



DPS Members Celebrate International Success Including Three FIAP Gold Medals

Dundalk Photographic Society is celebrating the enormous international successes of two of its senior members, Gabriel O'Shaughnessy and Brian Hopper.

Both men who have been members for a number of years continue to add Gold Medals and other awards to their collections both in Ireland and across Europe and are amongst the most top amateur photographers in the country.

Gabriel's latest awards has seen him win two FIAP Gold Medals, the highest achievement in international salons, and both were won in the Spanish San Sebastian Salon, Black & White section and Colour section. This makes him the only Irish photographer to achieve such status. He has also won 2 gold medals in Austria where he beat up to 50,000 other entries with his images 'Trinity' and 'Orphans'.

To top all his successes he has achieved his EFIAP/IB Distinction (European Federation International Art Of Photography/Bronze) where a photographer has to gain over 300 acceptances and 30 awards in 9 countries around the world.



DPS Chairman Gabriel O'Shaughnessy being presented his awards at the Gala of Photography in Linz, Austria.

Brian Hopper who hails from Blackrock has also had a fantastic year, and has put DPS on the map as a society amongst the top in the world, by winning many awards both at home and internationally. He not only won DPS's overall best print in the society's own exhibition, but his awards include three Gold Medals in An Oige Annual Exhibition 2010, Two United



Photographers International (UPS) Gold's in Italy & Serbia, A Trierenberg Salon Gold in Austria, FIAP Gold Edinburgh, and eight other awards including Silver, Judge's Medal, & Ribbons. He also holds the national record for having eight images printed in the 19th Trierenberg Super Circuit 2010.

The Society is very proud to have both men in their ranks, but are confident that there are more members who will achieve this status as the competition still remains fierce in the monthly competition in Seatown, where they meet to battle it out to see who wins the Club Photographer Of The Year.

Copies of the FIAP Gold Medal winning images can be found below.

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'Broken Doll' by Gabriel O'Shaughnessy



'Orphans' by Gabriel O'Shaughnessy



'In The Bedroom' by Brian Hopper