Getty Images Photographers Earn 45 Top Honors Across Leading Global Photojournalism Competitions

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New York – June 2, 2026: Getty Images (NYSE: GETY), a preeminent global visual content creator and marketplace, today announced that its world-class team of photographers earned 45 honors across the industry's leading photojournalism competitions in 2026, reinforcing the company's position as a primary source of accurate, real-time visual reporting for global media and organizations.

This year's winning work featured breaking news, politics, feature storytelling and major global sporting events from 17 staff photographers, with a total of 13 first place wins. Andrew Harnik and Julian Finney took home key distinctions, winning Political Portfolio of the Year and Sports Photographer of the Year.

Harnik's dominance across several competitions, such as the White House Correspondents Association (WHCA) Journalism Awards, the White House News Photographers Association (WHNPA) Still Photography Awards and the National Press Photographers Association (NPPA) Best of Photojournalism Competition, exemplifies the unique dedication and specialism required to document the complexities of politics in Washington, D.C. His portfolio spans the defining moments, unscripted tensions, and quiet in-between scenes that shape governance and public life in America, providing a trusted, accurate visual record that informs, challenges and endures.

Finney's top accolades for this year's SJA British Sports Journalism Awards showcases his innate ability to push the boundaries of visual storytelling, producing the kinds of images that don't just document events but define how they will be remembered. His artistry and instinctive anticipation, coupled with Getty Images' rare access at major sporting events and real-time distribution capabilities, creates a perspective that feels both authoritative and distinct.

Getty Images Global Head of Editorial Ken Mainardis said, "These results reflect consistent performance across the most competitive editorial environments. Recognition from independent institutions matters because it validates the accuracy, speed and reliability our customers depend on. In a market where trust in imagery is under pressure, that standard is the product."

Recognition for Getty Images' news photographers included:

2026 WHCA Journalism Awards:

- Andrew Harnik won The Award for Excellence in Presidential News Coverage category for his image of President Trump stood frozen in the Oval Office as attendees helped a guest after he collapsed during an event on lowering drug prices.

2026 WHNPA Still Photography Awards:

- Andrew Harnik was awarded top honors and first place in the Political Portfolio of the Year category (mentioned above). Win McNamee also received an Award of Excellence in this category for his full portfolio of news coverage from 2025 documenting President Trump's inner circle, international leaders and others on Capitol Hill and around the White House and Washington D.C., along with his extensive coverage of Abigail Spanberger and her supporters in the lead up to the Commonwealth of Virginia's off-year election for governor.
- Andrew Harnik (first) and Chip Somodevilla (third) were awarded in the Presidential category for their portfolio of news coverage from 2025 documenting President Trump's inner circle, international leaders and others on Capitol Hill and around the White House. They also received recognition in the Insider's Washington (first and third) and Politics Picture Story (first, second and third) categories.
- Kevin Dietsch received an Award of Excellence in the On Capitol Hill category for his work documenting U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio testifying before the Senate Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026.
- Andrew Harnik and Chip Somodevilla received Awards of Excellence in the Portfolio of the Year and Pictorial categories, respectively, for their news coverage from 2025 (mentioned above).

2026 NPPA Best of Photojournalism Competition:

- Andrew Harnik won first place in the Politics – Singles and second place in the Photojournalist of the Year – National and Politics Story categories for his work documenting President Trump's inner circle.
- Justin Sullivan won third place in the Science – Singles category for his work covering a rare albino alligator at the California Academy of Science.

2026 Pictures of the Year International (POY) Competition:

- Mario Tama was named a finalist in the Local News (Picture Story) and an Award of Excellence in the Local Photographer of the Year categories for his full portfolio of news coverage from 2025 documenting the Los Angeles wildfires and their aftermath, the 20-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, the funeral of Pope Francis and immigration protests and raids in Southern California and

LA county.

Recognition for Getty Images' sports photographers included:

2025 SJA British Sports Journalism Award:

- Julian Finney was named Sports Photographer of the Year for his full portfolio of sports coverage from 2025, including the 2025 Novuna London Athletics Meet, Mutua Madrid Open, The Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, 2025 French Open and UEFA Champions League Quarter Final. He was also awarded bronze in the Picture category.
- Carl Recine (winner), Alex Pantling (silver) and Justin Setterfield (bronze) were awarded in the Football Portfolio category. Their winning work spanned the 2025 FIFA Club World Cup Final, regular season Premier League matches, UEFA Europa League Final 2025 and New York City street football.
- Julian Finney (winner), Alex Pantling (silver), Michael Steele (silver), were awarded in the Portfolio category. Their winning work spanned the Women's Rugby World Cup 2025 Final, Emirates FA Cup Final, FIS World Cup Ski Jumping Four Hills Tournament, UEFA Europa League Final 2025, 2025 Diamond League Athletissima and World Athletics Championships Tokyo 2025.
- Carl Recine (winner) was awarded in the News Picture category for his work capturing Chelsea FC's trophy lift after winning the 2025 FIFA Club World Cup as President Trump looks on.

2026 WHNPA Still Photography Awards:

- Patrick Smith won first place in Sports Picture Story and Sports Feature/Reaction categories. His winning work includes his full portfolio of sports coverage from 2025, including the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament, World Athletic Championships Tokyo 2025, USATF Outdoor Championships, 2025 World Series, 125th U.S. Open and Super Bowl LIX. He was also awarded in the Sports Action (second, third and Award of Excellence), Sports Feature/Reaction (second and Award of Excellence) and Sports Picture Story (third) categories.

2026 NPPA Best of Photojournalism Competition:

- Adam Pretty won first place and Yong Teck Lim won third place in the Sports Picture Story category for their work capturing the action and artistry of the Singapore World Aquatics Championships 2025.
- Al Bello won second place in the Sports Photojournalist of the Year and third place in the Sports Action – Singles categories for his full portfolio of sports coverage from 2025, including the 2025 US Open, 2025 USATF Indoor Championships, 2025 FIFA Club World Cup, FSI Ski Jumping World Cup, Gervonta Davis v Lamont Roach Lightweight Title, along with an in-depth photo project

following transgender sprinter Sadie Schreiner who rose to prominence competing for the Rochester Institute of Technology, where she became a two-time NCAA Division III All-American in the 200m and 400m.

2026 POY International Competition:

- Steph Chambers and Patrick Smith were named finalists in the Sports Action category for their work capturing the team acrobatic final during the World Aquatics Artistic Swimming World Cup 2025 and the St Louis Blues stopping the puck from going over the goal line against the Washington Capital via the hockey netcam, respectively.
- Adam Pretty was named a finalist and Sarah Stier received an Award of Excellence in the Sports Life and Recreational Sports category for their work capturing Coco Gauff's celebration after winning the 2025 French Open and the Men's 3m Springboard Preliminaries of the Singapore 2025 World Aquatics Championships, respectively.

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