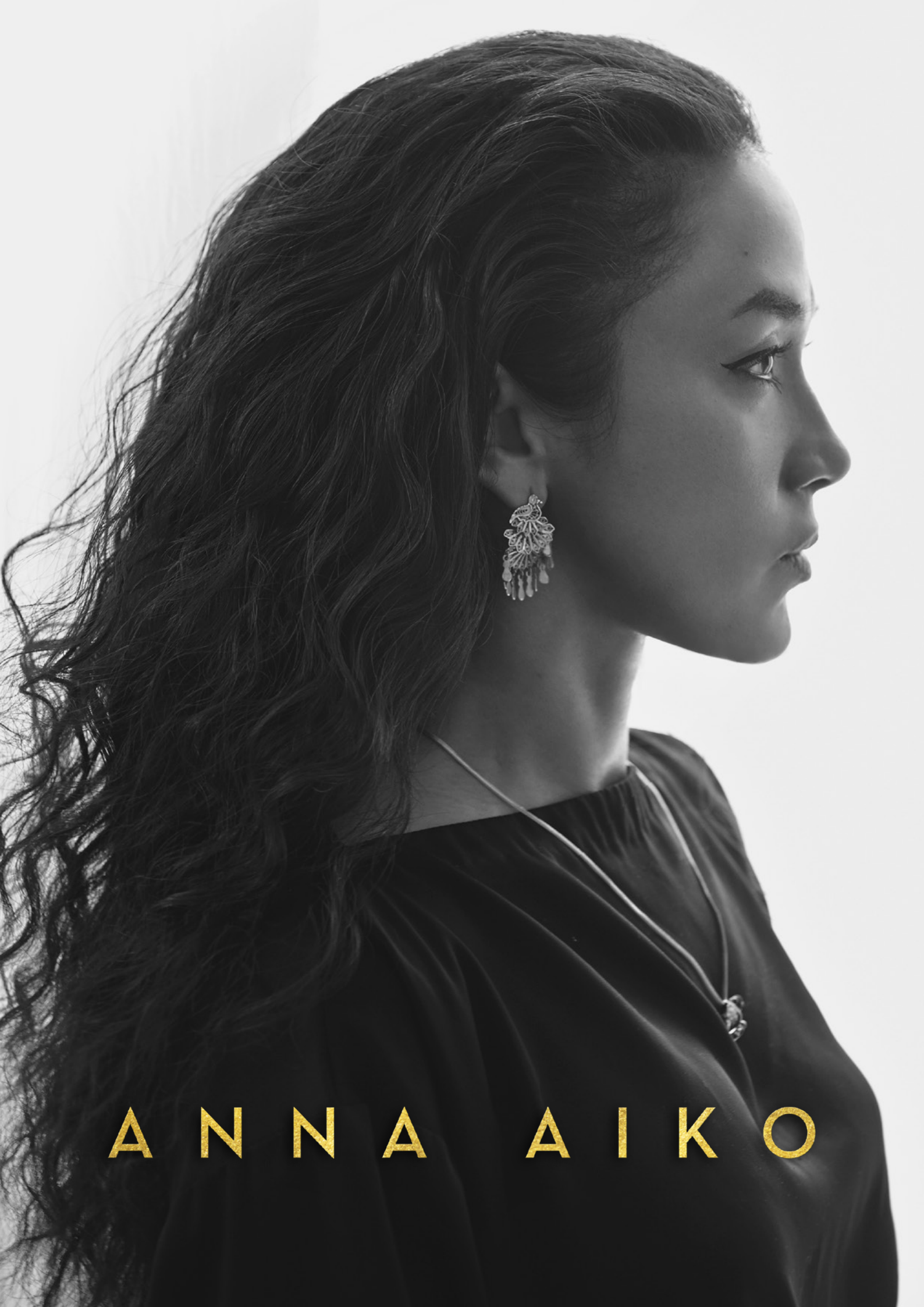




ANNA AIKO

THE BEAUTY OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

I'm an iPhone photographer
with a passion for travelling on camelback.

I was born in Tokyo and raised between two cultures, Japan and France.

In the mid-1970s, my parents lived in Saudi Arabia,
and since my childhood, their stories became like a fairy tale.

Later, I lived in Paris for 20 years as an Art Director
in the fashion and luxury industry.

My heart was always saying «Travel.»
Since 2015, I have been following the ancient path of the Silk Road,
capturing the beauty of life on iPhone.
That led me to win the iPhone Photography Awards
and other worldwide awards.

