

HOST @ Crane Kalman Brighton The Foto8 Awards Show

Crane Kalman Brighton is pleased to present, **HOST @ Crane Kalman Brighton**, an exhibition featuring a selection of images from the 2nd annual Foto8 Awards show held in London this Summer. The exhibition will run from 7th to 27th September 2009.

The Foto8 Awards are held annually at the HOST Gallery in London and are a celebration of the best in reportage, portraiture and landscape photography, featuring emerging and established photographers.

Foto8 is the UK's leading photography magazine dedicated to reportage photography and photojournalism. The Foto8 Awards are a celebration of the quality and diversity of contemporary photography currently being produced both in the UK and internationally.

The 2009 Awards Show had an overwhelming number of works submitted for inclusion, with over 2,300 images entered from 44 different countries including Bangladesh, Iran, Mexico, Thailand and Turkey.

Photographers were encouraged to submit entries of their work, as single images or as a short series. Images were then chosen according to aesthetics and substance, regardless of photographic genre, with the final selection of 120 images, chosen by the Foto8 editors, going on display at the HOST Gallery this summer.

A team of guest judges chosen from different corners of the world of photography then chose their favourite piece of work to be named 'Best in Show' and awarded the top prize of £1500. A second award, 'The People's Choice', was also selected by public votes cast during the HOST Gallery show. Both winning pieces will be on display as part of **HOST @ Crane Kalman Brighton**.

This year's panel of judges includes Brighton-based photographer, Simon Norfolk, Head of Images at the Victoria & Albert Museum, Andrea Stern and the Director of Photography at The Times Magazine, Graham Wood.

HOST @ Crane Kalman Brighton will run from 7th to 27th September 2009 at the Crane Kalman Gallery, Brighton, 38 Kensington Gardens, North Laine, Brighton BN1 4AL (www.cranekalmanbrighton.com).

For further information, or a selection of images, please contact Richard Kalman on 01273 697096 or via email on enquiries@cranekalmanbrighton.com

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