

PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR IN SİLLE HONORARY AWARD - 2026

The Sille Photographer of the Year Honor Award was given during the first 4 years following the establishment of Sille Sanat Sarayı to participants who achieved success in the Sille Invitational Competition.

2011 – GÜRSEL EGEMEN ERGİN

2012 – MEHMET ULUYURT

2013 – EMRE BOSTANOĞLU

2014 – M. TARIK CANBAY

2015 – ABDULLAH APAN

For the following three years, the award was given to our members who carried out socially beneficial projects through photography.

2016 – EMEL SEZER – SERDAR AKYAY

2017 – İSMAİL DEĞİRMENÇİ

2018 – KADİR İSTİFÇİ – EVREN YILMAZ

Starting from 2019, we decided to establish certain standard rules for determining the recipient of the “Sille Photographer of the Year Honor Award.” According to the new rules, the Sille Photographer of the Year will be selected among our members who hold the SSS/R and SSS/R* titles.

For this purpose, every year we will organize a photography exhibition among our members who hold the SSS/R and SSS/R* titles. Our members holding the SSS/R and SSS/R* titles who wish to participate in the “Sille Photographer of the Year Honor Award” event will submit 10 photographs on a free subject. A three-member jury, consisting of our Honorary Members and reappointed each year, will select 30% of the submitted photographs for inclusion in the exhibition. Among the selected photographs, the member whose photographs are represented in the highest number will be entitled to receive the “Sille Photographer of the Year Honor Award” for that year.

The photographs selected for the exhibition will be displayed as a virtual exhibition on our website.

2019 - YÜKSEL AÇIKGÖZ

2020 - UDAYAN SANKAR PAL

2021 – ÖZLEM GÜN BİNGÖL

2022 – AKIN ACAR

2023 – EKREM ŞAHİN

2024 – SALİM ŞİMŞEK

2025 – CİHAN SAVRAN

2026 -

MAIN CONDITIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF THE SİLLE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

- **Continued membership in Sille Sanat Sarayı.**
- **Holding the SSS/R or SSS/R* title.**
- **A member who has received the Sille Photographer of the Year Honor Award once cannot participate in this event again.**

CONDITIONS FOR THE EXHIBITION PHOTOGRAPHS:

SUBJECT: FREE (COLOR and/or BLACK & WHITE)

1. Each participant must upload 10 photographs.
2. The 10 photographs do not have to be within a specific theme.
3. Photographs that have previously received an award in Sillesanat Sarayı members-only competitions cannot be included in this exhibition.
4. Photographs must be in JPG format, at 300 dpi resolution, with a maximum horizontal size of 3840 pixels, a maximum vertical size of 2160 pixels, and a maximum file size of 2MB. Therefore, attention must be paid to the resolution settings, and the photographs should be saved in JPG format using the highest quality setting. Photographs that do not comply with these requirements will be eliminated.
5. Each photograph must be given a title.
6. Photographs must be uploaded via <http://yarismasistemi.com>.

THE NAMES OF THE THREE-MEMBER JURY, WHO WILL BE SELECTED FROM AMONG OUR HONORARY MEMBERS, **WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE THE EVALUATION.**

FOR 2026

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 17 October 2026

JURY EVALUATION: 18 October 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS AND EXHIBITION: 29 October 2026

AWARD CEREMONY: The ceremony will be held as part of the Members' Gathering Program.

OUR MEMBERS HOLDING THE SSS/R AND SSS/R* TITLES IN 2026:

- ABDULLAH VURAL – ANTALYA – SSS/R
- AHMET BOZKURT - ANKARA - SSS/R – Hon.SSS
- AHMET ÇETİNTAŞ - BURSA - SSS/R
- AKIN ACAR - ANTALYA - SSS/R (NOT ELIGIBLE)
- AYŞE SERAP DENİZ – ADANA – SSS/R
- BARIŞ BARLAS - İZMİR - SSS/R
- CİHAN SAVRAN - KONYA - SSS/R (NOT ELIGIBLE)
- EKREM ŞAHİN - ANTALYA - SSS/R (NOT ELIGIBLE)
- EMEL SEZER – EDİRNE (NOT ELIGIBLE) - SSS/R
- ERGÜN KARADAĞ - ŞANLIURFA- SSS/R
- FATMA GÖKMEN - ANKARA- SSS/R
- GÜR GÜRELLİ – SSS/R
- HAKAN BAHÇECİ – SSS/R

- HASAN GÜZEL – SSS/R
- HÜLYA ARICI – MANİSA – SSS/R
- LÂLE ÇAKTI - İSTANBUL- SSS/R – Hon.SSS
- METE KIŞLAL - İSTANBUL- SSS/R
- MUSTAFA TOR - ADANA- SSS/R
- MUZAFFER TEMEL – SSS/R
- NEŞE ARI - İSTANBUL- SSS/R – Hon.SSS
- NURİYE ULUSOY – ANKARA – SSS/R
- **ÖZLEM GÜN BİNGÖL - İSTANBUL - SSS/R - Hon.SSS (NOT ELIGIBLE)**
- ÖZGÜR ŞAHİN – SSS/R
- PANDULA BANDARA - SRI LANKA- SSS/R
- RAMAZAN ÜNVER KAYA – SSS/R
- REYHAN TÜRK - İSTANBUL- SSS/R
- **SALİM ŞİMŞEK - MUĞLA- SSS/R (NOT ELIGIBLE)**
- SELMA DEMİRKOL - MERSİN- SSS/R - SSS/R*
- SELMA ORANSAY - İZMİR- SSS/R - SSS/R*
- SEMA DEMİRKOL - MERSİN- SSS/R - SSS/R*
- **SERDAR AKYAY – KOCAELİ- SSS/R (NOT ELIGIBLE)**
- **YÜKSEL AÇIKGÖZ - KONYA- SSS/R (NOT ELIGIBLE)**