which to get noticed for photographers** **A tour of exhibits and an international photo festival in Italy**

» THE CONTEST

URBAN Photo Awards is an international photo contest that has come to its 11th edition. URBAN looks for talent and quality both among professional and amateur photographers, offering them a **world wide platform** from which to get noticed.

Promoted by **dotART**, a Trieste (Italy) based cultural association with years of experience working in the field of artistic photography and the visual arts, every year URBAN draws **thousand of participating pictures** and hundreds of participants from all over the world. It is an always growing international contest, one of the very few that goes “over the boundaries” of Internet offering to photographers real visibility through dozens of international photo exhibitions. Only in 2019 URBAN realized **50 exhibitions** displaying about **1.700 pictures**. Behind it all, there is always the pursue of enhancement of photographic talent and quality.



Martin Parr comments URBAN 2019 winning picture

URBAN 2020 is divided into two sections dedicated to **Urban Photography**, a theme that explores the contemporary through all forms of photography based in the urban fabric. The common denominator is the **City**, the urban environment and humanity that populates it. The first section is “**Single Photos**”, the second is “**Projects & Portfolios**” where each participant can submit a series of images oriented to show his or her idea through photographs.

» INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS & PARTNERS

Other than regular prizes, URBAN gives the chance to the best ranked photographers to enter its tour of travelling photo exhibitions, the added value of this contest.

Since 2011 the photos of URBAN have been exhibited in **Poland** (Krakow, Lodz, Raciborz, Gliwice and Warsaw), **Hungary** (Budapest, Pècs and Miskolc), **Cyprus** (Limassol, Paphos and Nicosia), **Austria** (Klagenfurt), **Serbia** (Belgrade), **Slovakia** (Bratislava), **Latvia** (Riga), **Slovenia** (Koper), **Slovakia** (Bratislava), **Ukraine** (Sumy), **Croatia** (Porec and Rijeka), **Germany** (Berlin, Hamburg), **Colombia** (Bucaramanga) and **Italy** (Milan, Venice, Trieste and Rome).



Since 2015 URBAN is official partner with the **Poreč Museum** (Zavičajni muzej Poreštine), the oldest museum of Istria (Croatia). Three ranked photographers from the "Projects & Portfolios" section will see their works exhibited in the Museum during tourist peak averaging 120 thousand units in the summer time.



Trieste Photo Days

URBAN exhibitions will summit in October during **Trieste Photo Days**, the international photo festival promoted by dotART. This growing festival will get to its 7th edition, and URBAN is one of its "main contributor". There will be the Award Ceremony and the Winners' Exhibition other than a series of personal and group exhibits around the city.



The **Municipality of Trieste**, dotART's hometown, is among the main partners of the competition and the festival. Since 2019, the Municipality select a handful of projects for an exhibition-prize at the "Sartorio" Museum during Trieste Photo Days.



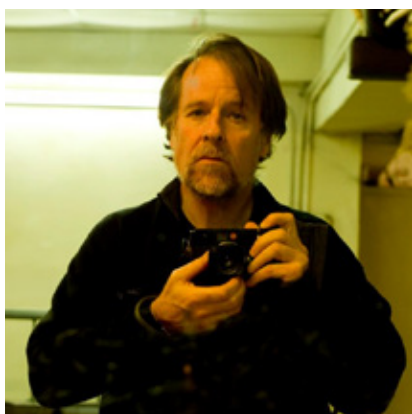
The **Photo Days Tour** is a new setting for events that take place outside the city during the Trieste Photo Days. The first edition featured the best photos from URBAN 2019 Photo Awards, which were exhibited in Aquileia, Cividale del Friuli, Cormons, and Trieste Airport.



» 2020 JURY COMMISSION

Throughout the years URBAN has shaped its well renowned Jury with members like **Martin Parr, Nick Turpin, Maurizio Galimberti, Tatsuo Suzuki, Denis Curti, Monika Bulaj, Alexandra Sophie, Julie de Waroquier, Michael Samuel, Massimo Giacon** and many more.

In 2020 the **Super Commission** that will preside over the Jury will be composed of **3 living legends of photography**, who will choose the Winners of the competition in the **Single Photos, Project & Portfolio** and **URBAN Book Award** sections (new section dedicated to photo books).



ALEX WEBB

*will chose Winner Overall
in Single Photos section*

Alex Webb became interested in photography during his high school years and attended the Apeiron Workshops in Millerton, New York, in 1972. He majored in history and literature at Harvard University, at the same time studying photography at the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts. In 1974 he began working as a professional photojournalist and he joined Magnum Photos as an associate member in 1976.

In 1978 he started to photograph in color, as he has continued to do. He has published seventeen photography books.



REBECCA NORRIS WEBB

*will chose Winner Overall
in Projects & Portfolios section*

Originally a poet, Rebecca Norris Webb often interweaves her text and photographs in her seven books, most notably with her monograph, *My Dakota*—an elegy for her brother who died unexpectedly—with a solo exhibition of the work at The Cleveland Museum of Art (2015), among other venues. Her work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *National Geographic*, and is in the collections of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the George Eastman Museum, Rochester, NY.



