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## **HIPA announces “Merit Medal” recipients for 6th season**

### **20 photographers to be presented**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum International Photography Award (HIPA) has announced the recipients of the merit medal awards for the recently concluded sixth season of competition “The Challenge”.

The 20 merit medalists will receive a “HIPA recognition award” as well as a copy of the annual HIPA book which features their photographs as well as other finalist and winning photographs from HIPA’s sixth season. This comes on the back of HIPA announcing the winners of its sixth season of competition “The Challenge” at the annual Awards Ceremony which was held on the 15th of March 2017 at Dubai Opera in Downtown Dubai.

Commenting on this announcement, the Secretary General of HIPA His Excellency Ali bin Thalith said, “The HIPA Merit Medal recipients were chosen due to the immense quality of their submissions which also happened to reach the final stages of judging.

The HIPA Board of Trustees felt that it was appropriate to present photographers who who do well in the judging process with an accolade as a form of recognition and support for their quality work. We wish to encourage photographers to continue in their pursuit for excellence and were thoroughly delighted with the international variety of winners and merit medal recipients. Of the 20 total recipients, 5 merit medals were awarded to photographers who submitted in “The Challenge” category, 5 in the “Portfolio” category, 3 in “Digital Manipulation” and 7 in the “General” category, 4 of which were coloured submissions and 3 “black and white”.

The Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum International Photography Award (HIPA) recently launched its Seventh Season of Competition themed “The Moment”. Further categories and details on the new season will be announced in the coming period.





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