

# Russian, Ukrainian Photographers Shortlisted for World's Top Award

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Four Russians and one Ukrainian photographer have been shortlisted for this year's prestigious Sony World Photography Awards. Works by Sasha Bauer, Fyodor Savintsev, Alexey Pavlov and Igor Kryukov of Russia, as well as Maryna Masel of Ukraine, were selected from a record-breaking number of over 300,000 entries from 220 countries. Another notable entry, a portrayal of Russia's Face-Slapping Championship, was submitted by a U.S.-based photographer of Russian descent, Anton Dotsenko. Held for 14 consecutive years, the Sony World Photography Awards recognizes the world's leading photography professionals whose works reflect a combination of technical excellence and a fresh perspective on contemporary reality. This year, photos by Bauer and Savintsev will also be among those competing for the top prizes awarded across 10 categories. While the winners won't be announced until April, you can already take a look at works by the shortlisted photographers below:



Russia's Face-Slapping Championship is exactly what it sounds like. **Anton Dotsenko / Sony World Photography Award**

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