Since 2019, I have explored over 3,000 km on camelback
across Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and the island of Socotra.
I was runner-up at the Global Camel Race in the UAE.

Delighted by its hidden beauty to discover,
my love story with the Arabian Peninsula began.

ANNA AIKO



THE KINGDOM OF THE HEART
70TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAPAN-SAUDI ARABIA
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

I had the honour to share my journey with Saudi Arabia through my photography and storytelling,
in the presence of H.E. Ambassador Dr. Ghazi Faisal Binzagr
at Tokyo Midtown Hibiya.





ZUBAIDA TRAIL DOCUMENTARY FILM

The award-winning documentary film “Zubaida Trail”, directed by Dunya Alatva, takes you on a captivating journey along a forgotten pilgrimage route. Now available on Emirates’ in-flight entertainment system and Shahid MBC.



Emirates

شاهد
Shahid



DARB ZUBAYDAH NATIONAL DAY & FOUNDING DAY OF SAUDI ARABIA

Celebrating the National Day and Founding Day of Saudi Arabia,
reliving the ancient trail of Darb Zubaydah on camelback since 2021,
at the grand opening ceremony,
in the presence of HRH Prince Faisal bin Fahd bin Muqrin.



ARAB NEWS

Photographer Anna Aiko
captures beauty of Arabian Peninsula
on camelback





RAKAYIB THE EMPTY QUARTER CAMEL CLUB KSA

Crossing 640 km/22 days in 2019 on camelback,
through the Empty Quarter of Saudi Arabia.



IPPAWARDS

2019 Winners – Animals

Anna Aiko
Honorable Mentions



CAMEL TREK HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED HERITAGE CENTER

Crossing 700 km/15 days in 2019 and 600 km/10 days in 2020 on camelback,
from the Saudi border to Dubai.
On the final days of the journey,
we were honoured by the visit of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.



 **IPPAWARDS**

2020 Winners – Animals



The Empty Quarter
Anna Aiko
3rd Place – Animals





GLOBAL CAMEL RACE EXPATS HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED HERITAGE CENTER

Runner-up at the Global Camel Race Expats in 2020 & 2021,
organised by Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center.
With the presence of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
and HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.



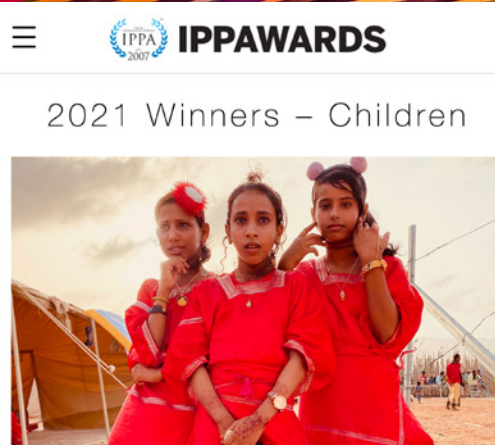


SOCOTRA

KHALIFA BIN ZAYED FOUNDATION

Exploring the island of Socotra, 350 km/12 days in 2020 on camelback,
following the ancient tracks of the Frankincense trade.

Film production by Osan Filming and Abu Dhabi Art Hub,
with the support of Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation.



Anna Aiko
Honorable Mentions





ZAYED THE INSPIRER

The Arab world was like a fairytale since my childhood, and that's what inspired me to come to the UAE to pursue my passion for camelback exploration and photography.



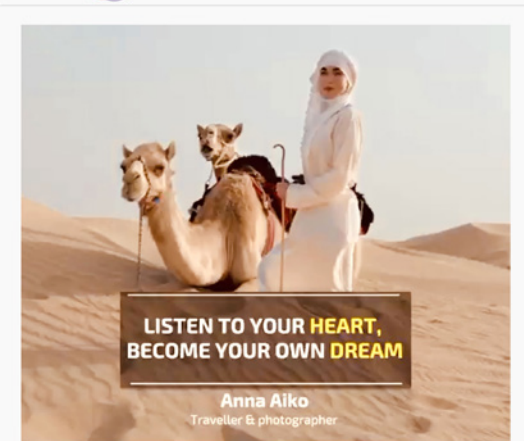
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لطالما تمنيت أن أظهر للعالم جمال شبه الجزيرة العربية



