

PHOTOGRAPHY

SIENA INTERNATIONAL PHOTO AWARDS 2027

DEADLINE

07 JAN 2027

41 DAYS LEFT

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27 Nov 2026	THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPH IS FREE TO...	VISIT ORGANIZER

DETAILS / KEEP FOR REFERENCE

SOURCE: GRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

The Siena International Photo Awards (SIPA) 2027 is now accepting entries from around the world, inviting photographers to share their perspectives on people, places, nature and contemporary life. Held in Siena, Italy, the annual competition is part of the Siena Awards, an independent cultural project dedicated to photography through exhibitions, public events and its international photography festival.

The competition has ten categories: Journeys & Adventures, Fascinating Faces and Characters, The Beauty of Nature, Animals in Their Environment, Underwater Life, Sports in Action, Documentary & Photojournalism, Street Photography, Storytelling and Short Documentary Film. Photo essays in the Storytelling category must contain between five and nine images and are judged in three separate sections: general news, daily life and contemporary issues, and nature and conservation. Short documentary films must be no longer than five minutes.

An international group of photography professionals and editors reviews the entries before they reach the final jury. Conventional photographic adjustments, such as minor cropping and corrections to brightness, contrast and colour balance, are permitted, but substantial alterations to the original composition are not. Finalists must provide original camera files and high-resolution images. Photographers retain copyright of their work while granting the organisers permission to use submitted images for promotional purposes related to the competition and festival.

Entry fee: The first photograph is free to enter. Three photographs (including the free entry) cost €30, with each additional image costing €10. Storytelling entries and short documentary films cost €35 each. Photographers under the age of 20 can submit up to three photographs free of charge.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to professional, amateur and student photographers worldwide, with no restrictions on when photographs were taken or whether they have previously been published or won awards, provided entrants are the original creators and copyright holders and have not used artificial intelligence to generate or edit their images.

PRIZE

The Photographer of the Year receives photographic equipment worth €1,500, the Pangea Prize crystal trophy and €400 towards accommodation in Siena. The Best Author and the first, second and third-place winners in each category also receive a Pangea Prize trophy and €400 towards accommodation. Highly Commended photographers receive a Crystal of Honor trophy, while Commended photographers receive a certificate. Award-winning photographs are exhibited in Siena for more than a month, published in the online gallery and promoted through international press and online media. Trophies and certificates are presented exclusively to winners attending the awards ceremony in October.