

Beauty Contest of nature



*A Photography Portfolio by
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About the beauty contest of nature

Our nature is and has always been incredibly beautiful, its varying colours and the multitude of life forms delivering us with lots of sources for astonishment. We only need to open our eyes and look for this beauty in our modern and nature distanced world.

Many people haven't learned to see and appreciate all the beautiful and seemingly little things in our life. This photography portfolio is about offering people the opportunity to take a break and enjoy some beautiful moments from our nature. It is about showing how beautiful nature can be even in urban areas and that it does not take a lot to see it, nevertheless if it is a butterfly in a garden or a fiery sunset. It's these little moments that everyone can see and adore, one just has to take the time to stop and look closely enough.

landscapes



Beautiful fiery sundown in the nordic winter



Panoramic view of Watzmann & Birnhorn



Northern lights above Kap Arkona, Isle of Rügen



Raindrops moisturing a spring rose blossom



Pasqueflower opening up in the warm sunshine of spring

Flowers of the Spring

Photographing flowers in the spring and seeing how the winter greyness gives way for a new and colorful phase in nature's yearly cycle always gives new hope and inspiration, to see how the seemingly dead nature awakens into new life and beauty perfectly demonstrates that life always goes on.

Makro wildlife



A painted lady resting on a true lavender

Makro wildlife photography is all about the details in macroscopic scale: the structure of a butterfly's wings, the structure of flowers and so on, displaying beauty even in seemingly non beautiful places.

wild birds



A Cormoran starting off from the sea close to Stralsund

Photographing birds offers a large variety of stunning pictures, ranging from portraits to action shots, freezing the motion, to landscape pictures in which the bird adds up to the background, creating a beautiful scene.



Juvenile European Herring Gull posing in front of the Gorch Fock in Stralsund



European Robbin hiding in tall grass

Pet Dogs



In pet photography, especially with highly active dogs, capturing good moments can be quite difficult. Finding a good spot with eye-level and a good overview requires a lot of assessment of the photography position.

When photographing pets it is important to maintain a good communication with the pet-owners regarding what kind of photos do they want, which can be quite different from what pictures one as a photographer would make.

Havanese puppy carefully examining its humans



Old belgian Malinois resting, still being aware of its owner

Our Underwater World



Relaxed Northern Pike resting between seagrass

Photographing underwater is a real challenge, facing a hostile environment for humans and difficult light circumstances. Nevertheless, if one is able to take a closer look into this hidden world, one will be surprised by its colors and diversity.



A collapsed tree covered in algae, looking spooky in the mirky cold water



About me

I'm Samuel, a 24 year-old hobby photographer.

As long as I can remember, nature has fascinated me and I can't but be amazed of its beauty, its majestic appearance and speechless of its force, compared to me as a human being. This beauty as I see it has always been something I wanted to share with the people around me.

As a teenager I got my first own dslr-camera with a kit lens, not knowing much about the art of photography I started taking it with me on hikes, taking lots of pictures and learning how to use my camera by simply trying and experimenting.

Over the years and through many mistakes I've developed my photography skills, well-knowing them to be far from perfect. Through my experience I've learned that I enjoy photographing animals the most, nevertheless if they are wild or pet animals. Just a few years back I fell into diving and since then getting myself going with underwater photography has been a major focus for my photography.