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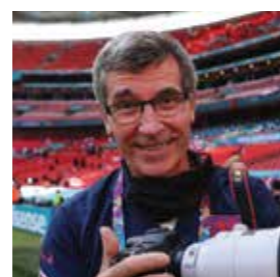
Welcome to this year's catalogue to accompany the Press Photographers Association of Ireland 'Press Photographer of the Year Awards and Exhibition'.

Despite another very challenging year for the association's members as a result of the ongoing Covid situation, there was still an excellent level and quality of entries for our judges to select from.

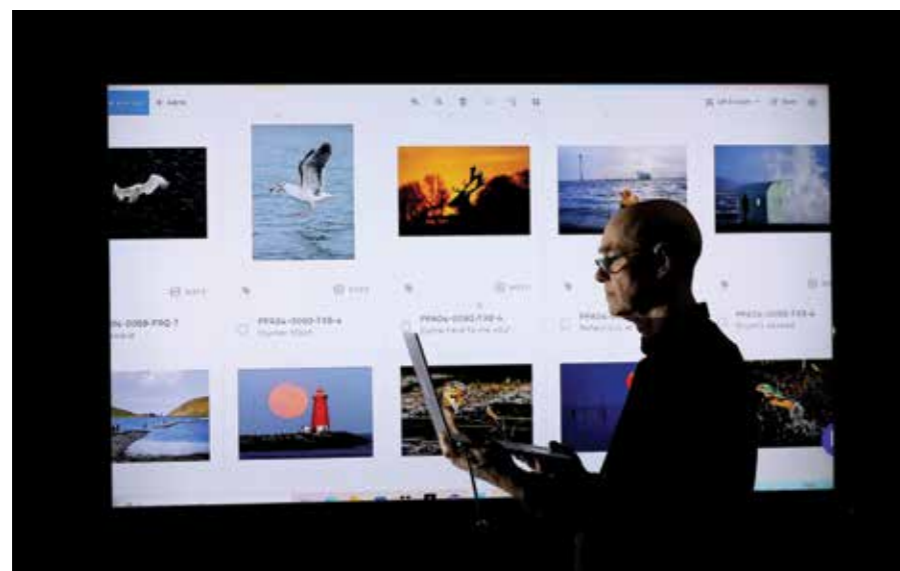
This year we welcomed back internationally renowned sports photographer Eddie Keogh who was joined by Helen Healy, Head of Pictures for the Financial Times, with former Pictures Editor of the Irish Times Frank Miller chairing the judging panel. The multimedia section was again judged by Philip Bromwell of RTÉ and Michael Lee, now retired after many years as an RTÉ cameraman and we thank them again for their continuing support.

James Crombie, last year's winner of the Press Photographer of the Year Award, was awarded the title for the second year in a row and his superb portfolio was topped off by his now iconic image of the starling murmuration over Lough Ennell. Congratulations go to James, all the other winners and those whose images make up the exhibition.

**Paul Sherwood**  
President, The Press Photographers Association of Ireland



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Judging of the 44th annual Press Photographer of the Year Awards took place online with Chair of the judging panel former Pictures Editor of the Irish Times Frank Miller, Helen Healy Head of Pictures Financial Times and Eddie Keogh internationally renowned sports photographer

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**1st** **Michael Mac Sweeney**  
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**KNIFE DRAWN**

A knife is drawn during an altercation outside a protected women's housing scheme.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”**

Without a doubt the outstanding news picture of the awards – a really striking news image taken during an altercation outside a women's refuge centre. A particularly chilling image given the recent rise in gender-based violence.

**2nd** **Steve Humphreys**  
INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA  
**A MOTHER'S GRIEF**

Dianne Dunne, mother of Josh Dunne (16) who died as a result of a fatal knife attack in East Wall is comforted by friends and members of his football team at a memorial for him in Ballymun.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”**

An emotionally powerful moment as a bereaved mother is comforted by friends of her son. All the elements in this picture are extremely strong and the photographer has achieved an excellent composition in a very dynamic news situation.



**3rd** **Ray McManus**  
SPORTSFILE

**KELLIE FAMILY REACTION AT WIN**

Kellie Harrington's mother Yvonne, her brother Christopher and a neighbour celebrate outside Kellie's family home at Portland Row in Dublin, after her Tokyo 2020 Olympics lightweight final bout against Beatriz Ferreira of Brazil.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”**

There were many super images taken as the inner-city community watched their local hero Kellie Harrington achieve Olympic Gold. In our view this was the best capture of the emotion at home – the expressions, the champagne and even the sign on the door all add up to an exceptional photograph.

**4** **Gary Ashe**  
FREELANCE

**RESISTANCE**

Gardaí detain a woman protesting lock down measures on O'Connell Street, Dublin.



**5** **Niall Carson**  
PA MEDIA

**SAY HIS NAME . . . GEORGE NKENCHO**

Emmanuel and Gloria Nkencho, George Nkencho's brother and sister, alongside family and friends, who gathered to commemorate his life - near the spot where George was shot dead outside his home by armed Gardaí in Cloness, west Dublin.



