

The Zvi and Ofra Meitar Foundation
PHOTO IS: RAE (PBC)

The 2019 Meitar Award for Excellence in Photography Contest Bylaws

PHOTO IS: RAE (PBC), producer of the International Photography Festival, and the Zvi and Ofra Meitar Foundation will present the fourth Meitar Award for Excellence in Photography for the fourth time this year. The winner will receive a \$14,000 grant to set for setting up a solo exhibition that will be featured in the 2020 International Photography Festival, (see details below)

20 shortlisted competitors selected by the panel of judges will be featured in the 7th International Photography Festival in Tel Aviv, in November 2019.

The International Photography Festival is run by PHOTO IS:RAEL (PBC), an independent, non-profit company established in 2011, whose directors and activists operate on a voluntary and non-profit basis. The judges look for excellence in photography, with an emphasis on originality and the ability to create a body of work for the exhibition. The works will be presented to the panel of judges anonymously, without identifying markers.

Panel of Judges

David Adika, Photographer and Head of the Photography Department at Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem

Nathalie Herschdorfer, curator and art historian specializing in the history of photography, Director of the Museum of Fine Arts in Le Locle, Switzerland

Mirjam Kooiman, Art historian, writer, and curator at Foam Photography Museum, Amsterdam

Laura Letinsky, Artist and Professor, University of Chicago, Department of Visual Arts

Dafna Meitar-Nechmad, The Zvi and Ofra Meitar Foundation

Doron Rabina, Chief Curator, Tel Aviv Museum of Art

Moshe Rosenzweig, OAM, Founder and Artistic Director, Head On Photo Festival, Sydney, Australia

Rivka Saker, Chairman Sotheby's Israel, Founder and board chair of Artis

Marta Weiss, Senior Photography Curator, the Victoria & Albert Museum, London

Eligibility:

- A legal adult (in the country of origin).
- Participants may submit a body of work created during the last five years.

- Each participant may submit a body of work comprising up to 12 photographs (hereinafter "body of work").
- Submitted photographs must be taken by the applying photographer.
- Applying photographers must possess full rights of use for the images, and are fully and exclusively liable for any third-party claim or lawsuit related to the publication of the submitted images.
- Participants accept the stipulations of the contest regulations wholly and absolutely.
- PHOTO IS:RAEL reserves the right to review the suitability of the participants to the criteria and to rule in any dispute that may arise at any time on this issue.

Application

- Photographs must be submitted via the contest website: <https://www.photoisrael.org/meitar/> (hereinafter: "Competition Website") during the competition period and follow the instructions detailed on the website. Photos must meet the "photo criteria" listed below.
- Each applicant may apply to the 2019 Meitar Award once. Any additional applications will be disqualified. Group applications and applications on behalf of various organizations will be disqualified. Any incomplete, damaged, forged images in whole or in part, illegally obtained photographs, or late submissions will be disqualified.
- Each application will be deemed to have been submitted by the owner of the email account used to apply. The "Account Owner" is the person registered to the account when it is opened.

Materials for submission:

- 6-12 images, in JPG format only, measuring 1500 pixels on the long side of the image (for example, 1000x1500 pixels). Please include the work's title – up to 60 characters in English.
- A description of the body of work – a short text (up to 800 words) describing the project and any relevant information, in English only. You may include links to websites and video works.
- A short CV in English only

Photo criteria:

The artists registering for the contest declare and undertake to verify that the images included in their work body corresponds to the stipulations of the present bylaws, and meet all the following criteria:

- All photographs submitted for the contest must be original and taken by the submitter.
- If the submitted images include minors, or models/subjects incapable of explicitly consenting to be photographed, the submitter may be required to provide written consent of the subject's parents/custodians to use the image, according to circumstances.
- The submitted photographs must be free of any binding agreement with a third party that might hold the Meitar Foundation or PHOTO:IS RAEL (PBC) liable for payment to any individual or entity in connection with the images' copyright or their use.
- The body of work should comprise of 6-12 images, to be submitted in JPG format, measuring 1500 pixels on the long side of the image (for example, 1000x1500 pixels).

