



KAUNAS, LITHUANIA - JUNE 15, 2010

## KAUNAS PHOTO STAR Competition

KAUNAS PHOTO festival, organized yearly in Kaunas, Lithuania since 2004, has built its profile as the festival of premières, as a starting point for future stars of contemporary photography. Being a part of Photo Festival Union and Festivals Of Light networks, KAUNAS PHOTO festival is a platform for dialogue around contemporary photographic creation between North and South, East and West.

In the time of infinity of pictures taken every minute, KAUNAS PHOTO festival is still looking for great photographers, those, whom we could call new stars of photography. In 2010, Mindaugas Kavaliauskas, founder and director of KAUNAS PHOTO festival, and Gintaras Česonis, director of KAUNAS PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY, launch a photo contest – KAUNAS PHOTO STAR, reminding that every talented photographer with great works deserves to be a STAR in our festival, and in today's world of photography.

KAUNAS PHOTO STAR is a competition open to all photographers regardless of their age, nationality, themes and styles of photography. KAUNAS PHOTO STAR starts with a submission of works by email, followed by portfolio reviews of works of 50 selected photographers who will meet curators and publishers of photography from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and other European countries on September 10 and 11, 2010 in Kaunas. The winner of portfolio reviews will be invited to hold an exclusive solo exhibition at the freshly re-opened KAUNAS PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY during KAUNAS PHOTO festival 2011.

KAUNAS PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY is situated in the heart of medieval Kaunas Old Town. It is a modern well-equipped gallery of 200 square meters, renovated in 2010. The gallery is one of the biggest and most important exhibition places in Lithuania and Baltic States, dedicated to photography and contemporary art. This non-profit space will present innovative contemporary projects as well as traditional photography exhibitions.



KAUNAS PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY after renovation. May, 2010

**The first stage - submission**, free of charge.

Any professional photographer / artist using photography from Baltic States, Europe and other continents can be KAUNAS PHOTO STAR, yet he /she must be committed to travel to Lithuania, if selected to the second stage - portfolio reviews. The competition is open to all themes, styles, approaches, yet we expect series of photographs and picture stories only in sets of 20-30 images, which can be from two different bodies of work. We are looking for new and fresh, preferably unshown and unpublished photography. The KAUNAS PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY, venue of the exhibition of the winner, is vast, and needs to be filled with a consistent body of high quality works. Therefore we kindly ask not to submit single images or parts of small series, regardless of how beautiful or powerful they are.

**Submissions** by e-mail only to: [festival@kaunasphoto.info](mailto:festival@kaunasphoto.info)

E-mail subject: KAUNAS PHOTO STAR\_Name\_SURNAME

E-mail should include: a) 20-30 jpg images, b) CV 150 words max, c) artistic statement 100 words max and d) filled, signed and scanned entry form in jpg or pdf (on page 3). **Attachments:** loose files or ZIPs.

**File specifications:** 1200 px on the longer side. RGB, JPG only, JPG quality – 90%.

**File naming:** Name\_SURNAME\_Title-of-the-series\_Place\_year\_01.jpg

**What not to send:** Power Point, TIF, PDF or other types files, except of JPG. For sequencing of images, use file numbers as shown. No packages sent by mail, will be considered or returned.

**Deadline for submission** – July 15, 2010

Pre-selection of 50 candidates will be made by the board of curators of KAUNAS PHOTO festival and announced on July 19, 2010 by email to pre-selected candidates and on [www.kaunasphoto.info](http://www.kaunasphoto.info)

**Second stage – portfolio reviews**

Portfolio review for photographers is the best way to be noticed by the professionals of the photo art business, collect feedbacks and eventually proposals of promotion, publishing, exhibitions, acquisitions. KAUNAS PHOTO festival will offer a chance to 50 pre-selected photographers to meet distinctive representatives of galleries, museums, magazines of photography from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and other European countries in one place. Second stage participation fee is 50 EUR. Payment details will be announced to pre-selected photographers. Photographers must do their travel arrangements at their own cost. KAUNAS PHOTO festival web site will provide travel tips to Lithuania and links to best hotel deals.

**The Winner and Special Mentions**

The winner will be distinguished by portfolio review jury panel. The portfolio reviews will be held in Kaunas on September 10 and 11. The works of the 50 candidates will be celebrated and projected in the Night of Photography at KAUNAS PHOTO festival on September 11, 2010. During this event, the winner and special mentions will be announced. KAUNAS PHOTO STAR portfolio panel or its individual members will select special mentions and awards, such as: solo exhibition at the FK gallery in Riga (Latvia), portfolio presentations at FOTO magazine (Lithuania), FOTO KVARTALS magazine (Latvia), CHEESE magazine (Estonia) etc. The KAUNAS PHOTO STAR winner's exhibition will be shown in September 2011. KAUNAS PHOTO festival will undertake the winner's return flight costs, hotel accommodation, transportation of works. However, if the elected KAUNAS PHOTO STAR will not originate from within Europe, the festival might undertake only part of return flight expenses.

Organizers of KAUNAS PHOTO festival and  
KAUNAS PHOTO STAR competition

VšĮ Šviesos raštas

Kaunas Branch of Union of Lithuanian Art Photographers

Name

Surname

Address, street, No

Postal code

City

Country

Mobile phone No

Landline phone No

E-mail

Secondary e-mail

Web site

**Agent** (gallery, agency or other third party, involved in managing author's rights)

While submitting my works to the KAUNAS PHOTO STAR competition, I declare that I am the only owner of the author's rights of the submitted pictures. I agree that my pictures submitted to the competition, can be reproduced in materials and forms of artistic or media presentation of KAUNAS PHOTO festival and KAUNAS PHOTO STAR competition, such as, but not not limiting to: flyers, invitation cards, post cards, posters, catalogs, projections, web site of the KAUNAS PHOTO festival for unlimited time in unlimited territory without any charge. **Examples:** 1. KAUNAS PHOTO festival in 2010 is presented in PHOTO IRELAND projections, showing most distinguished artists and their works exhibited in the festival. To promote event pictures of artists might reach Irish press; 2. For the tenth anniversary of the festival, more global publications about what had been shown will be released. We hope it is understandable, and also valuable for photographers. I hereby declare that I accept my responsibility for the right to the image of persons, models, places, objects or trade marks appearing in my pictures submitted to KAUNAS PHOTO STAR competition.

Place / Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Entry form accompanied by:

- 1) Author's CV (max 150 words);
- 2) artistic statement (max 100 words),
- 3) 20-30 pictures in attachment
- 4) Letter of agreement to participate from third parties: agencies, galleries etc., if applicable

Submission deadline: July 15, 2010, until 6 PM, GMT+2.

Pre-selected artists will be announced on festival web site: July 19, 2010 on [www.kaunasphoto.info](http://www.kaunasphoto.info)

KAUNAS PHOTO STAR portfolio reviews: September 10-11, 2010

