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## History Hit's Historic Photographer of the Year Competition Returns

The UKs only amateur and professional photography competition opens 1st August 2023 with two new judges

**London, 01 August 2023:** <u>History Hit</u>, the podcast, SVOD and content platform founded by historian Dan Snow and acquired by award-winning digital content agency and media network <u>Little Dot Studios</u>, has announced that its <u>Historic Photographer of the Year</u> is back and open for entries from 17:00 BST 01 August 2023.

One of the UK's biggest history photography competitions has returned with two new judges. Internationally published and Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist, Marissa Roth, and *The Times* picture editor Andrew Hepburn, join broadcaster and historian, Dan Snow, Historic England's Claudia Kenyatta and Philip Movbray, Editor of Focus at *Picfair*, in reviewing the 2023 submissions.

The competition has two categories: 'Historic England' and 'World History'. The Historic England category, run in partnership with the public body <u>Historic England</u>, celebrates the best of England's historic treasures, capturing the true essence of these landmarks; they serve as vivid reflections of collective history. Whilst the World History category recognises sensational photographs of historic sites around the world, from renowned sites that trace the fate of civilisations to the lesser-known spots and natural landscapes.

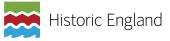
Historic Photographer of the Year calls on photographers of all levels to explore and capture the very best historic sites that the world has to offer. From parks to pubs, palaces to pigsties and barrows to bunkers, History Hit is encouraging everyone to get their cameras at the ready.

**Dan Snow, Creative Director at History Hit, said:** "Still photography can be so impactful as we're often educated on these incredible sites through the lens and the eye of the photographer. I love that our competition is open to all levels. The passion, skill and art in all submissions means that the right shot at the right time could be the winning entry regardless of experience. It's humbling to see the excellence and creativity this competition draws out of people, together with the vast geographical locations that are captured as a moment in time."

**Claudia Kenyatta, Director of Regions at Historic England** added: "These awards are a great inspiration to photographers around the globe and showcase stunning historic places, everyday heritage or famous landscapes. I'm delighted to be a judge once again with the

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opportunity to delve into the beauty and significance of England's heritage, and excited to witness the creative choices made by the entrants as they capture these timeless treasures through their lenses."

Photographers can enter their work until 18:00 BST 15 October 2023, via the History Hit <u>website</u>, with winners being announced on the 14 November 2023. The Historic Photographer of the Year Competition is open to amateur and professional photographers over the age of 18 and resident in the UK, excluding Northern Ireland. All entries will be judged by a panel of five judges, and will be based on their originality, composition and technical proficiency alongside the story behind the image and its historical impact. With the overall winner having their work showcased on the official competition website and receiving a cash prize of £250, category winners stand to win a cash prize of £50. Additionally, the Historic England category winner will also receive up to £100 worth of books selected from the Historic England imprint.

The 2022 winners of the Historic Photographer of the Year include Sam Binding for the Historic England category, with his image of Glastonbury Tor which was shot early in the morning as the sun rose with the mist to create an ethereal scene. And Luke Stackpoole, in the World History category with his image of UNESCO World Heritage site Fenghuang Ancient Town, China. Last year's winning photographs can be found <u>here</u>.

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#### About Historic Photographer of the Year

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#### About History Hit

History Hit, the podcast, SVOD and content platform founded by historian Dan Snow and acquired by award-winning digital content agency and media network Little Dot Studios, is a premium media network focused on making history more accessible in the digital age.

History Hit TV, its SVOD service, was launched in November 2017, focusing on original history programming. Alongside over 500 original documentaries, interviews and films, it also offers an archive of over 1,500 podcasts ad-free to subscribers. It is available on Roku, Apple, Android, web, Amazon Fire, and now Amazon Prime Video Channels UK.

The podcast arm of the media network produces eight successful podcast series, including the chart-topping *Dan Snow's History Hit*, which broadcasts four times a week. Recent additions include bi-weekly shows Betwixt the Sheets with Kate Lister and American History Hit with Don Wildman. The network publishes 19 podcast episodes a week for enthusiasts of all eras, from ancient times to present day.

History Hit has over 2 million social media connections across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok, and has recently launched digital publishing sections on historyhit.com focused on historical travel and video gaming.

#### **About Little Dot Studios**







Little Dot Studios is an award-winning digital content agency and media network established in 2013. Specialising in creating meaningful connections between premium content and digital audiences, Little Dot Studios engages, grows, and monetises digital audiences on social platforms and connected devices through data-driven, broadcast-quality creative.

Made up of digital experts, platform specialists and content superfans across the UK, US, Germany and APAC, Little Dot Studios works with the world's most recognised TV, sports and consumer brands, creating premium digital video, podcast and social content for more than 700 social channels globally and responsible for over nine billion organic views per month.

Little Dot Studios runs its digital broadcast network of more than thirty-five channel brands across social platforms as well as 8 FAST channels across streaming platforms. Licensing over 16,000 hours of hand-picked long-form content, the network is watched by over 40 million subscribers and reaches over 100 million unique viewers every month.

Little Dot Studios also owns sports-specialist production arm WING, broadcaster Dan Snow's History Hit podcast network and SVOD service, as well as social media reporting and analytics platform Locowise.

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