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Powerful photography

The world's best nature photography in Basel

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition is the largest and most important competition of its kind. Every year, photographers from all over the world compete for the coveted title. In its 58th edition, the 100 best images will once again travel around the globe in an exhibition; in Switzerland, they will be on display exclusively at the Natural History Museum in Basel. The two Swiss photographers Roman Willi and Levi Fitze are also part of it.

The Natural History Museum London holds the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition every year. It is the most important competition of its kind in the world. The competition has been held since 1964. Its aim is to highlight the beauty and diversity as well as the fragility and vulnerability of nature and the creatures with which we share our planet. From the approximately 39,000 entries received this year, 100 images were given special recognition. These are now on display in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition. Exclusively in Switzerland, the Natural History Museum Basel is showing the impressive and meaningful images. Among them are the photographs of Roman Willi from Lucerne, who was awarded in the category 'Behavior: Invertebrates' with his picture 'When spiders get together', as well as the young photographer Levi Fitze with his picture of two birds on Helgoland facing the storm.

Nature conservation as the original idea

The competition contains outstanding photographs in terms of their composition, style, technical realisation, mood and scenery. In addition to setting new standards in nature photography, the competition is based on the fundamental idea of conveying the beauty and uniqueness of nature, its landscapes and creatures, and at the same time showing us how we are treating them. The exhibition wants to be more than a platform for beautiful pictures. It wants to make us think, to point out grievances, to make us question our own perception and to develop the awareness of how our view of nature is constantly changing.

Additional program

The special exhibition at the Natural History Museum Basel is accompanied by a varied program of events. In addition to the regular guided tours for adults and families, the SNAPSHOT photo competition offers the opportunity to participate in a museum'S project. All submitted pictures will be

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shown in the museum. After the closing date, an external jury will select the ten best pictures from three categories, which will then be presented in an exhibition.

Chilling out in the museum

Things get relaxing once a month when AFTER HOURS are on the program from December 2022 to April 2023. The special exhibition can be visited free of charge until 11 pm. In addition, one of the exhibition rooms is transformed into an atmospheric bar, where you can enjoy your evening after work with witty sound and in good company.

Further information

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