



Entries for the 2023 edition of the international UNPUBLISHED PHOTO contest will open on 27 February. Young photographers born between 1993 and 2005 have the chance until 16 April to submit their portfolios. The contest is promoted by the Fondazione culture e musei (FCM) and MUSEC Lugano, in collaboration with the 29 ARTS IN PROGRESS gallery in Milan and the Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti in Venice.

Unpublished Photo is a competition that aims to target and attract new, young, and emerging contemporary photographers, **aged between 18 and 30**. The aim is to promote and enhance new trends in photography without imposing any specific themes or limitations and to support creativity in all the senses and whilst embracing a wide range of photographic technical possibilities.

The UP23 competition will award the first runner-up a **monetary prize** of CHF 2,000; the second runner-up receives CHF 1,500, while the third and fourth finalists each receive CHF 1,000. A selection of the works of the UP23 finalists will be published in a photo booklet edit by FCM. The De Pietri Artphilein Foundation, a partner in the initiative, will produce and publish with Artphilein Editions, a valuable limited edition artist book entirely dedicated to the project of one of the finalists. Once again this year, MUSEC will present the finalist's works to the public, exhibiting them from 15 December 2023 to 18 February 2024 in Lugano at its Villa Malpensata venue.

How to participate

All photographers born between 1993 and 2005 can participate.

Applicants have to submit their portfolios, consisting of 10 images that must have stylistic and technical coherence on one chosen theme, a project description and a short biography, until the 16 April 2023. An online application form is available at the following link: <https://www.fcmusei.ch/contest/>