# NEWS

## 7 Clodagh Kilcoyne

REUTERS

### STOP FEEDING US TO VULTURES

Patrick Rogerson, age 6, sits inside a shelter he made during a protest against the rising cost of housing and rent in front of Government Buildings, Dublin.



## 6 Frank McGrath

INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA

### EVICITION STANDOFF

Gardaí and protesters take time to consider their options during an eviction on Prussia Street in Dublin.



# NEWS

## 9 Jonathan Porter

PRESS EYE

### BABY LIAM

Liam O'Keefe carries the coffin of his son Liam. The two-month-old died following an incident in north Belfast. The baby's mother was subsequently charged with murder.



## 8 Jonathan Porter

PRESS EYE

### LORD OF THE GLENS

Funeral of The Earl of Antrim Alexander McDonnell. The 86-year-old peer was buried in the family plot on the side of Glenarm, one of the nine Glens of Antrim. The family can trace its lineage back to the last Gaelic rulers of the area from the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries.

## 10 Sasko Lazarov

FREELANCE

### MILLENNIALS FREEDOM DAY

Covid-19 Pandemic, Ireland. Day 621 since start of lockdown. Young people dancing and having fun in the Tramline nightclub in Dublin, the day before the Government's introduction of new Covid-19 restrictions.



## 11 Gerry Mooney

INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA

### GOODBYE TO SON, BROTHER, FRIEND

Family and mourners gather at the graveside as the remains of teenager George Nkencho, who was fatally injured by Gardaí, is buried in Mulhuddart cemetery.



↑12 **Damien Storan**

FREELANCE

**EASTER COMMEMORATION**

Captain Marie Carrigy reads the Proclamation outside the GPO to mark the anniversary of the Easter Rising.

→14 **Damien Eagers**

FREELANCE

**CHANGING SCHOOLS**

Alexa Murphy Hall, left, aged 9, and Yomna Hassan Mansour, aged 8, both pupils in 3rd class at St. Etchen's National School listen to their teacher, in Kinnegad, Co. Westmeath.



→16 **Jonathan Porter**

PRESS EYE

**BREXIT FALLOUT**

Nationalists clash with police in Belfast after a series of violent Loyalist protests, in reaction to the Northern Ireland Protocol.



←13 **Dan Linehan**

IRISH EXAMINER

**OUTDOOR REFRESHMENTS**

Due to Government Covid-19 restrictions, the takeaway drinks only rule from public bars came into place and people gathered over the weekend on Kennedy Quay, Cork, to enjoy the evening sunshine and takeaway refreshments.



←15 **Andres Poveda**

ANDRES POVEDA PHOTOGRAPHY

**VICKY**

Cervical cancer campaigner Vicky Phelan speaks about her funeral arrangements on RTÉ's The Late Late Show.

# NEWS

## 17 Mark Condren

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### **RAINED OFF**

Young members of a wedding party, shelter from the rain in Dublin after Gardai had supervised the dismantling of a marquee in breach of the Covid 19 rules.



# NEWS

## 19 Damien Storan

FREELANCE

### **LAYING DOWN FOR THE CAUSE**

Protesters lay on the street as they try to block a truck arriving to remove stock from the former Debenhams shop in Limerick.

## 20 Lorraine Teevan

FREELANCE

### **HAVING NUN OF IT**

A powerful image on the wall of the former St. Clare's Convent in Cavan town. The building, formerly an orphanage, was the scene of a fire on 23rd February 1943 when 35 children lost their lives. No memorial has been erected to the memory of the children. The image was painted over the same day it appeared.



## 18 Jonathan Porter

PRESS EYE

### **FUNERAL OF SAMANTHA WILLIS**

Funeral of 35-year-old Samantha Willis who died from COVID-19 not long after giving birth to a baby daughter. Three-week-old Evie Grace follows her mother's coffin out of St. Columb's Cathedral in Derry.

## 21 Alan Betson

THE IRISH TIMES

### **STRAIGHT FURROWS**

Competitors in the Senior Conventional Plough Class during the second day of the 2021 National Ploughing Championships in Ratheniska, Co. Laois. The championships were not open to the public or trade stands, just competitors and their support teams.





**1<sup>st</sup>** ↑22 **Marc O'Sullivan**  
MARC O'SULLIVAN PHOTOGRAPHY  
**WATCHING**

A child stares at a drone at a drive-in cinema screening at Leopardstown, Dublin.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID...**

*Drones are becoming an integral part of everyday life. The child staring at this object in the sky is reminiscent of stills from an American sci-fi film of the 1950s of UFOs landing on earth. The photo depicts an unsettling moment as she and the drone scrutinise each other.*

→25 **Dan Linehan**

IRISH EXAMINER

**UNDERDOG**

At St. Killian's Special School in Mayfield, Cork, Begley the dog takes pride of place under the desk of Calum Murphy as he and his friends T.J. O'Connell and Stephen Murphy attend class at the start of a phased return to the classroom following its closure due to public health guidelines.