وتابع طريقة الأسلاف بالترحال على ظهر الجمال



LISTEN TO YOUR **HEART**,
BECOME YOUR OWN **DREAM**

Anna Aiko
Traveller & photographer



إطلاق العنان لإبداعاتي، أبدء بدايات جديدة
وأقوم بأشياء جديدة





VOGUE ARABIA

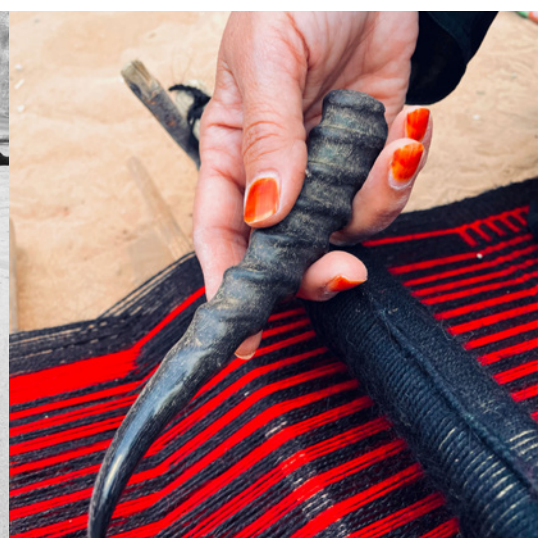
April Issue 2021
My dream came true.





INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Spotlighting and honouring empowered women in 2021,
I captured the Women of the Desert in Dubai on Apple's latest model, iPhone 12.
Featured in worldwide media.



≡ **VOGUE**

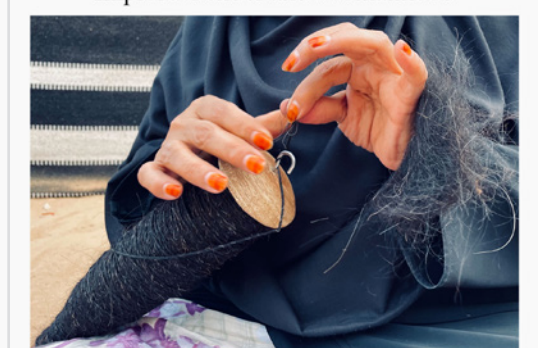
≡ **DAZED**

≡ **ELLE**

**Women Global Month 2021:
quando le donne fotografano le donne**

**These photographs offer a rare glimpse
into the lives of Bedouin women**

**For International Women's Day,
Five Female Photographers
Explore Gender and Womanhood**





iPhone PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

MASTERS by IPPAWARDS 2026

WINNER & HONORABLE MENTIONS:

8 iPhone Photography Awards 2018-2026

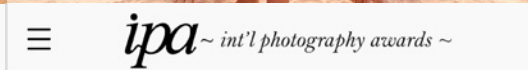
10 International Photography Awards 2019-2020

2 Nelson Mandela University - Mobile Photo Competition 2019

1 Rakayib The Empty Quarter, Camel Club KSA - Mobile Photo Competition 2019



2018 Winners – Travel



CAMEL SHIP



Dimensions Of Diversity



Silk Road
Anna Aiko
1st Place – Travel



Anna Aiko
Honorable Mention

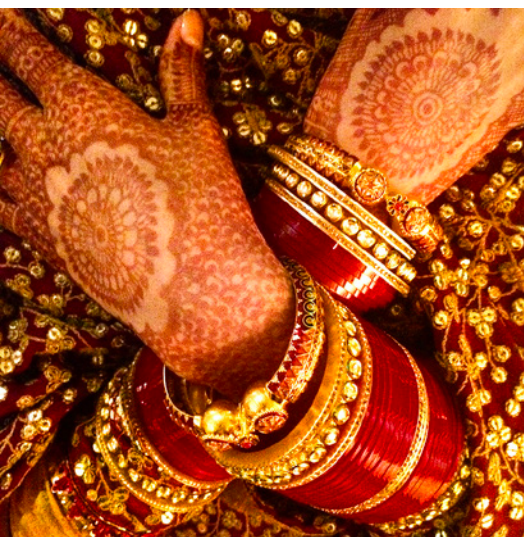


3rd Place
Anna Aiko - Rakayib Family



SILK ROAD PHOTO EXHIBITION TOKYO MYOAN GALLERY

Travelling with a passionate interest in the heritage of the Silk Road,
across India, China, Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Turkey, and beyond.
The exhibition was held at Tokyo Myoan Gallery in 2018.