Schedule:

- Early registration for Meitar Award: 26.6.2019-15.7.2019 – \$42.00 registration fee.
- Late registration for Meitar Award: 16.7.2019-31.7.2019 – \$54.00 registration fee.
- Applicants are responsible for determining the start and closing time of the competition in their time zone (insofar as they are outside the State of Israel).
- The shortlist of artists whose works will be featured in the 7th International Photography Festival will be announced during October 2019.
- The Meitar Award winner will be announced during the International Photography Festival – November 2019.
- The International Photography Festival reserves the right to change these dates and to publish the new dates on the Festival's website and/or social media.

Intellectual property rights

Artists applying for Meitar Award will maintain ownership rights of all the intellectual property (including ethical rights) related to the images comprising the working body, subject to the present bylaws. However, by participating in the contest, the artists give the Meitar Foundation, the International Photography Festival, and PHOTO:IS RAEL (PBC), and through them to any third parties involved in marketing (hereunder "The Authorized Users") their irrevocable, non-exclusive, international, royalty-free permission, within legal bounds, to change, edit, copy, duplicate and adjust the images to the format required for internet product pages and for marketing materials only, to advertise and use the photos and their content and components, including any name, place or portrait they may contain, in every type of media, including, but not limited to, digital and electronic media, computers and audio-visual media (present or future), in any language, worldwide, and in any way, without need to check, notify or receive approval, without any return or compensation. All the above for the sole purpose of promoting and/or advertising the Meitar Foundation Photography Contest, or the 8th Photography Festival. Other than the purposes listed above, and other uses intended to promote the festival, the award and the activities of PHOTO IS:RAEL, no commercial use will be made of the photographs, and all commercial rights will remain in the possession of the artist.

Privacy Waiver

The artists positively agree that personal details to be provided as part of the registration process, including name, mailing address and email, will be kept, processed and stored by and may be used in other ways for the purposes of the competition and as part of the competition.

It is hereby stated that the organizers may also use this data to verify the identity and personal details of the participating artists. For the record, artists' payment details are not considered part of their personal data. The payment details will not be kept and will not be used in any other way by the organizers.

Failure to provide full personal details during the application process may lead to the disqualification of the artist. The winning artist agrees that the Meitar Foundation, the International Photography Festival and PHOTO IS: RAEL may use his/her name and/or portrait and the winning body of work without further compensation for the purpose of presenting him/her as the winner of the competition in advertising and marketing materials of the aforesaid bodies, for a reasonable period after the end of the competition and until and after the 8th Photography Festival.

The artist undertakes to bear in full and exclusively any claim of infringement by a third party as a result of the publication of the images that will be submitted.

The Prize

The winner of the competition will be granted a \$14,000 prize, to be divided as follows:

- A \$2,500 personal award, to be granted to the winner (hereinafter "The Personal Prize") within 60 days of announcement.
- A sum of \$11,500 will be dedicated to curating, setting up and producing a solo exhibition that will be part of the 8th International Photography Festival. The above sum will be transferred to the winner through PHOTO IS: RAEL in a schedule to be determined in coordination between the winner and PHOTO IS: RAEL and the Meitar Foundation during preparations for the 2020 International Photography Festival
- The Meitar Foundation and PHOTO IS:RAEL (PBC) may request the artist to substitute or add images to the body of work.
- The winner will receive the \$2,500 award even if the International Photography Festival is canceled due to an act of God or for any other reason. Should the Festival be canceled, the balance of the prize, amounting to \$11,500, will not be allocated to the winner or any other party.

General Comments

- By participating in the competition, applicants accept de facto all the bylaw clauses.
- The management of the International Photography Festival reserves the right to change the listed dates and/or the panel of judges at its discretion.
- The decision of the panel of judges is final and irrevocable.
- Choice of law, jurisdiction, arbitration: The clauses of these bylaws are subject to and interpreted under the Israeli State Law. Should any of the listed stipulations be canceled or declared impossible to enforce, all the other stipulations will remain unchanged and valid. By applying, applicants are aware that the sole responsibility for the competition lies with PHOTO IS: RAEL and exempt the Zvi and Ofra Meitar Family Foundation or anyone acting on its behalf from any responsibility for the competition, its management and results.
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