**2<sup>nd</sup>** ↓23 **Mark Condren**  
INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA  
**MULTITASKING**

Amber Liggett works from home during the pandemic surrounded by children.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID...**

*As schools and nurseries closed during the pandemic lockdowns working from home became the norm. The burden of both working and looking after children especially for women has been much discussed in the last two years. This photo encapsulates twin bind of work and the need to occupy children while working.*



**3<sup>rd</sup>**

←24 **James Crombie**

INPHO

**FISHING**

Fishermen fishing off Inishmicatreer on Lough Corrib, Co. Galway.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID...**

*This technically accomplished photo depicts the fishing boat and reflection of the moody sky on the water.*



# DAILY LIFE AND PEOPLE

↓26 **Joe Dunne**

FREELANCE

**MICA EFFECT**

Chris Scott in the bathroom of his mica damaged home in Inishowen, Co. Donegal, where the walls are being replaced.

→29 **James Crombie**

INPHO

**BANNA STRAND**

Members of the public on Banna Strand, Co. Kerry.



↑30 **Tom Honan**

FREELANCE

**OUTDOOR TEA BREAK**

Mairin De Burca (left), Tim Rodgers (with his Chihuahua "Rocky") and Tom McKiernan (with his Jack Russell "Snowy") waiting to be served by Yo Yo Liu outside the Green Land Cafe to comply with Covid 19 restrictions on indoor dining.



←27 **Michael Mac Sweeney**

PROVISION

**BRINGING THEM ALL HOME**

Swimmers at dawn await colleagues returning on Fountainstown Beach, Co. Cork, during the Darkness into Light Charity Swim in aid of suicide prevention charity Pieta House.

↑28 **Marc O'Sullivan**

MARC O'SULLIVAN PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST OF MANY**

A mass vaccination centre pictured being set up by the HSE at DCU Dublin.



# DAILY LIFE AND PEOPLE

↓31 **James Crombie**  
INPHO  
**SUNSET ON LOUGH ENNELL**  
Sunset on Lough Ennell,  
Co. Westmeath.



# DAILY LIFE AND PEOPLE

←32 **Brian Lawless**  
PA MEDIA

**IN IT TOGETHER**  
Two women prepare to enter the sea off Bull Wall in Dublin as Ireland woke up to snow and ice on a Sunday morning.



↓33 **Jonathan Porter**  
PRESS EYE

**11TH NIGHT PREP**  
Three-year-old Cooper Dunseath with his two-year-old brother Carter get ready for the 11th night bonfire at Craigyhill in Larne, Co. Antrim.



↑34 **James Crombie**  
INPHO  
**SMOKING**  
A member of the public smokes a cigarette as he walks through long grass at Enniscrone Beach.



←35 **Mark Condren**  
INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA  
**FEET UP**  
A man enjoys a dip in Dollymount, Dublin.



**1<sup>st</sup>** ↑36 **Eoin Noonan**  
SPORTSFILE  
**HANDLE WITH CARE**

Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal in action against Shane Duffy of Republic of Ireland during the FIFA World Cup 2022 qualifying match between the Republic of Ireland and Portugal at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”**

When you're given the job of marking the world's best footballer, you know it's going to be a difficult night. However, this quite extraordinary moment is captured with split second timing by the photographer as Shane Duffy interacts with Cristiano Ronaldo while challenging for a header. The mark of great action sports photography, nailing the moment.



**2<sup>nd</sup>** ←37 **Clodagh Kilcoyne**  
REUTERS

**RIDERS OF THE STORM**

Runners and riders compete in race 6 during the annual one-day Laytown races held on the beach under official horse racing turf club rules in Laytown Co. Meath.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”**

Several versions were submitted of this picture postcard sporting event but this exquisite version stood out as the horses' silhouettes were more defined and the cloud formation helped the overall composition. A picture to hang on your wall at home.

↓39 **John McIlwaine**  
FREELANCE

**WONDER WOMAN**

Antrim's Chloe Drain does her Wonder Woman impression as she dives in to knock the ball away from Kilkenny's Sarah Crowley during the All Ireland Intermediate Camogie Final in Croke Park.

↓40 **David Fitzgerald**  
SPORTSFILE

**RUNNERS AND RIDERS**

Runners and riders in action during the Ballagh Flat Race at Thurles Racecourse in Tipperary.



**3<sup>rd</sup>** ↑38 **Morgan Treacy**  
INPHO

**BREAK ON THRU!**

The Czech Republic's Lukas Rohan, competing in the Men's C-1 Slalom, on his way to winning a silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games

**“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”**

Not an easy picture to get with all that water flying around so full credit to get this moment and composition. Use of black and white really helps the elements stand out too on this expertly captured canoeing picture.



# SPORTS ACTION

## ↓41 Morgan Treacy

INPHO

### GUMMY BEAR

Munster's Rhys Marshall loses his gum shield in a clash with an opposing Connacht player during their PRO14 Rainbow Cup game at Thomond Park.



## ↓42 Ben McShane

SPORTSFILE

### LA, LAA, LA, LA . . . VITEZSLAV!

St. Patrick's Athletic goalkeeper Vitezslav Jaros makes a crucial save during the Extra.ie FAI Cup Final match between Bohemians and St. Patrick's Athletic at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin.



