KLPA Interim Edition Autoportrait Prize 2025

Category: Photography
Deadline: October 31, 2025

Website: graphiccompetitions.com



The KLPA Interim Edition Autoportrait Prize 2025 is an international photography competition dedicated to the theme of experimental self-portraiture. This special edition of the Kuala Lumpur International Photoawards invites photographers from around the world to challenge conventional ideas of self-representation by exploring new and unconventional techniques. By focusing on originality, process, narrative, and conceptual strength, the prize seeks to celebrate self-portraits that push creative boundaries and reflect the diverse ways photographers interpret their own identities. Artificial intelligence-generated images are explicitly excluded, ensuring that the work submitted showcases authentic artistic vision and personal expression.

As one of the leading global photography awards based in Asia, the KLPA Interim Edition emphasizes innovation in contemporary portrait photography. It is open to a wide range of visual approaches, including analogue and digital methods, mixed media, and experimental processes that extend beyond traditional photography. This open call encourages both established photographers and emerging artists to reimagine the role of the self-portrait in a rapidly evolving visual culture. By doing so, the prize provides a unique platform for photographers to gain international recognition while contributing to a global dialogue on self-representation in art and photography.

Beyond being a competition, the Autoportrait Prize 2025 also functions as a showcase for experimental portraiture on an international stage. Selected finalists will have their work exhibited at the KLPA 2026 Finalists' Exhibition as well as partner festivals, reaching audiences far beyond Malaysia. With a focus on creative risk-taking and conceptual depth, the prize highlights the growing importance of self-portraiture as a medium for personal storytelling, cultural critique, and artistic innovation. By spotlighting groundbreaking work, the KLPA Interim Edition cements its role as a vital platform for photographers to expand the possibilities of self-portraiture in contemporary photography.

Entry fee: €10 for 1 image, €20 for 2 images, €45 for 3–6 images, €65 for 7–10 images.

Eligibility

Open to photographers (professionals and amateurs) worldwide aged 16 or older (must be 16 by 7 September

2025).

Prize

The top three winners in the main (open) category will receive cash awards of €1,000 (1st), €500 (2nd), and €300 (3rd). In addition, the top 35 entries (including finalists) will have their portraits screened at the KLPA 2026 finalists' exhibition and partner festivals, and Student entrants (under 25, full-time) compete in a student category with three awards of €200 each.