



INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS!

Bruges-based Photographer, Chris Ward ABIPP, wins highly coveted Silver Award in prestigious International competition.

The RAF Museum in Cosford, Shropshire played host to the British Institute of Professional Photography's National Photographic Awards in September.

The cream of British photographic talent attended, alongside colleagues from Singapore, Japan, Ireland and the Netherlands and, appropriately, hopes were flying high to win awards in many categories of professional photography.

Chris clinched his award with a striking image in the Fashion category.

BIPP President, Graham Rutherford FBIPP, enthused "The standards we set in our Awards are extremely high. This picture by Chris is an outstanding example of the best in European photography. All photographers joining our organisation go through a challenging qualifying procedure and people buying photography should be reassured to see the BIPP symbol alongside a photographer's name."

For more information about the Awards, please contact Hilary Harper in the BIPP's press office – 01296 718530, hilary@bipp.com.

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Notes to Editors:

- Chris Ward is an Associate of the British Institute of Professional Photography.
- The British Institute of Professional Photography is the qualifying body for professional photographers in the UK.
- There are over 3,500 members worldwide.
- The National Photographic Awards represent the very best professional photography in the UK and beyond.
- The Awards Presentation took place during the evening of Sunday 13 September 2009 at the RAF Museum, Cosford in Shropshire.
- 65 Awards were presented, including Bronze, Silver & Golds in 16 categories of photography, plus the UK and Overseas Photographer of the Year Awards and the Fox Talbot Award for Creativity & Professionalism.
- All images are available from hilary@bipp.com.
- BIPP trains and qualifies professional photographers who, once qualified, hold either a LBIPP (Licentiate of the BIPP), ABIPP (Associate of the BIPP) or FBIPP (Fellowship of the BIPP).
- A book of the winning images has been produced, sample copies are available from hilary@bipp.com
- The exhibition of successful images may be seen at Focus on Imaging at the NEC from 7 – 10 March 2010.
- All winning images will be automatically entered into the FEP European Professional Photographer of the Year Awards, organised by the Federation of European Photographers.