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FREDERIK
BUYCKX

WOLF

FREDERIK BUYCKX WINS THE LIFE FRAMER SERIES AWARD,
RECEIVING A SOLO EXHIBITION AT MATÈRIA GALLERY, ROME

We're happy to announce the result of the inaugural Life Framer Series Award - a prize designed to celebrate a single body of work alongside the main themed Life Framer Photography Prize.

The winner, selected by acclaimed fine-art photographer Mona Kuhn, is Frederik Buyckx with his series 'WOLF'. His series will be presented at a solo exhibition at Matèria Gallery in Rome from 8 June to 4 July 2017, curated by Life Framer and Matèria Gallery owner Niccolò Fano.

The series title - 'WOLF' - acts as a metaphor for his journey through the expansive landscapes of Europe, rediscovering wild nature and its inhabitants while in search of an antidote to a sterile life in the urban jungle.

Frederik says of it: "Putting yourself in the most uncomfortable situation is what makes you use all your senses to their fullest. I met the people and animals that still depend on nature, at the same time having to cope with its unpredictable character. Together with them I experienced what it is like to live with its forces.

To find these areas of isolation and wild nature I decided to follow the path of the wolf, a feared predator known for roaming through vast areas of wilderness. Strong but shy, the wolf doesn't often show itself to others, but others fear him. His presence can be felt rather than seen".

Frederik Buyckx: WOLF

Matèria Gallery

Via Tiburtina 149, 00185 Rome

8 June - 4 July 2017

Tue - Sat 11.00 - 19.00

Opening View: Thu 8 June 19.00 - 21.00

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ABOUT LIFE FRAMER

Life Framer has become a renowned platform for discovering and celebrating contemporary photography from emerging and professional artists around the world. It hosts an independent award, supported by a growing community of photographers, designed to champion creative culture on and offline. To date Life Framer has showcased its winners at gallery exhibitions in London, New York, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Paris, Biel and Rome.

www.life-framer.com

ABOUT MONA KUHN

Mona Kuhn is best known for her large-scale, dream-like renderings of the human form. She captures ethereal moments with a remarkable intimacy, and in doing so paints a thoughtful picture of humankind. She has published four monographs through the acclaimed publishing house Steidl, and her work is held in a long list of public collections including at LACMA and the J Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles, the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, the Peace Memorial Museum in Hiroshima, and Musée de l'Élysée in Lausanne.

www.monakuhn.com

ABOUT FREDERIK BUYCKX

Frederik Buyckx was born in 1984 in Antwerp, Belgium. He received a Master's Degree in Advertising Design at St-Lucas Antwerp and studied photography until 2013 at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Ghent, Belgium, before becoming a freelance photographer in 2010. Besides assignments he mainly focuses on personal projects. For his series "Jesus, Make-Up and Football" he documented the daily life in the favelas in Rio de Janeiro. The work won several awards, including a World Press Photo Award in 2013, and was published in a book by Lannoo (Belgium). His work has been published by outlets such as National Geographic Magazine, The New York Times, VICE, De Standaard, CNN Photo Blog and The Sunday Times.

www.frederikbuyckx.com

ABOUT MATÈRIA

Based in the neighbourhood of San Lorenzo in Rome, Matèria specialises in contemporary photographic practice and visual culture. The gallery furthers and supports the work of emerging and established artists through a curatorial programme of exhibitions and events that engage with the ever-evolving dialects of the contemporary image.

www.materiagallery.com