

PHOTOGRAPHY CHANGES EVERYTHING

BPF18

Brighton-Hove-Hastings-Worthing 29 September - 28 October 2018 photofringe.org #BPF18 #PhotographyChangesEverything #ThisPhotoChangedMyLife



Barry Falk, from the series Thresholds of the Mind, 2018

This October, Brighton Photo Fringe presents its 8th edition along the south east coast of England.

One of the largest and most inclusive photography festivals in the UK, BPF18 takes inspiration from Marvin Heiferman's 2012 book and project for the Smithsonian Photography Initiative: *click! photography changes everything*. It collated "a series of original essays, stories and images that explore the many ways photography shapes our culture and our lives". It explored how photography changes "who we are, what we do, what we see, where we go, what we want and what we remember."

Photography is not just a recording device, it actively influences how we see and understand the world and how we live in it. When poet Walt Whitman described "the democracy of photography" and said the power of photography was in its "knack of catching life on the run, in a flash, as it shifted, moved, evolved", he could not foresee just how integral photography would be in all our lives and just how addicted to photography we would become.

Now billions of photos are created every day. We speak in photography. It's a powerful medium and a great communicator. It's impact is nothing short of life-changing. BPF believes it is vital to democracy for us to understand this and to learn how to read and interpret images and to put them to good use.

By showcasing a vast range of photography in our festival we hope to engage you, and the communities around you, in debate about how photography shapes our lives and how we might harness it to create a better world. Through these images, we want you to think and talk about how photographs can inspire new feelings, thoughts and actions. And we want to inspire you to use photography in new ways.

Join us to develop new ways of seeing together; experiment with photography; and tell us how photography changed your life.

THE BPF18 PROGRAMME INCLUDES

- A series of self-curated exhibitions in pop-up venues in Brighton, Hove, Hastings and Worthing.
- OPEN18 SOLO at ONCA with an installation by winner Sarah Howe and a showreel of twenty other shortlisted artists.
- OPEN18 Moving Image at ONCA, a selection of 10 moving image works
- OPEN18 Young Photographers, twenty selected artists on the Outdoor Hub
- OPEN18 Participate, our new community project for the Outdoor Hub
- Collectives' Hub at Phoenix Brighton, showing 10 collectives and work by Metro Imaging staff and mentees.
- Artist Residency at Colonnade House, Worthing by Jack Latham
- Photo Hastings Hub at Hastings Arts Forum with 'Not the Final Major Project'
- Trainee Curators Programme for 3 emerging curators.
- Danny Wilson Memorial Award, with 3 awards: Professionals' Choice, Trainee Curators' Choice and the People's' Choice.
- Instagram Project: #ThisPhotoChangedMyLife
- International Festival Showcase, ACCA, University of Sussex, 27 October

KEY BPF18 EVENTS

29 September – Launch Events from 5pm.

- 30 September Talk by Sarah Howe, OPEN18 Winner
- 20 & 21 October Photo Publishers Market
- 27 October Panel Discussion and International Festival Showcase, ACCA

Various dates - Talks, Workshops, Guided Tours

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ABOUT BRIGHTON PHOTO FRINGE

Brighton Photo Fringe supports early-career photographers and lens-based artists, showcases new talent and enables all kinds of people to enjoy and experiment with photography. Every two years BPF designs and delivers the largest Fringe photography festival in the UK. The 8th edition, BPF18 will run from 29 September to 28 October 2018, offering a month-long platform for hundreds of artists to exhibit their work. In true Fringe spirit, BPF18 will take art onto the streets and into unusual and unexpected spaces right along the coast, with Festival Hubs in Brighton, Hove, Worthing and Hastings. BPF18 will develop new ways of seeing together, exploring how *Photography Changes Everything*. Visit our website to take part: photofringe.org. BPF18 is open to everyone and everybody's invited.

About METRO IMAGING

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Metro is very much looking forward to partnering with the Brighton Photo Fringe again, by exploring, supporting and delivering the highest quality exhibitions in an innovative and exciting way.

BRIGHTON PHOTO BIENNIAL 2018: A NEW EUROPE

28 September - 28 October 2018

Curated by Photoworks, the eighth Brighton Photo Biennial will examine the current state of flux as the United Kingdom redefines its role in Europe, our shared history and photography's role in the construction of national identity. Photoworks supports and promotes emerging contemporary photographic practice across the UK and internationally with a programme including commissions, new writing, learning and participation, and projects including the national Jerwood/Photoworks Awards, Photoworks Annual and Brighton Photo Biennial. The organisation's aim is to connect artists with audiences and to champion talent and ambition. Photoworks is based at the University of Brighton, UK and is a National Portfolio Organisation supported by Arts Council England. photoworks.org.uk @photoworks_uk #BPB18

BPF18 SUPPORTERS

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