BRUCE GILDEN

*will chose Winner Overall
in URBAN Book Award section*

Street photographer born in Brooklyn in 1946, who will be proposed to chair the URBAN 2020 Photo Award jury and who will be invited to the Festival with a conference, a workshop and a screening of his works. Gilden is well known for his “candid photos” on the streets of New York City, made by closely portraying people with a mobile flash. He has published several books of his works, received the European Publishers Award for Photography, is a Guggenheim Fellow and a member of the Magnum agency since 1998.

» AWARD CEREMONY

Alex Webb, Rebecca Norris Webb and Bruce Gilden will personally award the Winners during the **Awards Ceremony of the contest**, which will be held at the end of October 2020 during **Trieste Photo Days Festival**, in North-Eastern Italy. The three great artists will therefore be the **main guests** of the 2020 edition of the Trieste photographic gathering, where they will also hold exclusive lectures, workshops and public talks.

Trieste Photo Days

» URBAN 2020 TIMELINE

01 mar - 31 may 2020
Subscriptions open.

End of June 2020
Selected photographers will be published on the website, in alphabetical order (without ranking). They will also have the opportunity to join the summer preview exhibitions.

End of July 2020
Semifinalist photographers will be published on the website, in alphabetical order (without ranking): 140 single pictures + 20 projects.

September 2020
Finalist photographers will be published on the website, in alphabetical order (without ranking): 36 single pictures + 5 projects.

October 2020
Winners will be announced at Trieste Photo Days among 36 single pictures (3 winners per section chosen by Jury Commission + 2 honorable mentions)



Jury President Martin Parr comments URBAN 2019 winning picture



Some of the winners of URBAN 2019 Photo Awards at Trieste Photo Days



Waiting for a selfie with Jury President Martin Parr at Trieste Photo Days 2019



Jury President Tatsuo Suzuki awards URBAN 2018 Winner Overall

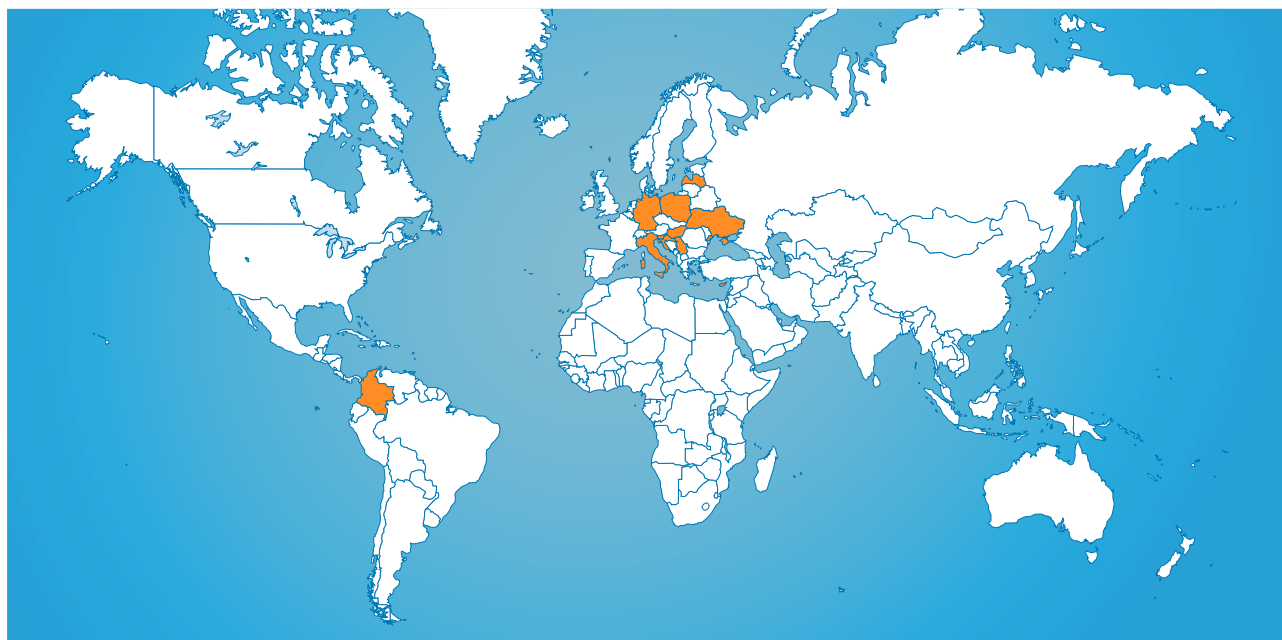


Group photo with the Winners of URBAN 2018 at Trieste Photo Days



Jury President Maurizio Galimberti awards URBAN 2017 Winner Overall

» *URBAN's exhibitions around the world since 2011*



ITALY » Milan » Venice » Trieste » Rome	HUNGARY » Budapest » Miskolc » Pécs SLOVAKIA » Bratislava	POLAND » Krakow » Warsaw » Raciborz » Gliwice » Łódź	CYPRUS » Limassol » Paphos » Nicosia LATVIA » Riga	SLOVENIA » Koper SERBIA » Beograd	UKRAINE » Sumy CROATIA » Porec » Rijeka	COLOMBIA » Bucaramanga GERMANY » Berlin » Hamburg
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» *PUBLICATIONS*

Every year we publish ***URBAN unveils the City and its secrets***, a photobook with the best ranked pictures from the contest. The book is published through dotART's platform **Exhibit Around**, that publish several books and original projects.

