

15th KAUNAS PHOTO festival announces program and invites to “Comfort Zone”

The main program of the 15th **KAUNAS PHOTO** festival will start on 1st of September with works of close to 40 artists, exhibitions in 8 museums, galleries, 4 open air spaces and almost 30 free events. Thematically, the festival explores “Comfort Zone” and its margins. **KAUNAS PHOTO** Open Call was a huge success, bringing about 300 proposals of photographers from 43 countries of the world. 24 photographers’ works were selected for the **KAUNAS PHOTO** festival program, 2 of them carried out artist residencies in Kaunas, and other 3 photographers will undertake residencies in small towns of Lithuania in September.

KAUNAS PHOTO 2018 – MAIN PROGRAM EVENTS

September 1, Saturday

From 9 am Portfolio Reviews. Kauno Dokas (Jonavos str. 7). Registered participants only.

4:00 pm Exhibition opening. Kaunas city council Vincas Kudirka public library, department of youth music and art (A. Mapu st. 18). **Andrej Vasilenko** (Lithuania) “This is Vilnius”. Exhibition on display till 29th of September.

Working hours: Mon-Fri 9 am – 7 pm, Sat 10 am – 4 pm.

4:30 pm Exhibition opening. Kaunas city museum, Lithuanian folk music history department (L. Zamenhofo str. 12). Exhibition of **KAUNAS PHOTO STAR 2018 Finalists**. Exhibition on display till October 13.

Working hours: Tue-Fri 10 am – 6 pm, Sat 10 am – 5 pm

Ticket price 1 Eur. (event free of charge).

5:30 pm Exhibition opening. "Meno parkas" Gallery (Rotušės sq. 27.). Exhibition of **KAUNAS PHOTO STAR 2018 Finalists**. Exhibition on display till October 5.

Working hours: Tue-Fri 12 pm – 6:30 pm, Sat 11 am – 4 pm



© Gloria Oyarzabal (Spain) „WOMAN GO NO'GREE“

6 pm Exhibition opening and revelation of **KAUNAS PHOTO STAR 2018 Winner**. Kaunas Photography Gallery (Vilniaus str. 2). Exhibition on display till October 7.

Working hours: Tue-Fri 11 am – 6 pm, Sat-Sun 11 am – 5 pm

KAUNAS PHOTO STAR 2018 Finalists: **Kirill Golovchenko** (Ukraine/Germany) “Bitter Honeydew“, **Mindaugas Ažušilis** (Lithuania) “Accident“, **Gloria Oyarzabal** (Spain) “WOMAN GO NO'GREE“, **Davide Monteleone** (Italy/Russia) “A New Silk Road“, **Federico Estol**(Uruguay) “Shine Heroes“, **Hester den Boer** (Netherlands) “The Gulag Heritage“, **Lynné Bowman Cravens** (USA) Works with different titles, **Alena Grom** (Ukraine) “Medium of Instruction“, **Gregoire Cachemaille** (Switzerland/Germany) “Subsidences“, **Hannes Jung** (Germany) “How Is Life?“, **Laurent Muschel** (France) “Haircut – From Ethiopia to Cuba“, **Simon Menner** (Germany) “Camouflage“.

8 pm KAUNAS PHOTO NIGHT 1. Kaunas Artists' House (V. Putvinskio str. 56).

KAUNAS PHOTO STAR Finalists' work preview.

Premiere of world-wide and time-freezing project curated by **Jean M. Babonneau** (France/Denmark) “One World-One Family” May 1998 and May 2018.

September 7, Friday

4 pm Exhibition visit to Lithuanian Museum of Education History. **Öncü Hrant Gültekin** (Turkey/Germany) “Stolen Armenian Cemeteries“, **Michał Adamski** (Poland) “Close to the ground, far from heaven” in presence of artist.

5 pm Exhibition opening. M. Žilinskas Art Gallery, M. K. Čiurlionis National Museum of Art (Nepriklausomybės sq. 12).



© Lina Scheynius and Ignas Šeinius (Sweden/Lithuania)

“Šeinius + Scheynius” exhibition:

Lina Scheynius and **Ignas Šeinius** (Sweden/Lithuania).

“Home Sweet Home” exhibition:

Alnis Stakle (Latvia), **Evzen Sobek** (Czech Republic), **Rubi Lebovitch** (Israel), **Rebeca Cordero** (Mexico), **Superultraextra duo: Ewa Bold & Patryk Hadas** (Poland).

Kaunas Photo Art Residency Result exhibition: **Conchi Martínez** (Spain) “KAUNOPOLY”;

Solo exhibition: **Poike Stomps** (Netherlands) „Crossing Europe“.

“Comfort Zone” exhibition:



© Haley Morris-Cafiero (USA) "Wait Watchers"

Haley Morris-Cafiero (USA) "Wait Watchers" , **Vladimir Antaki** (France/Canada) "Family Portrait", **Tadas Kazakevičius** (Lithuania) "Soon to be Gone", **Florian Muller** (Germany) "Hashtags Unplugged", **Lasse Lecklin** (Finland) "The Most Beautiful Nuclear Power Plants in Europe".

Exhibitions on display till October 13.

Working hours: Tue-Sun 11 am – 5 pm., Thu 11 am – 7 pm

Ticket price: adults 3€, students 1,5€, school children, children and pensioners – free entrance.