## ↓43 Brendan Moran

SPORTSFILE

### GOAL

Shane Kingston of Cork scores his side's first goal during the All-Ireland Hurling Final between Cork and Limerick in Croke Park, Dublin.

# SPORTS ACTION

## ↓45 James Crombie

INPHO

### SCORPIO KICK

Ireland's Jack Wooley (red) performs the scorpio kick against Lucas Lautaro Guzman of Argentina during their Taekwondo bout at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.



## ←48 Morgan Treacy

INPHO

### ALL IN THE EYES

Brazil's Luca Mazzo is seen with a Brazilian flag emblazoned in a prosthetic eye during the Men's 20k Race Walk at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Mazzo lost his eye aged 15 in a paintball accident. The main challenge of being a monocular athlete is the reduction of depth perception.

## ↑44 James Crombie

INPHO

### ALWAYS WATCHING!

Israel's Li Kochman in action against David Klammert of Czech Republic during their Judo 90kg elimination round.

## ↑46 Morgan Treacy

INPHO

### FREE FALL

Catalin Preda of Romania dives from the 27 metre platform during the Red Bull Cliff Diving event at Downpatrick Head, Co. Mayo.

➔47 **Morgan Treacy**

INPHO

**FINAL HURDLE**

Australia's Genevieve Gregson falls in the final of the Women's 3000m Steeplechase at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.



↑49 **David Branigan**

OCEANSPORT

**SUNSHINE & SHOWERS**

Ominous dark clouds herald thundery showers at Irish Sailing Youth National Championships on Cork Harbour.

➔50 **Brian Lawless**

PA MEDIA

**THREE ON THE DOUBLE**

Horses and their jockeys clear Ruby's Double during the La Touche Cup at Punchestown racecourse, Co. Kildare.



1<sup>st</sup>

↑51 **Eoin Noonan**

SPORTSFILE

**BRILLANT BOHS**

Bohemians' Keith Ward celebrates his side's first goal, scored by Rory Feely, during the Extra.ie FAI Cup Final between Bohemians and St. Patrick's Athletic at the Aviva Stadium Dublin.

“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”

It would be fair to say there is no shortage of pictures of footballers celebrating goals. Even so this image hits the back of the net. The sheer joy is infectious and the line of players behind the scorer gives the picture a wonderful balance and composition.

2<sup>nd</sup>

←52 **Morgan Treacy**

INPHO

**FAITH**

The Czech Republic's Tereza Petrizilkova reacts after failing to qualify in the Women's 400m heats at the 2021 European Athletics Indoor Championships in Torun, Poland.

“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”

Wonderfully observed moment here as the light glints from the competitors cross and chain and cleverly used in black and white for a very graphic feel.



# SPORTS FEATURE

**3rd** → **53 James Crombie**  
INPHO

**GOLDEN MOMENT**

An emotional Kellie Harrington celebrates with her gold medal after winning the Women's Lightweight Final in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

“ **THE JUDGES SAID...**

*Her face may be masked but the eyes tell the story in this very emotional moment as Kellie Harrington listens to the national anthem with her hand on her heart and a gold medal around her neck.*



↓ **54 Garry O'Neill**  
FREELANCE

**A GOLDEN MOMENT...**

1956 Melbourne Olympics 1500m Gold medal winner Ronnie Delany shares an emotional embrace with sculptor Paul Ferriter.



# SPORTS FEATURE

← **56 Morgan Treacy**  
INPHO

**HAIR RAISING**

Republic of Ireland Women's players Savannah McCarthy with Claire Shine join forces during a training session ahead of their friendly fixture against Australia.



↓ **55 Billy Stickland**  
INPHO

**STRETCHING OUT**

A general view of the British & Irish Lions squad during training in South Africa.



← **57 Brian Lawless**  
PA MEDIA

**ALWAYS MEET YOUR HEROES**

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo hugs Republic of Ireland fan Addison Whelan (11) having given her his jersey following a World Cup qualifier in Dublin.

← **58 Keith Wiseman**  
FREELANCE

**COST OF VICTORY**

IHC Final Effin v Croagh Kilfinny in Newcastlewest. Covered in blood Tommy Quaid shows the cost of winning to receive the county cup.



## SPORTS FEATURE

↓59 **Bryan Keane**  
INPHO

### **SUPERMAN FORGOT HIS SUIT**

Norway's Karsten Warholm celebrates winning gold and setting a new world record in the men's 400m hurdles final at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.



→64 **Dan Sheridan**  
INPHO

### **ALL ABOUT YOU**

Ireland players share a joke with Ciara Griffin during the captains run team picture ahead of what will be her last game for Ireland against Japan.



## SPORTS FEATURE

↓63 **Oisín Keniry**  
FREELANCE

### **THRILL AT OAK HILL**

Paul van Meekeren of The Netherlands bowls to Harry Tector, captain of Ireland Wolves during a three day ODI series held at Oak Hill Cricket Ground, Co. Wicklow.



↑61 **James Crombie**  
INPHO

### **TRY**

Leinster's Hugo Keenan and James Lowe celebrate as Jordan Larmour scores a try against Exeter Chiefs, during their Heineken Champions Cup Quarter-Final.

