

LUCIE FOUNDATION

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2020 LUCIE AWARDS and LUCIE TECHNICAL AWARDS POSTPONED

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July 1, 2020 (Los Angeles, CA) - The 18th Annual Lucie Awards and The 6th Annual Lucie Technical Awards have been postponed and each will be rescheduled once new dates become available. With the extended closure of Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York City and uncertainty of other venues, Lucie Foundation took the extraordinary step to postpone these signature events. Lauren Wendle, President, Lucie Foundation, adds, "We at Lucie Foundation wish our community health, safety, and fortitude at this challenging time. We look forward to celebrating the Masters of Photography and our industry at the appropriate time and place."

The health and safety of our honorees and attendees are of primary concern. In light of the current situation with Covid-19 (Coronavirus), and the need for all of us to assist in minimizing the spread of the disease in our communities, our plans are fluid and we will continue to follow all of the guidelines of the CDC and New York City. We do feel that it is important to honor the masters of photography, and the impact that photographs have in our world today, so we will reschedule. You can find updated information from the CDC about prevention and control, including limiting travel and large gatherings at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

The Lucie Foundation, with its Advisory Board, had announced an impressive list of nine honorees, who will be recognized at the future date: **Peter Magubane** will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award, **Paul Caponigro** for Achievement in Fine Art, **Lynn Goldsmith** for Achievement in Portraiture, **Pamela Hanson** for Achievement in Fashion, **Jean-Pierre Laffont** for Achievement in Photojournalism, **David Hurn** for Achievement in Documentary, **Joel Sartore** will receive the Humanitarian Award, **Steven Sasson** (inventor of the digital camera) will receive the Spotlight/Visionary Award, **Bob Martin** for Achievement in Sports, The Impact Award is given to a photographer whose image or body of work has created a difference in a given year. The recipient of this award will be announced closer to the rescheduled event.

In considering the Lucie Technical Awards, this decision was not made lightly. We realize many factories were closed this year and a lot of manufacturing was put on hold as a result which has delayed many product launches. For those who have been able to move forward, we will be happy to consider such innovative products in 2021. The 2021 Lucie Technical Awards will honor products for the 2020-2021 years. We also are aware that while PhotoPlus Expo is currently planned, the ceremony could inevitably be canceled depending on COVID guidelines. We would rather hold off and honor these products as we traditionally have with an awards ceremony in 2021.

Jaron Schneider, Senior Writer, The Imaging Resource and Technical Editor for the Lucie Foundation added, "The widespread effects of COVID-19 have put an incredible strain on the photography industry. Given the cascading

difficulties manufacturers have faced, we believe it was best to give everyone more time to deal with the still-unraveling consequences of the global pandemic. The Lucie Technical Awards looks forward to being there after we as a community have overcome this challenge."

The International Photography Awards (IPA), will announce the winners of The Lucie International Photographer of the Year and The Lucie Discovery of the Year awards at a later date. Support Category nominees will be announced prior to the rescheduled date. The Lucie Awards is the signature program of Lucie Foundation. More information will be available at <https://www.lucies.org> and <https://tech.lucies.org>

About Lucie Foundation - Lucie Foundation's mission is to honor master photographers, recognize current photographers, discover and cultivate emerging talent, and promote the appreciation of photography worldwide. The foundation presents year-round programming to support emerging photographers through the Lucie Scholarship Program and master photographers through The Lucie Awards. Other programs include The Lucie Technical Awards (LTA), exhibitions, talks and workshops at the House of Lucie Galleries, The Lucie Photo Book Prize, and The Story Behind the Image photographer talks and presentations. The Lucie Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable foundation. www.luciefoundation.org

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