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2008 International Photo Awards



Brent Stirton, John Delany and Justin Maxon are the winners of The International Photography Awards (IPA). Brent Stirton was awarded International Photographer of the Year, while John Delaney won The Discovery of the Year and

Justin Maxon won the Deeper Perspective Award for 2008. The winners were announced in front of a live audience at the Lucie Awards on Oct. 20, 2008 at the Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center. They were given the opportunity to speak and were awarded cash prizes and statues.

In addition to the winners of this competition, honorees were also recognized at the ceremony. The Lucie Awards, produced by the Lucie Foundation (a nonprofit, charitable organization), supports a three-fold mission to salute the achievements of the world's finest photographers, discover emerging talent through the International Photography Awards and promote the appreciation of photography worldwide.

There were almost 23,000 submissions in competition this year from 124 countries around the world. The founder of the Lucie Awards, Hossein Farmani, commented, "We are so excited that the Lucie Awards have attracted not only such a vast quantity of entries, but even more importantly such a high quality of creative work from so many photographers around the globe. Each year brings to light the high level of interest in so many categories of outstanding photography."

Presented by Pilsner Urquell, the Lucies recognize men and women whose life's work in photography merits the highest acclaim by their peers. Pilsner Urquell is the first clear golden beer, created in 1842. The brand has made it its mission



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Opposite: *Deeper Perspective Photographer of the Year, Justin Maxon for "Mui And Pha"*

Above: *International Photographer of the Year, Brent Stirton for "Slaughter in the Jungle"*

Right: *Discovery of the Year winner, John Delaney for "Eagle Nomads of Mongolia"*

to support and promote photography as a contemporary art form that inspires people around the world and took on title sponsorship of the International Photography Awards and Lucie Awards in 2005. Since then, photography communities from countries around the globe pay tribute to the year's most outstanding photographic achievements at this annual awards ceremony.

Other nominees for International Photographer of the Year included Mark Holthusen, Livia Corona, Paolo Pellegrin, Oleg Dou (Duryagin), David Burdeny, Nadav Kander and Nick Veasey.



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Discovery of the Year runner-ups were Benny Haryanto, Marcin Stawiarz, Faisal Almalki, Weronika Gesicka, Lung Liu and Rachel Blaser.

Additional nominees for the Deeper Perspective Award for this year's contest were Brent Stirton, Jimmy Williams, Malcolm Gilbert, Claire Martin and Henrieta Haniskova.

The Lucie Awards official media partner is PDN and Photo Plus International. In addition to title sponsor Pilsner Urquell, support is provided by Blurb, Amvona, Canon, AtEDGE, HP, Orbitz and Splashlight Studios. The Lucie Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable foundation. For more information about the organization and its contests, visit www.luciefoundation.org.

More information about the IPAs and more work by this year's winners are available at www.photoawards.com.