≡ NELSON MANDELA
UNIVERSITY

≡ IPPA AWARDS
2007

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A Woman & Her Story

2018 Winners – Travel

ORIENTALISM



2nd Place
Anna Aiko - Mother Love

Anna Aiko
Honorable Mentions

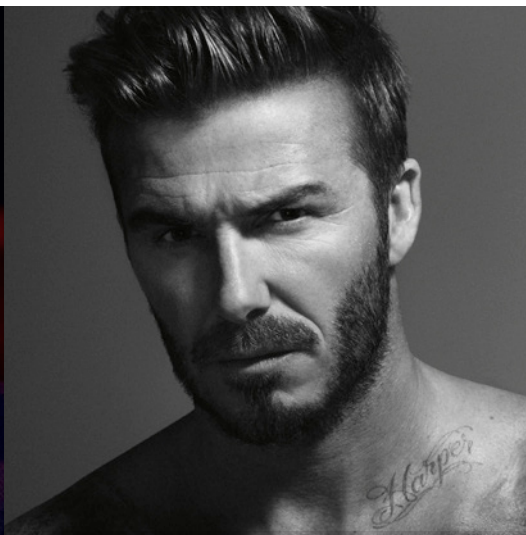
Anna Aiko
Honorable Mention

DAVID
BECKHAM
CLASSIC
REVISE YOUR CLASSICS



ART DIRECTION

Lived and worked in Paris for 20 years as an Art Director in the luxury industry, collaborating creatively with celebrities and internationally renowned photographers for perfume and fashion brands.



ENRIQUE
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DAVID
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HEIDI KLUM

Kilian
PERFUME AS AN ART

JIL SANDER

KENZO
P A R I S



MEDIA

Worldwide media,
awards, press, newspapers, magazines, TV, social media and foundations.

النترق الأوسط

بيوت سعودية تفتح أبوابها لسائحة يابانية في 14 مدينة

IPPA AWARDS

2018 Winning Photographers

Anna Aiko
Japan/France
1st Place – Travel

ARAB NEWS

Japanese camelback rider fosters love for the Arabian Peninsula following expedition



VOGUE



ARAB NEWS



PROFILE

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Since 2019, I have been exploring the Arabian Peninsula on camelback.

Fluent in English, French and Japanese.

ART DIRECTION

AIR PARIS AGENCY

David Beckham
Enrique Iglesias
Kylie Minogue
Heidi Klum
Peuterey
Jil Sander
Osiao
Maysu
Clarins

FREELANCE

Cartier
Louis Vuitton
Kenzo
Kilian Paris
Sisley Paris
Junko Shimada
Corbier Agostini
One is Art
TonySame Japan

MASTER'S DEGREE 2004

ESAG PENNINGHEN

Graphic Designer

LYCÉE FRANÇAIS
INTERNATIONAL DE TOKYO

CAMEL EXPLORATION

ZUBAIDA TRAIL

Award-Winning Documentary
Film directed by Dunya Alatva

DARB ZUBAYDAH

2024 | 94 km/3 days
2023 | 93 km/3 days
2022 | 360 km/13 days
2021 | 91 km/3 days

HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED HERITAGE CENTER GLOBAL CAMEL RACE EXPATS

2021 | 2nd Place Winner
2020 | 2nd Place Winner

HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED HERITAGE CENTER CAMEL TREK

2020 | 600 km/10 days
2019 | 700 km/15 days

SOCOTRA KHALIFA BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN FOUNDATION

2020 | 350km/12 days

RAKAYIB THE EMPTY QUARTER CAMEL CLUB KSA

2019 | 640 km/22 days

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

MASTERS by IPPAWARDS 2026 | Available Prints

iPhone PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

2026 | Honorable Mention
2021 | Honorable Mention
2020 | 3rd Place Winner
2020 | Honorable Mention
2019 | Honorable Mention
2018 | 1st Place Winner
2018 | 2 Honorable Mentions

INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

2020 | Honorable Mention
2019 | 9 Honorable Mentions

NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY MOBILE PHOTO COMPETITION

2019 | 2nd & 3rd Place Winner

RAKAYIB THE EMPTY QUARTER CAMEL CLUB KSA MOBILE PHOTO COMPETITION

2019 | Honorable Mention

TOKYO MYOAN GALLERY PHOTO EXHIBITION

2018 | Silk Road



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