

# **17 NOVEMBER 2020**

# CLOSING PRESS RELEASE 17<sup>TH</sup> EDITION: «VIVA LATINA!»



307,000 VISITORS CAME TO EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE PHOTOGRAPHY AT THE 17<sup>TH</sup> LA GACILLY PHOTO FESTIVAL. THE VIVA LATINA! EDITION AN EXCEPTIONAL EVENT MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO EVERYONE'S EFFORTS AND SUPPORT.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this year's event happen! Our team, working together with the State's services, La Gacilly municipal council and our many volunteers, managed to redesign and adapt this year's Festival to provide an untroubled, immersive outdoor photographic experience open to all.

For four months, visitors were able to explore 19 exhibitions focused on Latin America and biodiversity. Festival-goers were treated to works from some of the great masters of photography such as Sebastião Salgado with *Gold* and introduced to lesser-known talents such as contemporary photographer Luisa Dörr and Emmanuel Honorato Vázquez, an Ecuadoran photographer from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Photographers from press agency AFP also shared their images from Latin America.

Our association is committed to supporting the creative arts and every year, we join up with Morbihan council to commission a photography project. 2020 spotlighted *The Morbihan Sanctuaries* by Emmanuel Berthier, while 2021 will invite photographer Florence Joubert to focus on innovators.

The 17<sup>th</sup> edition also marked the fifth year of the Young Humanist and Environmental Photography competition organised jointly with Fisheye Magazine. There was a retrospective exhibition featuring the competition's winners since 2015 alongside monographs from 2020's laureates on display at La Gacilly and in the Fisheye Gallery in Arles this summer.

Meanwhile, the third La Gacilly-Baden Photo Festival in Austria gave *All Eyes East*, the exhibition presented at La Gacilly in 2019, another airing and welcomed 306,000 visitors this summer.

2020 also saw our Mediation department reinforced, along with the development of numerous activities on offer to the public all year round.



# **KEY FIGURES 2020**

**307,000 VISITORS** to La Gacilly in France **306,000 VISITORS** to Baden in Austria

# **19 EXHIBITIONS**

5<sup>TH</sup> EDITION of the Young Humanist and Environmental Photography competition: David Bart, Coline Jourdan and Sébastien Leban

**2,700 PUPILS AND STUDENTS**, from nursery school to university, welcomed on visits and/or involved in an artistic and cultural education programme.

**82 VOLUNTEERS** involved alongside the Festival team for 2020.

7 MILLION EUROS revenue generated in the region by Festival-goers\*. \* Protourisme survey conducted in 2018



This year's Festival was put together with support from our public and private partners in the associative and cultural sectors, and thanks to the people of La Gacilly who all rallied around the event. We also spare a thought for everyone who works to promote culture, for the artists, events and institutions who were unable to showcase their talents this summer.

Our Festival was an opportunity to come together around photographs and photography. The high number of enthusiastic and conscientious visitors who came along provided a welcome economic boost for the La Gacilly region. Our Association is already working on the next Festival and we undertake to support creation and artistic and cultural education in our various projects. Culture is the vital component that drives our mission. Join us!

#### **Our technical partners**

Dupon-Phidap, Texxalis, Hahnemühle, Sappi, IMAYE Graphic, Offset 5, La Nouvelle Imprimerie, PixTrakk, Europcar, Facebook, Boostyourweb, Linévia, TER BreizhGo.

### **Our institutional partners**

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And of course, we must thank our local benefactors from La Gacilly and its surrounding area, as well as allthe festivalgoers and volunteers who remain loyal, year after year.

# **INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES**

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