→60 **Laszlo Geczo**  
INPHO

The USA team ahead of their test game against Ireland in the RDS in November.



↑62 **Dan Sheridan**  
INPHO

### **CHAMPAGNE SUPERNOVA**

Toulouse's Pita Ahki celebrates in the dressing room with his teammates after winning the Heineken Champions Cup.



**1<sup>st</sup>** ↑65 **Kenneth O'Halloran**  
 FREELANCE  
**CAOIMHE'S 14TH BIRTHDAY**

Caoimhe's 14th birthday at her home in Corofin, Co. Clare.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”**

A teenage girl semi-sulkily stares into the camera on her birthday. The detritus of the celebration surrounds her – balloons, cards and cake. This depiction of a teenager celebrating her birthday during the pandemic captivated the judges.



**2<sup>nd</sup>** ←66 **Mark Condren**  
 INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA

**OLWEN FOUÉRE**  
 Actor Olwen Fouéré who is described as one of Ireland's best actors.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”**

This black and white portrait of actor and writer Olwen Fouéré is eye catching. The use of black & white rather than colour highlights the contrast between her dramatic hair, shamanic face and penetrating gaze.

↓68 **Tom Honan**  
 FREELANCE

**PUTTING HIS FEET UP**  
 John pictured relaxing on O'Connell Street, Dublin.



**3<sup>rd</sup>** ↑67 **Niall Carson**  
 PA MEDIA  
**REMEMBERING JOAN**

Briege Voyle holds the last picture taken of her mother Joan Connelly cradling her grand-daughter Irene. Joan was killed in the Ballymurphy Massacre in Belfast in 1971.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”**

In May the coroner's inquest in Northern Ireland found that the civilians killed during the British Army operation were innocent. The photographer shows a clear understanding of colour and texture in this portrait of Briege Voyle on her sofa surrounded by family photos and paintings.



# PORTRAIT

↓69 **Steve Humphreys**  
INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA  
**ACTOR SEAN MCGINLEY**  
Actor Sean McGinley.



→70 **Steve Humphreys**  
INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA  
**MUSIC THROUGH THE Y-EARS!**  
Conductor David Brophy.



# PORTRAIT

↓71 **Frank McGrath**  
INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA  
**DICKIE ROCK 6 DECADES SINGING**  
Showband legend Dickie Rock (85) photographed before he announced his retirement.



↑72 **Naoise Culhane**  
NAOISE CULHANE PHOTOGRAPHY  
**SOLSTICE**  
Justine Nguyen at the summer solstice on the Hill of Tara in Co. Meath.



←73 **Gerry Mooney**  
INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA  
**A MOTHER'S PAIN**  
Blessing Nkencho, mother of George Nkencho, looks through the shattered and bullet pierced front door glass of their home after her son was fatally injured by Gardaí.

↑74 **David Conachy**  
INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA  
**AT PEACE**  
Geraldine Mullan lost her husband John and their two children Tomas, aged 14, and Amelia, aged 6, when their car left the road and plunged into Lough Foyle. Geraldine started sea swimming due to lockdown and finds closeness and comfort in the water.



# PORTRAIT

## ↓75 Brian Lawless

PA MEDIA

### **AN CAILÍN RÚA**

Five-year-old Willow O'Brien dressed up to celebrate St Patrick's Day outside the General Post Office on O'Connell Street in Dublin.



