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2012 NZIPP Awards

Epson/New Zealand Institute of Professional Photography Iris Awards

Second time win for NZ Photographer of the Year, Jackie Ranken

Queenstown's Jackie Ranken, who has won a string of prestigious awards during her career, has been named NZ Photographer of the Year 2012. It is the second time she has won the top accolade, previously claiming the title in 2008.

Her portfolio of photographs encountered strongly able competition from the 1211 entries in the Epson/NZIPP Iris Professional Photography Awards. She also won Highest Scoring Monochrome Print for her Landscape image titled "Nevis Tree with Hand," and the Portrait Creative category.

A professional photographer for 32 years, Jackie moved to Queenstown from Australia in 2004. She has been an international awards judge for seven years, and has many awards to her credit, including Professional Photographer of the year in Australia.

2012 Epson/NZIPP Iris Awards NZ Professional Photographer of the Year, Jackie Ranken. This image, "Nevis Tree with Hand," was awarded a Gold Distinction in the Landscape category and the Highest Scoring Print – Monochrome, in the 2012 awards. © Jackie Ranken www.jackieranken.co.nz

In Queenstown, Jackie runs the Queenstown Centre for Creative Photography (QCCP) which operates photo safaris and photographic workshops with her husband Mike Langford, current president of the NZ Institute of Professional Photography. Mike won the Travel Category in this year's awards.

Chair of NZIPP Honours, Kaye Davis, said Jackie had a portfolio that portrayed landscape and people in a unique way. During the finals judging her work was described as "visual poetry, captured with a strong New Zealand essence."

"With over 1200 entries from around 180 photographers, the overall standard in this year's awards was exceptionally high. Judges recognised this with a total of 763 awards presented, including four gold distinctions and 40 gold awards."

This year the largest number of entries occurred in the landscape, portrait, wedding and student categories.

The annual awards celebrate the excellence of New Zealand's professional photographers, providing a platform for recognition within the industry and the wider public.

The awards also recognise Overseas Photographer of the Year, Paul Hoelen.

Next year, NZIPP celebrates its 75th anniversary with the InFocus event to be held in Auckland, and culminating in the 2013 Iris Awards.

f11 Magazine is proud to play a small sponsorship role in this event, providing support as a media partner for the NZIPP, and congratulates all of the winners and participants. We also provide the institute with exposure in every issue of the magazine as part of a long-term partnership commitment.

In this extended portfolio, we take a look at all of the category winners, together with a collection of images which received awards ▸

2012 Epson/NZIPP Iris Awards Portrait Creative Category Winner, Jackie Ranken. This image was awarded a Gold in that category. © Jackie Ranken www.jackieranken.co.nz

and caught our eye during our time in the judging rooms and at the event's activities.

Readers can expect to see a number of individual portfolios from NZIPP members in the coming year, as we run down some of the many talented photographers exposed by this annual event.

See the complete list of winners, and finalists, on the NZIPP page of this issue of *f11*. ■

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Top: 2012 Epson/NZIPP Iris Awards Portrait Classic Category Winner, Richard Wood. This image was awarded a Silver Distinction in that category. © Richard Wood www.richardwood.co.nz

Bottom: 2012 Epson/NZIPP Iris Awards Portrait Classic Category Winner, Richard Wood. This image was awarded a Gold in that category. © Richard Wood www.richardwood.co.nz

2012 Epson/NZIPP Iris Awards Portrait Classic Category Winner, Richard Wood. This image was awarded a Silver in that category. © Richard Wood www.richardwood.co.nz

2012 Epson/NZIPP Iris Awards Photojournalism Category Winner, Mark McKeown.
This image was awarded a Bronze in that category. © Mark McKeown
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2012 Epson/NZIPP Iris Awards Photojournalism Category Winner, Mark McKeown.
This image was awarded a Silver in that category. © Mark McKeown
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2012 Epson/NZIPP Iris Awards Travel Category Winner, Mike Langford.
This image was awarded a Gold in that category. © Mike Langford
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