



LANDSCAPE

PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR



Landscape Photographer Of The Year announces entry dates for the 2020 competition

- Landscape Photographer Of The Year announces new partners
- Categories confirmed for the 2020 competition
- Youth competition restructured to give young photographers more opportunity to enter
- Exhibition to tour around the UK from August 2020
- New website under construction

September 10th, Gillingham, Dorset Landscape Photographer Of The Year announces it will open for entries from the 15th January – 5th April 2020.

“One of the greatest highlights of my year is the launching of the next landscape photographer of the year and I am completely thrilled to be able to say that on the 15th of January 2020 the 13th landscape photographer of the year will launch. The closing date is the 5th of April. This will be the longest period when the competition will be open.

There is a completely ‘new look’ website with some new categories and new a new and straightforward procedure in place for entry.

I am so very much looking forward to once again seeing a new collection of landscape photographs both rural and urban of the wonderful United Kingdom.

I’m very proud to say that the top prize still stands at £10,000 with other financial prizes for category winners. Wishing everyone much good luck and good fortune out there with your camera.”

- Charlie Waite, Awards Founder

Landscape Photographer Of The Year is delighted to announce MPB as a new partner of the 2020 Awards. MPB is the world's best marketplace for used photography equipment.

Matt Barker, founder and CEO of MPB said “We’re thrilled to partner with next year’s edition of Landscape Photographer of the Year. For more than a decade, the competition has brought stunning images of the British landscape to the wider public. This fits perfectly with MPB’s mission to make photography more accessible and affordable for all. We’re also proud to announce a special category for next year’s competition - *Changing Landscapes* will award the photographer who most impressively captures the theme of ‘change’ in Britain’s evolving urban and rural landscape. I’m really excited to see how photographers take up this creative challenge”.

The Sunday Times are announced as the competitions Media Partner for 2020. Their new Special Award for 2020 is *Evolving Britain*. As The Sunday Times heads towards it’s 100th anniversary in 2021, it was felt a Special Award that shows elements of Britain’s history that still appear in our landscape today would be an exciting addition to the competition.

Light and Land, Britain's premier landscape photography tour and workshop company, to partner the competition in 2020. Emily Orr, manager of Light and Land said "Light and Land share a love of the landscape with Landscape Photographer Of The Year. In the last year we have introduced Astrophotography tours in Exmoor and Night Photography workshops in London which have proved to be incredibly popular. As a result we're thrilled to introduce the *Landscapes at Night* Special Award for the 2020 Awards. We are intrigued to see how photographers will interpret this and look forward to judging the entries".

Categories for 2020:

Classic View

We are looking for an image that captures the beauty and variety of the UK landscape. An iconic view; a view along a cliff-side path or of a historic village; a view down a valley; an urban skyline or snow-capped peaks; maybe showing the drama of our seasons. Recognisable and memorable; a true classic. Minor digital adjustments only please – the physical integrity of the image must be maintained.

Urban Life

Statistics suggest that up to 80% of the UK population lives in towns or cities. This category really focuses on the subject - from historic to modern - but no underground car parks, tube stations etc please – anything urban and of the outdoors is eligible. We will be taking a broad approach subject-wise – the word 'urban' is used as a general theme, so 'suburban' areas or country towns are fine. Minor digital adjustments only please – the physical integrity of the image must be maintained.

Your View

What does the UK landscape mean to you? A stream rushing over pebbles, a foggy day in the Peak District, fish & chips on a deserted beach, you and your friends on your first big summit. Pretty much anything goes, as long as it is in the UK and of the outdoors. Use your imagination, as you have the scope for a very conceptual and personal approach.

Digital manipulation is allowed in this category and creativity is encouraged.

Black and White - New for 2020

This category recognises the continued importance of this genre of photography and its popularity amongst Landscape Photographer Of The Year entrants. This can include both urban and suburban landscapes.

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More opportunity for young emerging photographers. Landscape Photographer Of The Year has announced that young photographers entering the competition (18 or under on 5th April 2020) will now be able to enter up to five images for free into any category or special award they wish. Additional bundles of 5 images will also be available to purchase for those wishing to enter more photographs into the competition

Following on from an incredibly successful exhibition that toured the UK in 2018 and 2019 visiting 10 cities, Landscape Photographer Of The Year is delighted to be supported by Network Rail again in 2020 who will provide our wonderful exhibition venues. This exhibition offers audiences across the U.K the opportunity to see the very best in landscape photography from the past year. Network Rail will also have their own Special Award, *Lines In The Landscape*. **This Award will be presented to the one photographer who best captures the spirit of today's rail network as it relates to the landscape around it**

A new website is currently being built by website developers Moore-Wilson. The full site will be launched in early January 2020, www.lpoty.co.uk. Whilst the website is under construction, competition news and details will be released on our Facebook and Instagram pages:

Facebook: @UKLPOTY

Instagram: @uklpoty

Notes to Editors

Images from previous editions of the Awards are available from Katy Love at katy@lpoty.co.uk

The full touring schedule of the 2020 Landscape Photographer Of The Year Exhibition will be announced in December 2020.

2020 competition key dates

- Open for entries 15 January – 5 April 2020
- Awards announcement - 12 July 2020
- Book release - July 2020
- Exhibition launch – August 2020

About Landscape Photographer Of The Year

Landscape Photographer of the Year was founded in 2006 by Charlie Waite, one of today's most respected landscape photographers.

With a total prize fund worth £20,000, a full colour book of best entries and a popular annual exhibition in Central London, Landscape Photographer of the Year celebrates all that is great about the British landscape and showcases the work of many talented photographers, inspiring visitors to experience the joys of British landscapes at first hand. Britain's heritage is celebrated by people around the world and entries are welcome from everyone, whether resident in Britain or simply visiting.

Awards are presented to both the adult and young Landscape Photographer of the Year and there are four main categories that have both adult and youth sections, with additional prizes offered within each category.

The annual exhibition attracts many thousands of visitors. Held at the National Theatre for seven years, it became one of the venue's most popular exhibitions before moving to London Waterloo, the busiest station in the country, in 2014. The first show of its kind to be held at the station, the exhibition has become a focal point for many of the quarter of a million visitors that pass through each day.

About Charlie Waite

Charlie Waite is firmly established as one of the world's leading landscape photographers. His photographic style is often considered to be unique, in that his photographs convey an almost spiritual quality of serenity and calm. Represented in private and corporate collections throughout the world, he has held numerous solo exhibitions at prestigious venues in the UK, Japan and the USA.

With over 30 books to his name, Charlie's photographs have received wide critical acclaim over many years. A recent article in Royal West of England Academy Art Magazine featuring Charlie's work commented "Waite's landscapes are rare perfections of light, colour and composition and offer the viewer a luxuriant portrait of a planet at peace".

In 2000 Charlie was awarded the prestigious honorary fellowship to the British Institute of Professional Photographers and in early 2007 was presented with Amateur Photography's Power of Photography Award, which is given to a photographer whose work is deemed to effectively demonstrate the powerful and memorable images of which photography is capable. Also a sought after writer, public speaker and presenter, Charlie has featured in numerous photographic and broadsheet publications, DVDs and television programmes on photography.

Charlie founded the Landscape Photographer of the Year Awards in 2006 with the aim of providing a showcase for those around the world who share his passion for the art of landscape photography.