

KAUNAS PHOTO NIGHT

The 14th edition of KAUNAS PHOTO festival, this year exploring the theme of water, invites to greet autumn in the biggest photography night in the city. On the 1st of September, Friday, the works of this year's participating artists will be presented on a big screen in Kaunas castle amphitheater.



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The event will last for 2 hours and will feature works by the TOP 16 artists selected from the open call, that attracted more than 200 applications: **Barry Rosenthal** (USA) "Found in Nature", **Jorge Fuenbuena** (Spain) "The End of Cathedrals", **Elna Ruka** (Latvia/ USA) "Aqueous", **Giovanni Presutti** (Italy) "Plastic Islands", **Jorma Mueller** (Finland/ Switzerland) "Their Souls run Beneath", **César Dezfuli** (Spain) "Passengers", **Andrey**

Semyonov (Russia) "Invasion", **Turi Calafato** (Italy) "Day at the Beach. Summer in Sicily", **Päivi Koskinen** (Finland) "Monday", **Mayumi Suzuki** (Japan) "Restoration Will", **Jan Caga** (Czech Republic) "Danube – the Blue River", **Yan Wang Preston** (UK) "Mother River", **Pierfrancesco Celada** (Italy) "[#Instagrampier](#), Hong Kong", **John Trotter** "No agua no vida", **Tymon Markowski** (Poland) "Flow", **Justyna Mielnikiewicz** (Poland/Georgia) "Ukraine runs through it".



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Polish photography that makes up a significant part of this year's festival will also be presented: **Mikołaj Nowacki** "Odra", **Paweł Piotrowski** "River Surfers", **Justyna Mielnikiewicz** "Ukraine runs through it". A separate part of the projections will be dedicated to the exhibition "Polish Waters" that will open in POST gallery on the 19th of September: **Tymon Markowski** "Flow", **Dorota Dawidowicz** "Relax", **Krzysztof Racoń** "Disappearing Lakes", **Filip Cwik** "Sinking Industry", **Kuba Kaminski** "Sobering Chamber", **Adam Wilkoszarski** "After Season".



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Mid evening the presentation of photography works about rivers will take place: **Federico Rios Escobar** (Colombia) “FARC”, **Jan Caga** (Czech Republic) “Danube- the Blue River”, **John Trotter** (USA) “No agua No Vida”, **Mathieu Nonnenmacher** (France) “Light the River”, **Mikolaj Nowacki** (Poland) “Odra”, **Yan Wang Preston** (UK) “Mother River”. Rivers have always been the places where people settled, as they provided transport and a source of food. The selected authors’ works present a wide selection of river related issues in the context of ecology, urban planning and politics.



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The main focus of the evening is **Gideon Mendel's** (South Africa/ UK) a video exhibition "Drowning World", **Matjaž Krivic** "Lithium, the driving force of the 21st century", **Christian Åslund** (Sweden) "Glacier comparison – Svalbard".



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KAUNAS PHOTO outdoor exhibitions also feature in the projection night, showcasing “The Heavens. Annual report” by **Paolo Woods** (Haiti) & **Gabriele Galimberti** (Italy).

The main events of the 14th edition of **KAUNAS PHOTO** festival will start on the first week of September and will continue until the end of October.

KAUNAS PHOTO is the longest- running annual photography festival in Lithuania and the Baltic States. It is organised by the NGO “Šviesos raštas” since 2004. **KAUNAS PHOTO** is one of the most important annual art events in the country. **KAUNAS PHOTO** is a member of “Festival Of Light” organisation.

Main sponsors: **Lithuanian Culture Council, Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania, Kaunas city council.**

Festival's Polish photography programme is supported by **Polish Institute in Vilnius** and **Adam Mickiewicz Institute in Warsaw**.

Patron of the festival is **President Valdas Adamkus**.

Free entrance.