The last volume contains works of 173 photographers ranked at **URBAN 2019 Photo Awards**. The aim of this editorial project dedicated to street photography is to provide the reader with an overview of stories told through images. These images have in common an element which is either obvious or just hardly visible, and all together they make up an organic collage that reveals the City and its secrets.

The book has been presented at Trieste Photo Days 2019.



URBAN NUMBERS

2014 EDITION	2015 EDITION	2016 EDITION	2017 EDITION	2018 EDITION	2019 EDITION
3.000 € total prize	3.000 € total prize	4.000 € total prize	6.000 € total prize	7.000 € total prize	10.000 € total prize
500 PARTICIPANTS	750 PARTICIPANTS	900 PARTICIPANTS	1.015 PARTICIPANTS	1.103 PARTICIPANTS	1.257 PARTICIPANTS
50 COUNTRIES	55 COUNTRIES	56 COUNTRIES	58 COUNTRIES	58 COUNTRIES	59 COUNTRIES
1.700 PHOTOS SUBMITTED	2.500 PHOTOS SUBMITTED	2.700 PHOTOS SUBMITTED	4.120 PHOTOS SUBMITTED	4.460 PHOTOS SUBMITTED	6.049 PHOTOS SUBMITTED
100 PORTFOLIOS SUBMITTED	150 PORTFOLIOS SUBMITTED	200 PORTFOLIOS SUBMITTED	253 PORTFOLIOS SUBMITTED	272 PORTFOLIOS SUBMITTED	346 PORTFOLIOS SUBMITTED
9 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITS	15 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITS	17 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITS	16 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITS	37 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITS	50 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITS
	13 EXHIBITS @ TRIESTE PHOTO DAYS	15 EXHIBITS @ TRIESTE PHOTO DAYS	20 EXHIBITS @ TRIESTE PHOTO DAYS	10 EXHIBITS @ TRIESTE PHOTO DAYS	30 EXHIBITS @ TRIESTE PHOTO DAYS
	600 PHOTOS DISPLAYED	700 PHOTOS DISPLAYED	800 PHOTOS DISPLAYED	950 PHOTOS DISPLAYED	1.060 PHOTOS DISPLAYED

2019 percentages participants: **42%** Italy, **9%** UK, **7%** Germany, **8%** USA, **6%** Poland, **28%** rest of the world



PAGE VISUALIZATIONS
TO URBAN WEBSITE
IN 2019



VISITS
TO URBAN WEBSITE
IN 2019



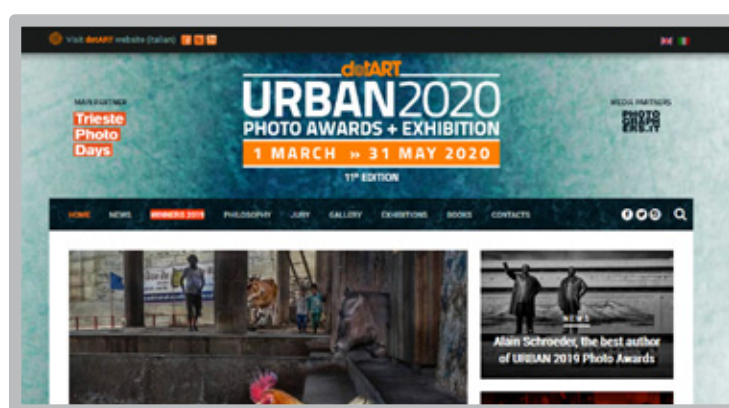
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Visits to Urban website per country (2019)

01. Italy	37.700	04. USA	4.500	07. Poland	2.000	10. Australia	1.500
02. India	26.800	05. S. Africa	1.700	08. Spain	1.300	11. France	1.000
03. UK	5.700	06. Bangladesh	2.100	09. Germany	1.600		

Total countries: **205**

» PARTNERS

URBAN Photo Awards has succeeded in creating a network of partners, media partners and international contacts.

Main Partners



Media Partners



Partners & Friends



Technical Partners



Venues





Trieste Photo Days 2019



Krakow, Poland, 2011



Bucaramanga, Colombia, 2012



Budapest, Hungary, 2012



Riga, Latvia, 2013



Sumy, Ukraine, 2014



Krakow, Poland, 2014



Trieste, Italy, 2014



Berlin, Germany, 2016



Poreč Museum, Croatia, 2017



Belgrade, Serbia, 2017



Klagenfurt, Austria, 2018



Rijeka, Croatia, 2018

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