## →78 Kenneth O'Halloran

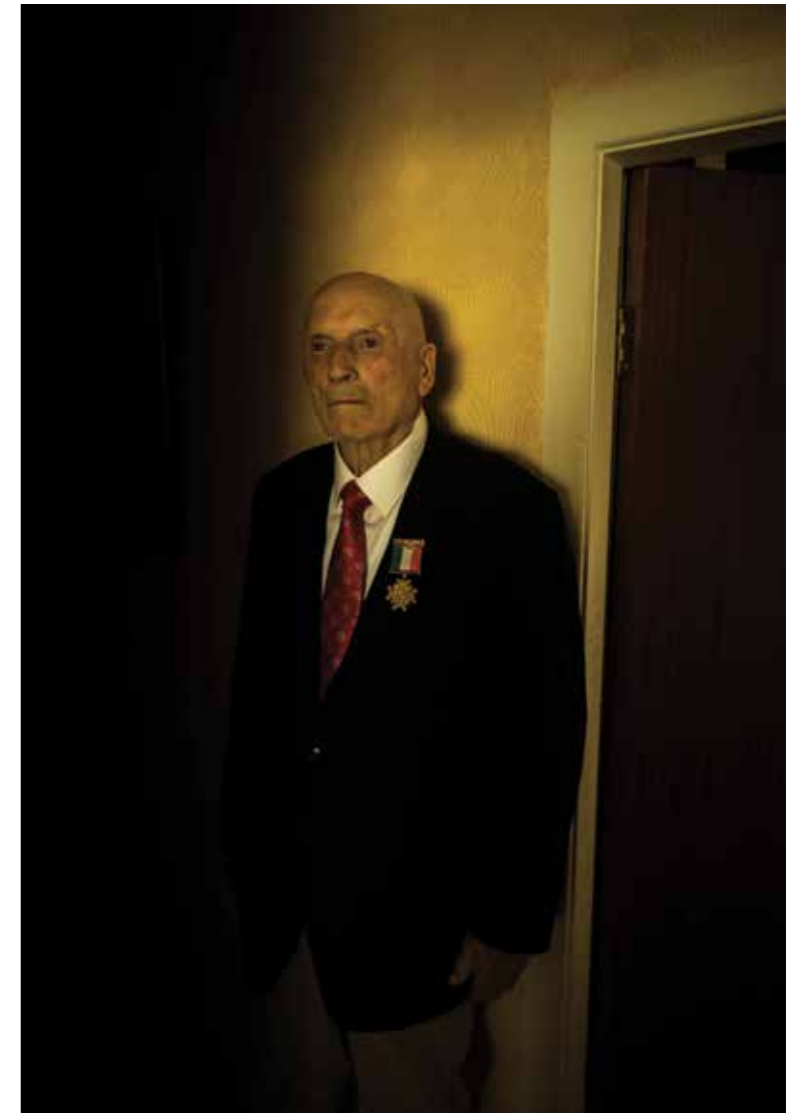
FREELANCE

### **AOIFE**

Aoife, Ballyvaughan Pier, Co. Clare.



# PORTRAIT



## →76 Patrick McCann

RACING POST

### **GORDON ELLIOTT**

Leading trainer Gordon Elliott surveys his string of racehorses at his base Cullentra House Stables on a foggy November morning.



## ↑77 Mark Condren

INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA

### **NEVER FORGOTTEN**

Retired Garda Sergeant Jim Cannon, who was wounded in an explosion, has been awarded the Gold Scott Medal for his display of bravery.



## ←79 Philip Doyle

IRISH FARMERS JOURNAL

### **ZAK MORADI**

Anti-racism advocate and hurler Zak Moradi, born in Iraq from a Kurdish family. Zac has played for the Co. Leitrim senior hurling team.

# NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

**1<sup>st</sup>** **↓80 James Crombie**  
INPHO  
**MURMURATION**

A starling murmuration creating the shape of a bird over Lough Ennell, Co. Westmeath.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID...**

*The picture of the year. A picture that makes you gasp is a rare thing so full credit to the photographer whose skill and patience rewarded him with the picture of a lifetime.*



**↑83 Eamon Ward**  
EAMON WARD PHOTOGRAPHY  
**NATURE RECLAIMING**  
An old cottage near Portumna, Co. Galway.



# NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **↓81 Gary Ashe**  
FREELANCE  
**HAWKEYE**

A sparrowhawk pins down its starling prey in Howth, Co. Dublin. The starling later escaped.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID...**

*When death comes to the streets of Howth, it's unusual to see but even rarer to get a picture. Nature's wonder comes in many guises but even so this is a picture that gets your attention. The defenceless starling almost looks to be pleading for its life. It's nothing personal for the sparrow hawk, it's just dinner.*



**3<sup>rd</sup>** **←82 Clodagh Kilcoyne**  
REUTERS  
**SCORCHED EARTH**

Firefighters and locals team together to extinguish a wild gorse fire in the Connemara region of County Galway near Inverin before nightfall.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID...**

*Reminiscent of an old Turner oil painting, the subdued colours, silhouettes and perspective all add to making this an outstanding image of firefighters and locals trying to dampen wild gorse fire in Connemara.*

**↑84 Niall Carson**  
PA MEDIA  
**WHERE'S WALLY**

“Wally” the arctic walrus lounges in a speedboat at Crookhaven, Co. Cork. The walrus was first spotted on Valentia Island in Co. Kerry in March, and has also been seen off Pembrokeshire in Wales, Cornwall in England, and the coast of France, and most recently in the Isles of Scilly.

# NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

↓86 **Michelle Cooper Galvin**  
FREELANCE

**MOTHER NATURE SMOTHERS**

Killarney, Sneem and Kenmare Fire personnel fighting the flames in Killarney.



→85 **Dara Mac Dónaill**  
THE IRISH TIMES

**SHIPS AHOY**

Ships at Dublin Port in the early morning fog.



# NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT



↑87 **Gareth Chaney**  
COLLINS

**BIRDS EYE**

Seagulls fighting in Saint Stephens Green, Dublin.

↓89 **John Kelly**  
THE CLARE CHAMPION

**DOOLIN SUNSET**

The sun sets on a February evening at Doolin, Co. Clare.



↑90 **Naoise Culhane**  
NAOISE CULHANE PHOTOGRAPHY

**REFLECTIONS AT POOLBEG**

A full 'Blue' moon rises behind Poolbeg lighthouse as seen from Clontarf, Dublin.

→88 **Fran Veale**  
FREELANCE

**OUT-FOXED**

Three foxes approach a heron on the banks of the river Dodder in Co. Dublin.



↑91 **Tom Honan**  
FREELANCE

**WHO LET THE DOGS OUT**

A group of dogs posed up for photo in Clontarf.

