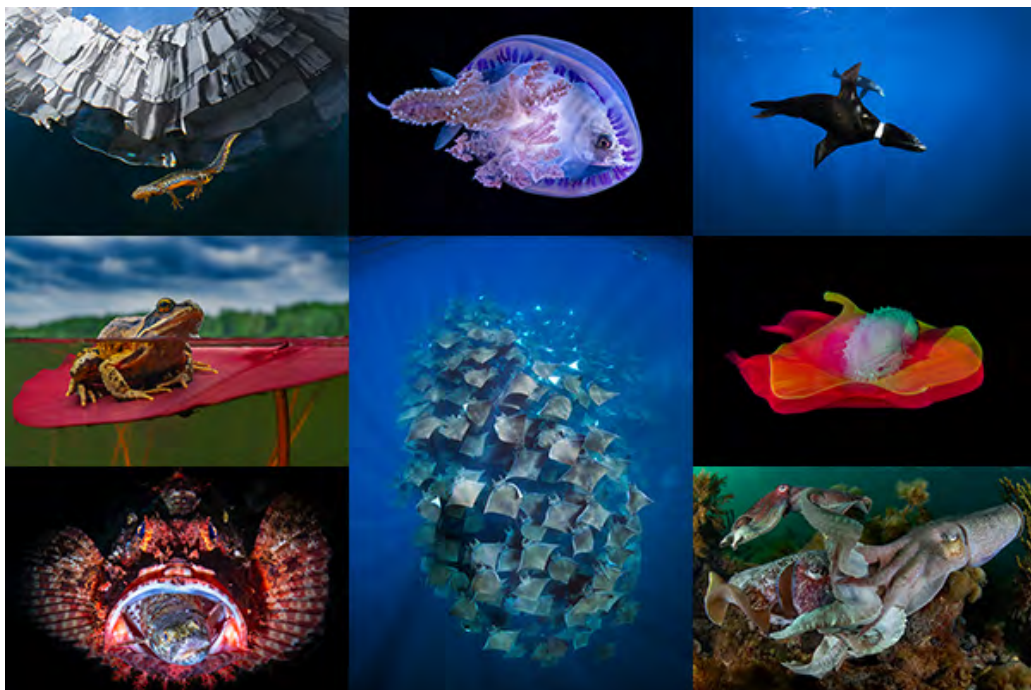


DPG Masters 2024 Competition Winners Announced



DPG is proud to announce the winners of the DPG Masters Underwater Imaging Competition 2024. Once again, thousands of photographers and filmmakers from dozens of countries competed in what has become known as the “World Championship” of international underwater imaging events. The competition invited submissions to eight image categories and one video category, with entries evaluated by a panel of award-winning underwater photographers: Nicolas Remy, Steven Kovacs, Shane Gross, Tanya

Houppermans, Imran Ahmad, and Andy Sallmon.

For the first time in the contest’s long history, it was a video entry that was deemed the best overall. Canadian videographer Eiko Jones’ short film, entitled *The Journey*, brilliantly captures the drama-filled life cycle of salmon in the rivers of British Columbia, Canada. The first place winner in the Short Film category earned Eiko the title “DPG Grand Master 2024.”

Congratulations, too, to the Gold winners in the photo categories—



Shooting Location: Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada

Equipment: Nikon Z6, Z CAM E2-S6, Sigma AF 8–16mm f/4.5–5.6, Nikon AF-S 60mm f/2.8 Macro, Aquatica and Nauticam housings, Nauticam EMWL, Laowa Macro Probe, Keldan video lights

Videographer’s Comment: “This short film is a compilation of sequences from my longer film ‘Heartbeat of the River.’ My goal in producing this short film is to showcase the incredible journey the salmon of Vancouver Island’s Campbell and Quinsam Rivers take in the completion of their life cycle. It’s a triumph over adversaries and obstacles that has gone on for millennia along the coast of British Columbia and the United States.”

Vanessa Mignon (Traditional), Andrea Michelutti (Macro, Compact), Massimo Zannini (Wide Angle), Luc Rooman (Over-Under), Matthew Mak (Conservation), André Moyo (Blackwater), and Filippo Borghi (Portfolio)—as well as all the runners-up. Finally, special thanks to our amazing sponsors for their incredible

generosity, to our knowledgeable judges for all their hard work, and to everyone who participated.

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