

Foto8 Award & Summer Show 2009 Winner of the Best in Show and Public Vote awards

Foto8 and HOST Gallery are pleased to announce that the award for Best in Show at the Foto8 Summer Show 2009 goes to Torben Weiss for his image "Mr Brohr in his room full of pictures" and the Public Vote has been awarded to Sofie Knijff.

The panel of judges (see below) were impressed by the high standard and diversity of all selected entries and discussed the considerations that constitute the success of a single image: formal qualities of composition, technical competence of the photographer and originality. Yet, the deciding factor was ultimately the context of the image.

As described by judge Graham Wood: "This image is asking questions. The assumption is he's in prison, but he may not be; he might just be lonely. You imagine it is sinister, yet these are images from everyday magazines. It's the way the guy looks which makes it sinister. Not many pictures are asking so many questions. I feel I could keep coming back to this and asking more."



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PHOTOGRAPHER'S BIOGRAPHY

Torben Weiss is a 27-year-old German photography student at the University of Applied Sciences in Munster. He says of the winning image:

"The exhibited picture was taken in a German psychiatry, where I stayed for one week. I was able to take pictures of the patients in their rooms and also document daily life in the ward. The "faces" on the wall and ceiling in this image are mostly from newspapers and magazines but also a lot of pictures of himself as a small boy, his family and of his little rabbit. While I was in the psychiatry I felt, that I as a photographer, had a responsibility towards the people I photographed."

The runner-up for the Best in Show is Nick Ballon for his image of the Chacaltaya ski lift imported to Bolivia from Switerland in the 1930s.



The winner of the 2009 Public Vote, as voted by visitors to the gallery, is awarded to Sofie Knijff for her image of "A boy from Hombori who wants to be a journalist. He didn't have a jacket so he drew one on."

FURTHER INFORMATION

JUDGES

Diana Ewer, Director, TAG Fine Art
Richard Kalman, Director, Crane Kalman Gallery Brighton
Simon Norfolk, Photographer
Andrea Stern, Head of Images, Victoria and Albert Museum
Graham Wood, Director of Photography, The Times Magazine

ABOUT THE SUMMER SHOW

The **Foto8 Summer Show** at HOST is an open print fair and annual show of new works by photographers. In 2009 Foto8 received over 2,300 image entries from 44 countries. These were edited down to 122, which form the exhibition at HOST Gallery. Photographers were invited to submit their framed prints for the final display. All works on display are for sale.

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The **Summer Show Launch Night** on 24 July drew a crowd of 400 photography lovers to the gallery, spilling out onto Honduras Street.

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