

MONOCHROME AWARDS

International Black & White Photography Contest

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**BRUNO BIRKHOFFER OF SWITZERLAND WAS AWARDED
1st PRIZE AND TITLE NUDE DISCOVERY OF THE YEAR
IN THE MONOCHROME AWARDS 2014 COMPETITION**

**MONOCHROME PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS ANNOUNCES WINNERS
OF MONO AWARDS 2014 COMPETITION**

London, UK (28 February 2015) – Photographer Mr Bruno Birkhofer of Switzerland was Awarded 1st Prize In Nude in Nude for the winning entry waterfall affair at prestigious Monochrome Awards honouring Black & White Photography.

The 2014 Monochrome Awards received nearly 7000 submissions from 86 countries around the world. Winning images were selected by panel of international judges, including: Ted Preuss, David Fokos, Roman Loranc, David Johndrow, Stefano Brunesci, Tomasz Lazar, Dominique Bollinger, Andre Brito, Giacomo Brunelli and Martin Stavars.

About Winner:

Early on Bruno experienced a deep connection with nature and its beauty. After some years in which he focused on nature photography, he discovered portrait, fashion and nude photography. This engagement with the depiction of the human body changed his life and continues to fascinate him until today. Yet nature is still an important aspect in his nude and portrait photography and it is his great passion to portray persons in nature and as natural beings – a working method which requires a great deal of empathy, respect and a special mutual trust. Bruno attaches great importance to conveying these feelings to his images and in order to achieve this an intense and long-lasting co-operation with his models is of special importance to him. Bruno's Statement It has always been a great and special challenge for me to collaborate with persons that move in front of my camera without shyness and shelter. In order to achieve this you need a lot of empathy and understanding behind the camera. I am immensely proud that my models place their trust in me and show a great deal of openness, since it is only in a trusting cooperation between model and photographer, that wonderful and special images can be created. It is my particular aim to create soulful and sensual images. I convey these feelings to my model through little stories and narratives. Nudity to me is a symbol for vulnerability, defencelessness, but also devotion. In every shooting I try to capture the magical moment. There is nothing as fleeting as the „one moment“. It is my aim to turn these special moments into timeless memories that can be felt and experienced time and again in my pictures.

About Mono Awards:

Monochrome Photography Awards conducts an annual competition for Professional and Amateur photographers. Our mission is to celebrate monochrome visions and discover most amazing photographers from around the world.

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