

# Photo District News Announces 2018 "PDN's 30: New and Emerging Photographers to Watch"



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The editors of Photo District News (PDN), the award-winning publication for professional photographers, have today published the "PDN's 30 2018: New and Emerging Photographers to Watch" issue and online gallery. Now in its 19th year, this special issue and online gallery highlight 30 photographers selected by PDN's editors for their creativity, versatility, distinctive styles and outstanding accomplishments. A selection of their images and the stories of how they launched their careers can be found in PDN's April 2018 issue and online at: [www.pdns30.com](http://www.pdns30.com).

"In the many years we've been publishing this annual issue on emerging photographers, we've seen an evolution in the way 'PDN's

30 photographers' describe their paths to building careers," says Holly Stuart Hughes, editor of PDN and one of the four PDN staff members who selected the 30. "Many of this year's 30 have had to find multiple sources of income to support their long-term personal projects, have explored visual storytelling in both photography and video, and have made ingenious use of social media to share the work they are passionate about with editors, galleries and potential clients."

The PDN's 30 2018 photographers come from 10 countries. They were selected from more than 250 photographers nominated by photo editors, curators, educators, publishers, critics and photographers around the world. The 30 include photographers who have exhibited their photographs internationally and have created commissioned work for National Geographic, The New York Times Magazine, artist Kehinde Wiley, Google, designer Marc Jacobs, Vogue, i-D, The Guardian and other editorial and commercial clients.

They established their reputations by pursuing personal projects on a variety of topics: LGBTQ youth, human rights issues in Guatemala and the Democratic Republic of Congo, female musicians in New York's electronic music scene, the Chinese diaspora, and daily life in rural America.

Profiles of the 2018 PDN's 30 provide insights into how they have promoted their work and the most valuable business lessons they have learned from mentors and peers. PDN will host six panel discussions on career strategies for emerging photographers at photo schools and photo festivals around the U.S. in 2018. The PDN's 30 issue and educational events are sponsored by Sony and Canson.

"We're grateful for the continued support of Sony and Canson in helping inspire and educate the next generation of photographers," Hughes says. "Like PDN, Sony and Canson are committed to providing photographers at every level of experience the tools they need to succeed."



Images from RABUN, GA

## The 2018 PDN's 30: New and Emerging Photographers to Watch are:

*Diana Zeyneb Alhindawi  
Sarah Blesener  
Ted Cavanaugh  
Matthew Cicanese  
Cody Cobb  
Gabiella Demczuk  
Kyle Dorosz  
Emile Duce  
Kholood Eid  
Alina Fedorenko*

*Johanna-Maria Fritz  
Julia Gartland  
**Jennifer Garza-Cuen**  
Matthew Genitempo  
Laurel Golio  
Brian Guido  
R. J. Kern  
Joyce Kim  
Daria Kobayashi Ritch  
Álvaro Laiz*

*Eva O'Leary  
Brad Ogbonna  
Paola + Murray  
Jordi Pizarro  
Hannah Reyes Morales  
Maggie Shannon  
Danna Singer  
Daniele Volpe  
Cole Wilson  
An Rong Xu*

The first PDN's 30 issue was published in 1999. Photographers selected for past PDN's 30 issues have become some of today's most acclaimed photographers. They include: Lynsey Addario, Alec Soth, Taryn Simon, LaToya Ruby Frazier, Norman Jean Roy, Ami Vitale, Natalie Keyssar, Christian Patterson, Bryan Schutmaat, Tomas van Houtryve, Aaron Huey, Olivia Bee, Jonas Bendickson, Wayne Lawrence and Daniella Zalczman, to name a few.

### About PDN

Photo District News (PDN), the award-winning monthly magazine for the professional photographer, has been covering the professional photographic industry for over 30 years. PDN and its website, PDNOnline.com, deliver unbiased news and analysis, interviews and photographic portfolios. PDN delivers the information photographers need to survive in a competitive business—from marketing and business advice to legal issues, photographic techniques, new technologies and more.

For more information visit [www.pdnonline.com](http://www.pdnonline.com).

**Images are available upon request.**

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