8 pm KAUNAS PHOTO NIGHT 2. Projections of Artist works from the KAUNAS PHOTO 2018 Open Call. Duration 45 minutes. Volfas Engelman Studija (Kaunakiemio str. 2, Kaunas).

September 8, Saturday

1 pm Artist talk. M. Žilinskas Art Gallery, M. K. Čiurlionis National Museum of Art (Nepriklausomybės sq. 12). **Conchi Martínez** (Spain) “KAUNOPOLY” and “Kaunopoly” game sessions. Everyone welcome.

September 10, Monday

5 pm Exhibition opening. Multi-functional Study and Science center of Vytautas Magnus University (V. Putvinskio str. 23). **Emanuela Colombo** (Italy) “Brazilka”. Exhibition on display till October 31.

Working hours: Mon-Fri 8 am – 6 pm

6 pm Exhibition opening. Presidential library – museum of Valdas Adamkus (S. Daukanto str. 25). **Ieva Martinaitis** (Brazil) “11000KM”.

Henrikas Gulbinas, Egidijus Aleksandravičius (Lithuania) “Expedition: Lithuanian Roads Brazil” film review.

Exhibition on display till October 31.

Working hours: Mon-Fri 10 am – 4 pm, Sat 10 am – 2 pm

KAUNAS PHOTO exhibition – free entrance.

Exposition of museum of President Valdas Adamkus ticket price: adults 2€, children, students and pensioner 1€.

September 11, Tuesday

6 pm Guided tour to “Comfort Zone” exhibition at M. Žilinskas Art Gallery, M. K. Čiurlionis National Museum of Art (Nepriklausomybės sq. 12) and

6:30 pm Artist talk by **Haley Morris-Cafiero** (USA).

September 13, Thursday

6 pm Guided tour to **KAUNAS PHOTO** exhibitions. M. Žilinskas Art

Gallery, M. K. Čiurlionis National Museum of Art (Nepriklausomybės sq. 12) in presence of **Vladimir Antaki** (France/Canada).



© Vladimir Antaki (France/Canada) "Family Portrait"

8 pm – KAUNAS PHOTO NIGHT 3 featuring illustrated Artist talk by **Vladimir Antaki** (France/Canada) and projections of artist works from the **KAUNAS PHOTO 2018** Open Call. Duration 70 minutes. Volfas Engelman Studija (Kaunakiemio str. 2, Kaunas). Free entrance.

September 14, Friday

4 pm Guided tour and Artist talk by **Michał Adamski**. Lithuanian Museum of Education History (Vytauto pr. 52, Kaunas).

September 15, Saturday

4:30 pm KAUNAS PHOTO festival delegated exhibitions open in the festival of Les Photaumnales. Meetings with invited

photographers and guided visit. Le Quadrilatère, Beauvais, France.

Tadas Kazakevičius "Soon to be Gone"

Andrej Vasilenko "This is Beauvais", resulting work of an artist residency, provided by Les Photaumnales, artist selected during Portfo.LT 2017 by KAUNAS PHOTO.

<https://www.photaumnales.fr/>

5 pm "Proudly Shy"- presentation of Lithuanian photography 1988-2018 / Project of a film by **Mindaugas Kavaliauskas**. Le Quadrilatère, Beauvais, France.

September 20, Thursday

Guided tour to **KAUNAS PHOTO STAR** exhibition across three venues in the following order:

5 pm – Kaunas city museum, Lithuanian folk music history department (L. Zamenhofo str. 12);

5:30 pm – Kaunas Photography Gallery (Vilniaus str. 2);

6 pm – "Meno Parkas" Gallery";

6:30 pm – Kaunas city council Vincas Kudirka public library, department of youth music and art (A. Mapu st. 18).

September 26, Wednesday

6 pm – Artist talk by **Andrej Vasilenko** (Lithuania). Kaunas city council Vincas Kudirka public library, department of youth music and art (A. Mapu st. 18).

September 27, Thursday

6 pm Guided tour to **KAUNAS PHOTO** exhibitions. M. Žilinskas Art Gallery, M. K. Čiurlionis National Museum of Art (Nepriklausomybės sq. 12) ending with Artist talk by **Tadas Kazakevičius** (Lithuania).

October 4, Thursday

6 pm Guided tour to **KAUNAS PHOTO** exhibitions. M. Žilinskas Art Gallery, M. K. Čiurlionis National Museum of Art

(Nepriklausomybės sq. 12) in presence of **professor Liudas Mažylis** sharing insights on life and photography of Ignas Šeinius.

October 11, Thursday

6 pm – Farewell guided tour to **KAUNAS PHOTO** exhibitions at M. Žilinskas Art Gallery, M. K. Čiurlionis National Museum of Art (Nepriklausomybės sq. 12) in presence of **Evžen Sobek** (Czech Republic).

8 pm – **KAUNAS PHOTO NIGHT 4**. Artist talk by **Evžen Sobek** (Czech Republic) and projection of works from the KAUNAS PHOTO 2018 Open Call. Duration 70 minutes. Volfas Engelman Studija (Kaunakiemio str. 2, Kaunas). Free entrance.

All events are free except if noted otherwise.

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KAUNAS PHOTO is the longest-running annual international photo art festival in Lithuania and the Baltic States. Since its first edition in 2004, it's been organised by the NGO „Šviesos raštas“ and is regarded to be one of the most important continuous art events in the country. **KAUNAS PHOTO** is a member of „Festivals of Light“ organisation. The founder and the director of the festival is Mindaugas Kavaliauskas.

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