

WINNER OF THE IAN PARRY SCHOLARSHIP 2006: Irina Werning

Winner: Irina Werning from Westminster University, UK

Highly Commended: Kitra Cahana from McGill University, Canada

Commended: Matt Eich from Ohio University, USA

Commended: Laura Hunter from Amersham and Wycombe College, UK

Honorable Mention: Maysyuk Anja from St.Petersburg Union of Journalists, Russia

Ian Parry was a photojournalist who died while on assignment for The Sunday Times during the Romanian revolution in 1989. He was 24 years of age. The Ian Parry Scholarship was created by his friends and family in order to build something positive from such a tragic death.

Each year we hold an international photographic competition for young photographers who are either attending a full-time photographic course or are under 24. Entrants must submit examples of their work from their portfolio and a brief synopsis of a project they would undertake if they won. The prize consists of £2500 towards their chosen assignment and Metro Imaging also offers £500 worth of vouchers to the winner and £250 to those awarded Highly Commended and Commended.

In addition to this, the World Press Photo automatically accepts the winner onto its final list of nominees for the Joop Swart Masterclass in Amsterdam. This is a significant prize for any photographer and continued with the support of the Sunday Times Magazine, which publishes all the finalist's work, the scholarship provides an excellent launch into a professional career in photography. Year after year, the award has highlighted the work of some of the industry's finest emerging talent, all of whom have progressed into professional careers and still support the award.

This year the Frontline Club hosted the judging on the 30th June. We would like to thank them and the following judges for their expertise and patience during the task of choosing the finalists – an increasingly difficult job given that the number of entries grows each year:

Gary Knight/ VII
Susan Meiselas/ Magnum Photos
John Downing/ Trustee
Hugh Pinney/ Getty Images

Sam Faulkner/ NB Pictures
Tom Stoddart/ Trustee
Ian Parry's Family

“Irina Werning's outstanding work is in the finest tradition of the Ian Parry Scholarship winners. Once again the award has provided a great opportunity for a talented young photographer to progress in the industry. The record number of entries this year came from photographers based as far away as Argentina, Russia and Iran. The variety and quality of the pictures was remarkable, which made the task of finding a winner for the judges very difficult” Tom Stoddart.

“Judging potential for a scholarship was an interesting task and more difficult than judging for an award. The four winning entries were all very accomplished and the work they undertook was challenging, focused and well developed” Gary Knight.

Irina's portfolio was titled the Damned and the Beautiful, a well produced set of images on London's most elite party-going scene as they abandoned themselves to hedonism and decadence. Her portfolio, as well as the other finalist's work can be viewed at www.ianparry.org

Once again, our extremely popular and well-attended print exhibition will take place at the **Getty Images Gallery** in London from August 23rd for two weeks, showing all of the winning entries as well as an edited selection of images chosen by the judges.

For further information about the scholarship, interviews and images please contact Rebecca McClelland Deputy Director at becky@ianparry.org

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