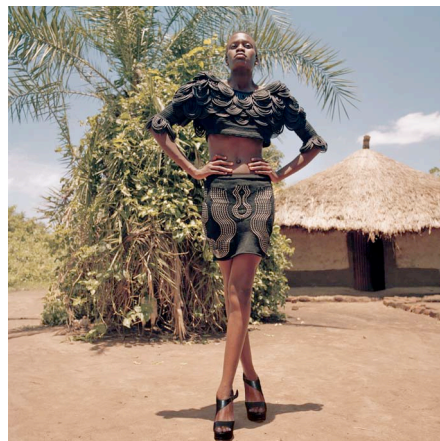
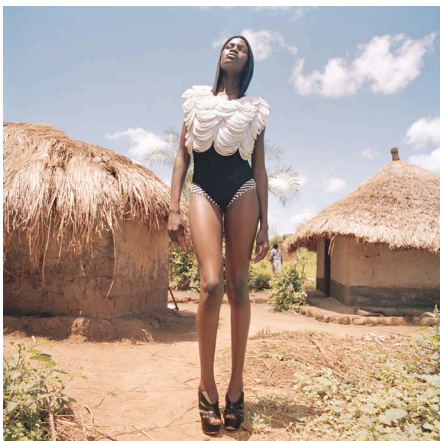
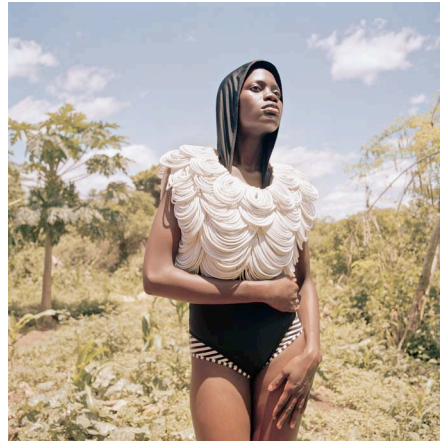


## AOP Student Photographer of the Year Announced



© Squiz Hamilton - AOP Student Photographer of the Year 2011, Fashion & Beauty Category.

30th anniversary of the AOP Students Awards.

Announced to a packed audience at the prize-giving on 23 March, the winner of this year's AOP Student Photographer of the Year 2010 Award is Squiz Hamilton, a third year student from Middlesex University. Squiz's work can be seen here and is also showcased in an accompanying exhibition at the AOP Gallery in Shoreditch, East London.

Squiz' images were selected from a record number of entries and was the unanimous favourite. His work stood out as an obvious contender for the Student Photographer of the Year Award because of it's unique quality and extreme sensitivity to detail.

Student Awards Judge Miranda Gavin has kindly offered Squiz the opportunity to take part in a one to one mentoring program she is operating. Squiz will receive six bespoke sessions with Miranda, one per month for the six-month period following the Student Awards exhibition.

Squiz will also receive £250 worth of Fujifilm products courtesy of Calumet.

This year the judges awarded two Merit prizes. The Merit Winners are Sonya Hurtado for her image in the Still Life Single and Luke Smith for his shots in the Portraiture & Lifestyle Series.

Judge's choices went to Rachael Lowndes - Portraiture & Lifestyle Single, Nina Hove - Portraiture & Lifestyle Series, Marianne McGurk - Fashion & Beauty Single, Sarah Brimley - Fashion & Beauty Series, Sarah Jackson - Still Life Series. All of the Award winning images can be viewed at - [http://awards.the-aop.org/2010\\_Students\\_Awards](http://awards.the-aop.org/2010_Students_Awards)

The Association of Photographers is very proud of the AOP Students Awards, and the 95 selected images will be on show at the AOP Gallery, London EC2 until 1 April 2011. The Students Awards Book will also be on sale at [www.the-awards.com](http://www.the-awards.com)

#### Notes to editors:

The Association of Photographers has been running an annual competition for students since 1981. These awards recognise the excellent standard of photography produced by individuals studying on photography related courses in the U.K. and Overseas. Now, thirty years since their inception, the Students Awards continue to flourish and offer the winning students and their colleges both support and valuable publicity.

The AOP Students Awards are one of four Awards run by the Association of Photographers. We also run the AOP Assistants Awards, the AOP Photographers Awards and the AOP Open. Full information on all of these can be seen at [www.the-awards.com](http://www.the-awards.com).

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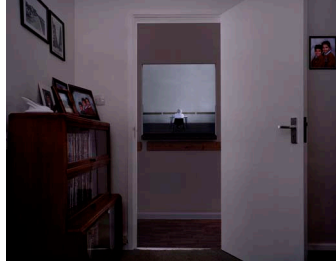
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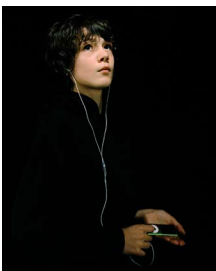
The Students Awards Exhibition runs until 1 April 2011.



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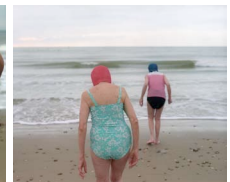
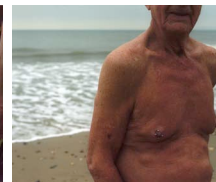
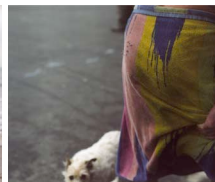
©Luke Smith - MERIT - Portraiture & Lifestyle Series



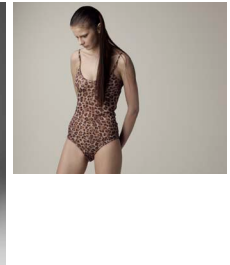
©Rachel Lowndes - Judge's Choice: Aine Donovan - Portraiture & Lifestyle Single



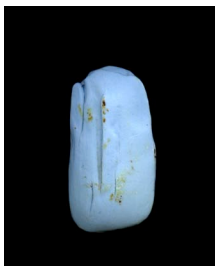
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