

The Nominations for Year 27 of Czech Press Photo

The Czech Press Photo competition's international jury has now chosen the nominated pictures for this year—its twenty-seventh. The submissions competed in eight photographic categories, with the jury assessing individual photos and series together. Five experts evaluated over 4,300 pictures taken by 250 photographers from the Czech and Slovak Republics. Nominations will additionally be announced in a parallel competition for pupils and students: Czech Photo Junior. A winner will be announced for the Prague Grant and the partner prize.

"Thanks to thorough pre-selection, the jury could work with maximum efficiency. Out of the submissions, what stayed on the jurors' minds were the powerful and high-quality photos that advanced to later rounds. As for topics, the most dominant were definitely the tornado that hit South Moravia, the Olympics, the crosses on Old Town Square, and the anti-vaccination demonstration attended by soccer hooligans. Working together, we chose the best pictures representing the last twelve months," states chief juror Petr Mlch.

The international jury was in session on October 17th–19th at the Czech Photo Centre gallery, with the following members: chief juror – Petr Mlch, head of the Czech News Agency's photo bank; Adrian Evans, director of the Panos Pictures agency, from the UK; Sean Gallup, Getty Images' head photographer, from Germany; Alžběta Jungrová, a Czech photographer from the 400ASA group, and Jan Zátorský, a Czech photographer for the Mafra media house.

The Photo of the Year will be announced along with the category winners at a gala ceremony held in January at the National Museum. Photos were submitted using an electronic system. Submissions were open to photographers with permanent residence in the Czech Republic or Slovakia.

The Prague Grant is the competition's second main prize. Its winning photo series is selected by the mayor of Prague at the recommendation of the international jury, which recommends selected series with the highest ratings. This prize went to **Petr Vrabec, for his cycle named "Prague's Periphery."**

Like every year, children from Czech Radio's children's choir (Dismal Radio Children's Choir) participated in the jury. This year their clear favorite was a picture by Barbora Reichová from the Czech Olympic Committee depicting swimmer Simona Davidová under the water.

The Nominations for Czech Press Photo 2021. In each of the eight competition categories, the jury awards three category nominations for works that have reached the third voting round.

CURRENT EVENTS

Martin Divíšek, EPA – Hooligan riots against Covid measures

Martin Divíšek, EPA – A tornado has hit the South Moravia region, in the southeast of the Czech Republic.

Petr Topič, Mafra, a.s. – Devastation

REPORTAGE

Lukáš Bíba, Economia – Waves Two and Three

Lukáš Bíba, Economia – 25,000 crosses

Petr Vrabec – Strajk kobiet protests in Warsaw

DAILY LIFE

Jan Cága – Dog beaches

David W Černý, Reuters – One pandemic, one city, one person

David Těšínský – Life and Death in Guatemala

THE PEOPLE THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT

Martin Hykl and Marek Pátek, Blesk – Minister of Health Roman Prymula leaves Rio's Restaurant in Prague's Vyšehrad district

Petr David Josek, AP – Johnny Depp at the 55th Karlovy Vary Film Festival

Petr Topič, Mafra, a.s. – Andrej Babiš's election campaign

ART AND CULTURE

Lukáš Bíba, Economia – The Roads

Lukáš Bíba, Economia – The Crystal Globe—The 20th anniversary of the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival

Milan Bureš, Respekt – Pavel Dias

SPORTS

Michal Sváček, Mafra, a.s. – The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

Jaroslav Svoboda – Bikes!

Roman Vondrouš / ČTK – Faithful fans

PORTRAITS

Michal Sváček, Mafra, a.s. – Actor Karel Dobrý

Michael Tomeš, Intro – Jaroslav Róna

Martin Zeman – Jazzmen

HUMANS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Michal Fanta – Bird flu

Michal Turek – Ringing of a migratory falcon at the Chempark

Igor Zehl, ČTK – A digital lull

Special Awards:

The **Canon Junior Award** for young photographers went to **Ondřej Deml** for his series from the Olympics entitled Olympic Emotions. The Committee of Goodwill – Olga Havel Foundation prize was awarded to **Kevin V. Ton** for a photo series documenting the fates of Maruška, a homeless women. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) award went to **Lenka Klicperová** for her photo series from Nagorno-Karabakh. The Czech News Agency's special scholarship for young photographers 26 and under—to be awarded on-site at the agency—went to Barbora Kvasničková for her Destructive Blazes near Athens series. A prize in cooperation with Samsung went to **Martin Veselý** from the Mafra media house for his photos from music festivals.

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<https://www.czechphoto.org/cpp/nominace-2021-cp-junior/>

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