

All About Photo Unveils Winners of the AAP Magazine #40: Portrait

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We are delighted to announce the 25 exceptionally talented photographers who have been honored in the **AAP Magazine #40: Portrait** competition.

As Richard Avedon once said, “A portrait is not a likeness. The moment an emotion or fact is transformed into a photograph, it is no longer a fact but an opinion.” This quote perfectly encapsulates the essence of portrait photography, where the goal is to capture more than just a likeness—it’s about conveying a deeper truth and perspective.

Portrait photography spans a vast array of practices and forms. It transcends mere identification or the simple capture of emotions, becoming a powerful medium that can elevate the subject, educate the viewer, and offer profound insights into the human experience.

Moving beyond traditional studio settings and family snapshots, portraits become unique artistic expressions that highlight the photographer’s creativity and vision.

Portraits have the power to evoke a multitude of reactions: they can describe, reveal, embellish, question, or disturb. While a single photograph can be interpreted in countless ways, our latest edition of AAP Magazine showcases the distinct perspectives of 25 photographers from 15 countries across 5 continents.

Each winner presents a unique narrative and approach to portrait photography, offering a diverse and enriching exploration of this captivating genre.



The Winner of *AAP Magazine #40: Portrait* is Aline Smithson (United States) with the series *Revisiting Beauty*.



Featured Image: *Lucy in Teal* © Aline Smithson

<https://www.alinesmithson.com>

<https://www.instagram.com/alinesmithson>

The Second Place Winner is **Manuel Bess** (France) with the series *A Dog Day Afternoon*.



Featured Image: *Those two blue eyes light your face, Finland* © Manuel Bess

<https://www.manuelbesse.com>

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The Third Place winner is **Simon Martin** (United Kingdom) with the series *The Story of Stoney Sleep*.



Featured image: *Shian of Stoney Sleep* © Simon Martin

<https://www.simon-martin.org>

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The other winners featured in the Merit Award's Gallery are: **Alena Grom** (Ukraine), **Yukio Kumada** (Japan), **Sandy Hill** (USA), **Diego Fabro** (Brazil/Ireland), **Tom Zimmeroff** (United States), **Aurelien Bayo** (United States), **Harry Williams** (United States), **Eva Chupikova** (Czech Republic), **Anna Biret** (Poland/France), **Manuela Thames** (United States), **Allison Martinek** (United States), **Mike Narciso** (United States), **Alex Lobo** (Spain), **Andreas Kanellopoulos** (Greece), **Erberto Zani** (Italy), **Martina Holmberg** (Sweden), **Maïlys Derville** (France), **Roberta Dall'Alba** (Italy), **Maryam Ashrafi** (Iran), **Rene Dissel** (Netherlands), **Joseph-Philippe Bevillard** (United States/France) and **Prescott Lassman** (United States).

The top three winners will receive a prize of \$1,000, and all winning photographs will be prominently featured in the All About Photo Winners Gallery and published in the printed issue of *AAP Magazine #40: Portrait*.

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About AAP Magazine

All About Photo invites dedicated and passionate photographers from all around the world to share their work in its printed edition. Each issue is central to a specific theme and provides a gallery of inspiring imagery, focusing on each artist with their own experience to share.

We are honored to be a part of the process of jurying work from such an amazing call for entry and to be able to design such a beautiful, hand-curated publication of the best contemporary photography. We showcase exclusively the winners of AAP Magazine's call of entries organized by All About Photo all year long.

With an eye towards beauty, quality and novelty, we strive to promote portfolios which stand out for their unique visual signature style and character. Our goal is to help photographers get the exposure we think they deserve and to inspire the others with ideas, projects and goals to help develop their own photography.

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