**1st** →92 **Daragh Mc Sweeney**  
PROVISION

**LINE OF DUTY**  
An Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD pictured queueing for his Covid 19 vaccination booster jab at Cork City Hall Vaccination Centre.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”**  
A deceptively brilliant image. The sheer ordinariness of the scene featuring An Taoiseach queueing for his jab amongst ordinary citizens gives this photograph a particular resonance in a pandemic year. Between the central composition, the expression on the subject's face and the social distancing of the other people this is the perfect political picture from our pandemic year.

**3rd** ↓94 **Brian Lawless**  
PA MEDIA  
**SOMETHING TO SHOUT**

**ABOUT**  
Hillary Clinton was met with shouts of protest by a small number of demonstrators ahead of becoming chancellor of Queen's University.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”**  
An hilarious (no pun intended) image of a world-famous politician reacting to shouts from protestors. The pageboy's expression is an extra layer to the icing on this cake.



**2nd** ↓93 **Niall Carson**  
PA MEDIA  
**EXECUTIVE COURSE**

Northern Ireland First Minister Arlene Foster and Deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill (right) at the launch of the PGA Europro Tour event at Clondeboy Golf Club near Bangor in Co. Down.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID... ”**  
When two politicians who don't always see eye-to-eye come together for a photocall on a golf course alert photographers have an opportunity to seize a special moment. This photographer grabbed the opportunity with both hands and captured a great moment with perfect timing and composition.



←98 **Gerry Mooney**  
INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA  
**LATE NIGHT REVIEW**  
As Ireland is faced with a new variant of Covid, Taoiseach Micheál Martin presses on into the night as he reviews recommendations in his office in Government buildings.

↑96 **Alan Betson**  
THE IRISH TIMES  
**SINN FÉIN ARD FHEIS**  
President of Sinn Féin Mary Lou McDonald after giving her address at the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis at the Helix in Dublin.



←95 **Clodagh Kilcoyne**  
REUTERS  
**WITS' END**  
Minister Edwin Poots outside the Democratic Unionist Party headquarters in Belfast during a vote to replace First Minister Arlene Foster as leader of the DUP. He would only last 21 days in the job.



←97 **Liam McBurney**  
PA MEDIA  
**TIME TO WALK AWAY**  
A candid moment of Arlene Foster at Stormont during turbulent times. Weeks later the DUP leader would choose to stand down, leaving the party and politics behind.



**1<sup>st</sup>** ↑99 **Niall Carson**  
PA MEDIA  
**NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH**

Walison the Clown empties popcorn over and unsuspecting member of the audience during Tom Duffy's Circus.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID...**  
*We loved the spontaneity of this photo showing Walison the clown emptying popcorn over an unsuspecting member of the audience at the Tom Duffy Circus. Both the expressions on the clown and the spectators are captured perfectly by the photographer.*

➔102 **Joe O'Shaughnessy**  
FREELANCE  
**THE BIG PICTURE**

Children play at artist John Gerrard's Mirror Pavilion - Leaf Work in the 4,000 year old Derrigimlagh Bog outside Clifden, Co. Galway, as part of Galway International Arts Festival 2021.



**2<sup>nd</sup>** ↓100 **Philip Doyle**  
IRISH FARMERS JOURNAL  
**BEGLEY BROTHERS**

Traditional Irish musicians Seamus and Breannán Ó Beaglaoich during lockdown in Breannán's trailer home in Dingle, Co. Kerry.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID...**  
*Traditional musician brothers Seamus and Breannán Ó Beaglaoich play their accordions in Dingle, Co. Kerry. This black & white portrait of the musicians is beautifully executed and shows them in Breannán's trailer party home. We loved the details of their surroundings as much as the portrayal of them playing music.*



**3<sup>rd</sup>** ←101 **Mark Stedman**  
MARK STEDMAN PHOTOGRAPHY  
**MARCEL SO WHAT**

Johnny Murphy as character 'Marcel So What' is pictured at the announcement of events to celebrate One Dublin One Book.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID...**  
*We have seen many depictions of Marcel Marceau through the years. This one stood out. We liked the angle of the shot, his large eyes peeping over the book and the use of the black and white props.*



## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

### ↓103 Eamon Ward

EAMON WARD PHOTOGRAPHY

#### EGGS AND BUTTER

Artist Emma Brennan creating a unique performance work at Glor theatre, Ennis with the theme "Eggs and Butter – the strength and resilience of Women in rural areas".



### ➔105 John Kelly

THE CLARE CHAMPION

#### NAOMI IN THE LIVING ROOM

Liam Cooney, Michelle Reade and Reidin Dunne taking part in the Rasper Players (Wexford) production of Naomi In The Living Room as part of the 2021 All-Ireland 1-Act Finals Festival of Drama at Glor, Ennis.



## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



### ↑106 Sam Boal

ROLLINGNEWS.IE

#### PRIDE ONLINE

Pride on-line. Behind the scenes of the live streaming of "Dublin Pride" 2021 due to the Pandemic.



