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and winning entries from the American Photography Open 2021. You will see on the following pages the quality of some of the images submitted by photographers from around the world.

We'd like to send out a special thank you to our judges and our sponsors for helping to make our fourth year a success.

The American Photography Open 2022 call for entries will be open in March of next year.

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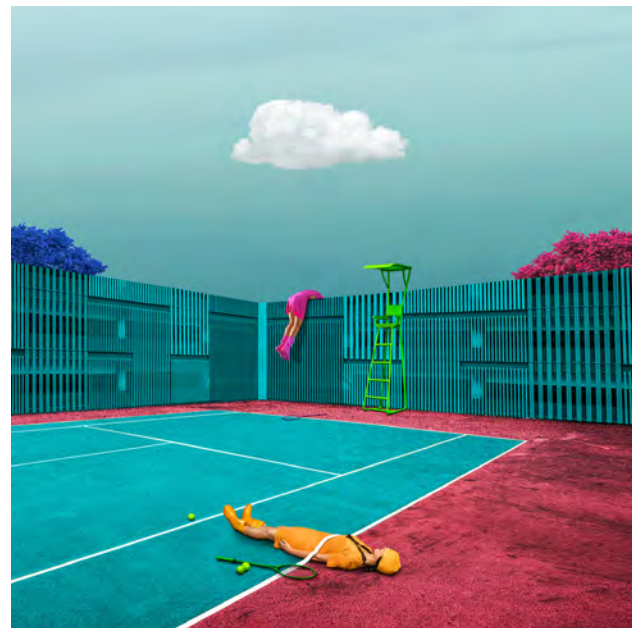
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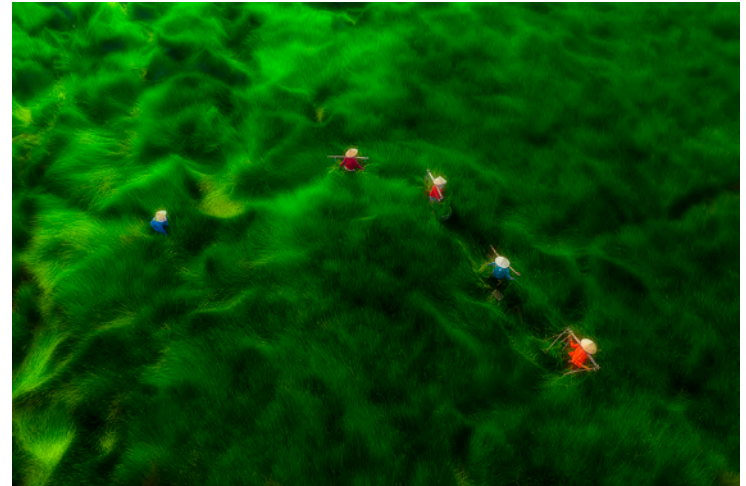
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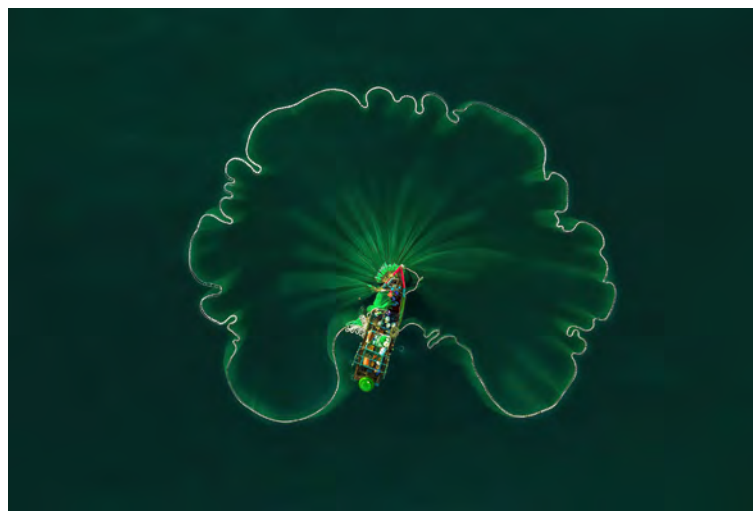
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American Photography Open 2021: Meet the Finalists
By David Schussler
The judging is over. Today we announce the 10 finalists of the American Photography Open 2021 competition. Congratulations to Craig Bill; Hardjanto Budiman; Debdatta Chakraborty; Fernando Decelis; Diana Felt; Zay Yar Lin; John Vermette; Sarah Woulers; Steve Wrubel; and Marcon Zajac. Once again we received thousands of entries from around the world, from photographers at every level, and as in the past we were deeply impressed by the accomplishments of those who shared their images with us. The photographs you'll find from our finalists speak to the power of photography to move us and to reveal our world in new ways. [Read the full story >>](#)

Tech News: A Bevy of Bags and Backpacks
PetaPixel
Looking for a way to carry your gear? You've got some new options: PetaPixel spotlights Morally Toxic, a new camera bag company that says it's spent five years innovating concepts in "carryology," such as a "frog pocket"—a water-resistant wet/dry pocket that gives users a place to stash wet gear away from electronics. Meanwhile, *DIY Photography* looks at new backpacks from Lowepro aimed at hardcore pro adventure photographers. PetaPixel also reports that Manfrotto has launched a new line of light camera bags for pro photographers and filmmakers. [Read the full story >>](#)

In Print: Capturing the Bigness of The Rock
Vanity Fair
There's no bigger movie star right now than Dwayne The Rock Johnson—and we mean that in every sense of the idea. Johnson is the subject of a new Vanity Fair profile, which is accompanied by images from photographer Mark Seliger that capture his physical and professional stature. How big is The Rock? Earlier this year, a poll suggested that 46 percent of Americans have some enthusiasm for the idea of him running for president. Seliger's portraits offer a more down-to-Earth glimpse of the megastar's celebrity. [Read the full story >>](#)

Industry News: Creative Live is Acquired by Fiverr
DIYPHOTOGRAPHY
Fiverr, a platform for connecting freelancers with potential work, has recently been expanding from "simple one-off freelance project opportunities to multi-month subscriptions," and now, notes *DIY Photography*, it is moving into the education realm by acquiring Seattle-based online learning platform CreativeLive. Founded in 2010 by Chase Jarvis, CreativeLive focused heavily on the photography community in its heyday but has since expanded to design, business, video, and marketing, adds PetaPixel. *DIYP* reports that Jarvis will remain at the helm of CreativeLive. [Read the full story >>](#)

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