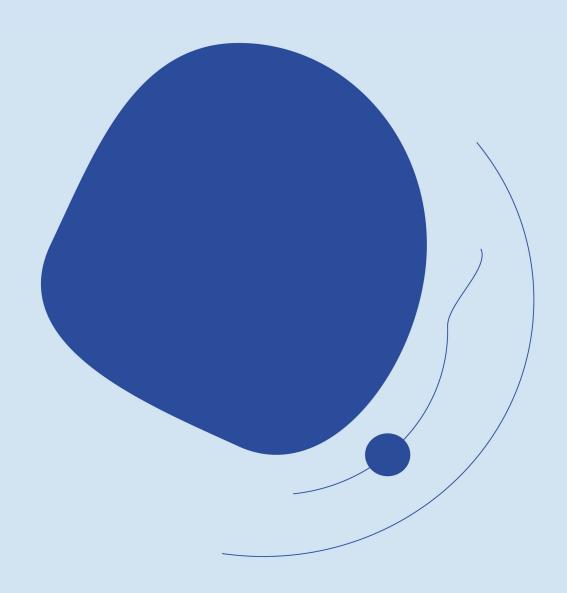
# ROTTERDAM PHOTO 2021 PRESS RELEASE



30 June - 4 July 2021

## PLANET HUMAN • ROTTERDAM PHOTAL

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## NEW EDITION ROTTERDAM PHOTO 2021

Rotterdam Photo is an annual photo fair with a festival flair. Taking place during Art Rotterdam Week, this event gives to art lovers have the opportunity to visit numerous art and design events.

The event, located at Nieuw - Mathenesse. celebrates Rotterdam (NL), the spectrum of photography as it presents itself in our contemporary image culture. We will transform this location near harbor into a street wise photography village and hub for photography fans, populated shipping containers repurposed into exhibition spaces, from 30th June till 4th July 2021



Each year, festival invites a wide gamut of independent photographers to exhibit at the fair, whether or not they are accompanied by a gallery. From amateurs to fine art and from documentary to street, photographers are welcomed to submit their work via an open call that revolves around a current theme. The goal is to offer an affordable exhibition space compared to the usual art/photo fairs. The selected photographers get the opportunity to showcase their work alongside our curated exhibitions and an elaborate fringe programme.

Participating photographers get to sell their own work, meet gallerists, art buyers and photography lovers, as well as international art press professionals. Inspired by the history of Rotterdam as a port city, the festival provides the selected photographers with exhibition space in repurposed shipping containers and also uses the public space of Rotterdam to bring photography outside the 'white cube' tradition.

In addition to the exhibitions, Rotterdam Photo organizes talks, workshops and a fringe program with music and exhibitions on digital screens throughout the city. Street vendors, cafes and restaurants in the area also offer great food and delicious drinks, so the public can spend their time during Art Rotterdam Week.

#### THEME 2021: PLANET HUMAN

For its 2021 edition, Rotterdam Photo sheds light on the theme PLANET HUMAN. That is partly inspired by the corona crisis, which brought our daily lives to a complete standstill in record time: nothing is the same anymore and our mortality suddenly no longer seems to be a 'far-from-my-bed show'. Besides a lot of panic and unrest, we are also forced to think about our way of life.



Who are we, as human beings, besides the fact that we exist? What do we leave behind? How do we express ourselves? What are our dreams? How do we experience love, pain, happiness? How do we grow? What is the role of our imperfections, the dark parts of our collective existence? Do they make us human?

After all that, we can ask a pressing question: how do we capture these emotions?

Pleasure Gardens © Reiner Riedler

Photography is the ideal tool for this, because it captures our existence in all its beauty and repugnance.

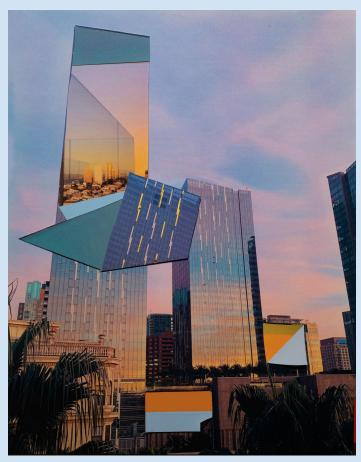
What happens to artmaking when nature takes over? Is it worth it, or is it pure vanity to want to preserve our creations for eternity, and preferably for the entire universe? Are we just snapshots ourselves? Are artworks part of the natural process, where everything returns to dust? Stonehenge, the mythical statues of Easter Island, the city of Petra in the mountains of Jordan and the Egyptian Pyramids prove the opposite: centuries later, they play a powerful proof of civilizations that are no longer there. We who enjoy these strong works of art have the duty to preserve everything that is beautiful and good, so that others - even those outside this earth - can enjoy and learn from our views later on.

Let us safeguard the legacy of the future and do everything we can to preserve our PLANET HUMAN and proudly show who we are, in all our facets, good and evil. During this coming edition, Rotterdam Photo will highlight possible answers to these questions.

#### SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHERS

From a broad range of submissions, the selection commission selected over 120 photographers to exhibit their work, based on the theme PLANET HUMAN, during Rotterdam Photo 2021. The both national and international selection reveals the intriguing works of photographers like Roderik van Nispen, Dai Asano and Chris Lee. These selected photographers will display their work alongside renowned photographers such as Reiner Riedler, who will be presenting images from his project Pleasure Gardens. The exhibitions will be installed on both the inside and outside of the shipping containers at Nieuw - Mathenesse, Rotterdam (NL).

You can find more information on our website



© Marco Castaneda



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© Alexandra Brodsky

### SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHERS

Philippe Sarfati
Sebastian Steveniers
Marco Castaneda
Nicolo Filippo Rosso
Arianna Todisco
Aryan Jauregui
Alexander Kadow
Martin Kesting

Michelle Carolina Levie Maike & Emma Frisch

Geert Broertjes Roderik van Nispen Guillaume Simioni

Michel Petillo

Sjoerd Valks Danny Franzreb Sebastian Wells Won Kim

Sunniva Hestenes

Ron Jagers

tunnel19 (artist group) Sandro Livio Straube

David Verbeek Jeffrey Hsu

Benny van der Plank

Natalina Zainal (me is niza)

Benjamin Tietge Jorrit 't Hoen Harry Wijsbroek Bart Nelissen

Jacobien de Korte Jacqueline Louter Helma Vlemmings Demi Cauwenbergh

László Gálos

Michèle Bergsma Raki Nikahetiya

Ira Lupu Emma Pille

AGHI

Tomasz Kawecki Renata Crespo Anne Hollowday Max de Barbanson Emanuel Megersa Marcin Olesinski Claudia Orsetti

Angie Nam Johanna Encrantz

Mike Witjes Dai Asano Scott Cameron

Chantal Aimee Ehrhardt

Carole Rey Alan Knox

Jasper Letschert Gabriela Kükelhahn Sophie Whetton

Mireille van der Moga Vanessa Leissring

Tina Cosmai

Annemarie Hoogwoud

Marie Smith Nicolaus Dinter Ricardo Candia

Chris Lee

Richard Wohlfarth

Sandra Geul

Michele di Donato Alexandra Brodsky Mascha Dilger Steve Young

Tommaso Sacconi NDA photography

Mikhail Grebenshchikov

Daniel Zduniuk Marieke Matthijs

Aija Pole

Judith Hornbogen

Zsolt Balázs Martina Lajczak Tineke van Veen Zoie Kosper

Zoie Kasper Julia Hamilton Marloes Moraal

Phil Green

Alessio Mattia Ferrara Galina Agafonova Sonja Ovaskainen Charlotte Mariën Saskia Risseeuw Dorota Marcinkiewicz

## SINGLES PHOTOGRAPHERS

Annemarie Hoogwoud Marloes Moraal Melissa Carnemolla Anastasia Kolesnichenko

Lauren Forster Vania Broccoli John Håkansson Jacob Talbot

Ronojoy Sinha Dutta

Ioanna Natsikou

Chantal Aimee Ehrhardt

Hilde Maassen Elisa Maenhout Eddy Verloes

Jacobien de Korte Johanna Encrantz

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Marina Vitaglione Tommaso Carrara

Luca Brunetti Tomasz Kawecki

Julia Hamilton

Jennifer Weihmann

Andrea Ferber

Tomohiro Hanada

Einar Been Sjoerd Valks Ka Yee Chiu Cristiano Volk Jean Paul Nogues Ragna Arndt-Marić

Solenne Spitalier Sonnie Wooden

## Rotterdam Photo 2021 'Special Mention' Photographers

These 12 photographers won't take part in the Rotterdam Photo 2021 festival (30th June to 4th July). However, they were acknowledge by our selection commission as 'special mention' photographers. Their projects and stories behind them are addressing meaningful social and personal topics. The photo collections are from different parts of the globe, but through these photographs, the distance feels not that significant, and topics - not that far from each of us. In the end, this is what we all are sharing - our PLANET HUMAN.

You can find more information on our website



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Yan Boechat
Mehrdad Vahed
Ana Leal
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Mauricio Centurion
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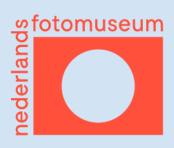




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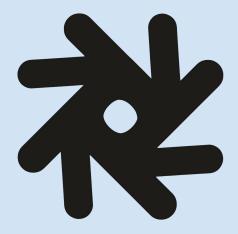
# Single Image Awards: Best Photography Award Public's Choice Award

#### PHOTO AWARDS

This year Rotterdam Photo launched photography awards that welcome a wide range of photographs and exhibition projects to be considered for recognition in various categories.

While some award categories will be judged by a panel of assigned judges, others will be voted for by the public through our social media profiles. The winners in each of these categories will receive a monetary remuneration.

More information about the variety of awards for the Rotterdam Photo 2021 edition you can find on our <u>website</u>.



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