### ←104 Bryan Keane

INPHO

#### SWAN LAKE

The Shipwreckers prepare to perform Swan Lake at Ballymoney Beach in Co. Wexford.

### ↑107 Leon Farrell

PHOTOCALL IRELAND

#### VIOLA

Performer Viola Gayvis at the GAZE Film Festival.



**1<sup>st</sup>** ↑ **108 Gerry Mooney**  
INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA  
**THE FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL**

In the early part of 2021, Ireland was in the grip of a second Covid 19 wave. The vaccination rollout was only just beginning and the southwest of the country was a particular hotspot for severe illness and high mortality. The intensive care team in Limerick University led by Dr. Catherine Motherway, met the challenge head on and under huge strain coupled with such dedication and determination prevented many from certain death.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID...**

*An exceptional reportage from a most difficult subject. While the photographer clearly was allowed good access to a mostly private theatre of medicine, they made the absolute best of the opportunity. These images, in an honest, responsible and emotionally engaging way, convey both the professionalism and the fear at the heart of an intensive care unit.*



**2<sup>nd</sup>**

← **109 Clodagh Kilcoyne**  
REUTERS

**THE CHICKEN RUN**  
Handlers attempts to help pose prize winning speciality poultry breeds for portraits at the annual Balmoral Show held by the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID...**

*We absolutely loved this set of photographs. An extremely original approach, brilliantly put together. The disembodied hands trying to arrange the chickens for showing, against a clean white backdrop delivers a hilariously effective reportage.*



**3<sup>rd</sup>**

← **110 Valerie O'Sullivan**  
FREELANCE

**KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK ON FIRE**

Devastating fire raged through Killarney National Park, threatening some of the oldest woodlands in Europe. Local fire crews and volunteers contained the fire in three days, saving much of the ancient oak forest.

**“ THE JUDGES SAID...**

*Some stories cannot be adequately told in a single image. Here is an excellent example of a reportage which paints the fullest picture of the terrible fire which devastated one of our most important national parks. A really fine set of photographs.*

# REPORTAGE

➔ **111 Alan Betson**

THE IRISH TIMES

**SYNC & SWIM**

Members of Ireland's first synchronised swimming team in Clontarf Baths, training to raise funds for St. Francis' Hospice, Raheny.



➔ **112 Nick Bradshaw**

FREELANCE / THE IRISH TIMES

**DUBLIN'S FEATHERED FRIENDS**

The pandemic offered photographers an opportunity to look beyond their normal remit, allowing the capturing of these wildlife images all within Dublin City boundaries.



# REPORTAGE

← **113 James Crombie**

INPHO

**ISOLATION**

A series of portraits of my family in isolation for 32 days, after they contracted Covid-19.



← **114 Ramsey Cardy**

SPORTSFILE

**TOKYO 2020**

A selection of images from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in Japan.





➔ **115**  
**Morgan Treacy**

INPHO  
**ATHLETIC ACTION**  
An offbeat look at the Track and Field action that took place during the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.



↑ **117** **Bryan O'Brien**

THE IRISH TIMES

**COVID-19 AND THE SMALL RURAL IRISH PUB**

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on the rural Irish pub. We visit four family owned bars in and around Boyle, Co. Roscommon, who are struggling to survive.

“ **THE JUDGES SAID...**

*The winning film in this year's Multimedia category takes us on a poignant journey inside four family-owned pubs in Co. Roscommon that are struggling to survive. The filmmaker beautifully captures a moment in time, gently and respectfully observing and documenting how these lives and places have been changed by the pandemic. While these places will be familiar to many, they are also fast being forgotten. This film consequently has the feel of something which not only matters now but will also matter in years to come. Shot selection, attention to detail and the use of natural light sets this film apart.*

➔ **116**  
**Philip Doyle**

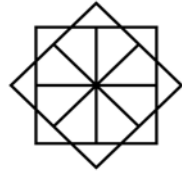
IRISH FARMERS JOURNAL

**THE MART**

The mart, a place that rarely changes but sits at the centre of many farming communities. Carnaross mart in Co. Meath is no different drawing animals and characters on sale day.



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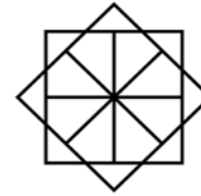
**JAMES CROMBIE**  
INPHO



**THE JUDGES SAID ...**

Choosing the Press Photographer of the Year was an extremely difficult task. We got the shortlist down to four really excellent portfolios. However, after intense debate and knowing that there could only be one overall winner, we unanimously agreed that this was the outstanding portfolio of the awards. This photographer wins the overall award based on their enthusiastic, innovative approach, the diversity of their work, their hard work ethic, and the sheer excellence of execution. If a tie-break was needed, and it probably wasn't, one particular image in this portfolio raises it to an absolutely higher level from the competition

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- 2006 Bryan O'Brien
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- 1990 Billy Stickland
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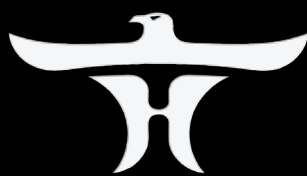
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A great friend of the PPAI for her continued support of the Association's exhibition over the course of many years.

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