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21st LUCIE AWARDS HONOR OUTSTANDING PHOTOGRAPHERS GALA CEREMONY EMBRACES INTERNATIONAL PHOTO COMMUNITY

June 21, 2025, (*Ostuni, Italy*) – Ostuni, Italy, was the location for the 2025 Lucie Awards, where a gala ceremony and awards program took place this evening, at the Piazza della Libertà 72017, Ostuni, Italy. The Lucies, the world's most esteemed photography awards ceremony, honor the greatest achievements in the field by presenting awards ranging from Achievement in Fine Art to Documentary, Sports, and for the first time, Moving Image. Additionally, awards for excellence in several industry support categories, ranging from publishing to exhibition, are bestowed.

"Tonight, we pay tribute to the achievements of the honorees whose extraordinary work brings meaning to our community and the world. We are thrilled to be celebrating in Ostuni, Italy, where we will be with friends and colleagues, highlighting these achievements," said Hossein Farmani, founder of The Lucie Awards. He continues, "The Lucie Awards celebrate our industry, individuals, and our community. Tonight we gathered to honor some of the most admired and talented industry professionals."

The **2025 HONOREES and PRESENTERS** are:

Martin Schoeller for Achievement in Portraiture, presented by Anke Degenhard, Art Manager

CAMERA – Centro Italiano per la Fotografia receives the Spotlight Award, presented by Mario Calabresi, Italian journalist and writer

Adger Cowans for Achievement in Fine Art, presented by Dr. Dòwòti Désir, Independent Scholar and Curator of Contemporary Art

Peter Robinson for Achievement in Sports, presented by Nicola Maffei, Assessore alla Cultura e Turismo del Comune di Ostuni

Nino Migliori receives Visionary Award, presented by Ascanio Kurkumelis, Curator, art and photograph historian

Cristina García Rodero, Achievement in Documentary presented by Lucie Award-winning photographer Steve McCurry

Justine Evans for Achievement in Moving Image, presented by Angelo Pomes, Mayor of Ostuni

Marco Glaviano for Achievement in Fashion, presented by Alessia Glaviano, Head of Global PhotoVogue

Paolo Pellegrin for Achievement in Photojournalism, presented by Mario Calabresi, Italian journalist and writer

Hélène Binet for Achievement in Architecture, presented by Mimi Mollica, Photographer and Founding Director of Photo Meet

James Balog for Humanitarian Award (not attending), presented and accepted by James Nachtwey, 2004 Lucie Honoree for Achievement in Photojournalism

Philip Holsinger receives the Impact Award, presented by Former Prime Minister of Haiti, Laurent Lamothe

Massimo Vitali receives the Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by Domingo Milella, Artist

SUPPORT CATEGORY awards were also conferred on these winners:

Book Publisher of the Year - awarded to the publisher - Anchor in the Landscape, MACK, 2024, Adam Broomberg and Rafael Gonzalez

Creative Director of the Year - Laura Wimer Jewell and Gabe Jewell, Movement to Organize for Restaurant Equity, Jewell Studio, 2025

Advertising Campaign of the Year - Bundles of Joy, Burger King, BBH London

Photo Editor of the Year - Eve Lyons and Matthew Leifheit, Matte Magazine, Exciting Photography Now!

Photography Content of the Year - 212 Magazine, POSITOPIA

Photo Museum Exhibition of the Year - Weegee: Autopsy of the Spectacle, Henri Cartier Bresson Foundation

Photo Gallery Exhibition of the Year - Kate Moss, Camera Work

Photo Curator of the Year - Duncan Forbes, Lydia Caston, and Newell Harbin; Fragile Beauty: Photographs from the Sir Elton John and David Furnish Collection, Victoria and Albert Museum

Photo Lab of the Year - Whitewall Photo Lab, Germany

Production Company of the Year - Crawford & Co Productions, Benemart, Benefit Cosmetics

Photo Festival or Fair of the Year - Kyotographie

Photo Program of the Year - Middle East Children's Institute, MECI Photography Project

Photo Educator of the Year - Monica Aguilar Villamarin, ESPIRITU DE RIO, UNESCO Quito consultant

Additionally, two **LUCIE TECHNICAL AWARDS** were bestowed this evening:

SONY a1 II received the LTA for Best Camera

SIGMA BF AUTOFOCUS SYSTEM received the award for Achievement of Innovation

The Lucie Awards culminate a weekend of celebrations hosted by Lucie Foundation, the Lucie Awards' governing body, and kicked off on Thursday and Friday with lectures, panel discussions, and exhibitions. See this page for the full [EVENTS LIST](#)

About Lucie Foundation - Lucie Foundation's mission is to honor master photographers, discover and cultivate emerging talent, and promote photography appreciation worldwide. The Lucie Awards ceremony celebrates the outstanding achievements of the international photography community, recognizing those whose life's work deserves the highest acclaim. The Foundation presents year-round programming, offering financial funding through the Lucie Scholarship Programs in support of both emerging and professional photographers. Lucie Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable foundation. luciefoundation.org

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