

International Photography Festivals

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Es begann 1969 im südfranzösischen Arles. Eine kleine Schar von Fotoenthusiasten kam damals auf Initiative von Lucien Clergue zu einem lockeren sommerlichen Gedanken- und Bilderaustausch zusammen, die „Rencontres“ waren geboren. Diese Treffen wurden von Jahr zu Jahr populärer und größer, doch erst mit dem Mois de la Photo in Paris und dem Houston Fotofest entstand in den 1980er Jahren das Fotofestival heutigen Zuschnitts – eine Veranstaltung für das breite Publikum und zugleich eine Begegnungsstätte für die Fachwelt. Vor allem das Modell Houston hat sich inzwischen weltweit durchgesetzt. Dies nicht nur wegen seiner konsequenten Internationalität und thematischen Orientierung, sondern dank der Erfindung des *Meeting Place*, eines Ortes, der Fotografen und „Verwerter“ in effizient organisierten *Portfolio Reviews* zusammenführt. Die nebenstehende Tabelle gibt einen Überblick über 43 der wichtigsten internationalen Fotofestivals, basierend auf einer Umfrage vom Dezember 2008.

It all began in 1969 in Arles, in southern France. On the initiative of Lucien Clergue, a small group of photography enthusiasts gathered that summer for an informal exchange of ideas and images – the “Rencontres” was born. From year to year, these meetings became more popular and more sizeable, but it was not until the Mois de la Photo in Paris and FotoFest in Houston during the 1980s that the photography festival in its current form emerged – an event both for a wide audience and for the experts. The Houston model is the one that has mainly asserted itself worldwide, not only because of its consistently international quality and thematic direction, but also because of the inauguration of the “Meeting Place,” which brings together in efficiently organized “Portfolio Reviews” the image-makers and image-takers. The table on the right provides an overview of 43 of the most important international photography festivals based on a survey undertaken in December 2008.

City	Country	Name	Founded	Frequency	Next Edition	Portfolio Reviews	Director	Web
Arles	France	Rencontres d'Arles	1969	annually	7 Jul–13 Sep 2009	Yes	François Hébel	www.rencontres-arles.com
Athens	Greece	Athens Photo Festival	1987	annually	Oct–Nov 2009	Yes	Stavros Moresopoulos	www.hcp.gr
Berlin	Germany	Europäischer Monat der Fotografie Berlin	2004	biannually	Oct 2011	No	Oliver Bätz, Thomas Friedrich	www.mdf-berlin.de
Bielsko-Biała	Poland	FotoArtFestival	2005	biannually	Oct 2009	Yes	Andrzej Baturó, Inez Baturó	www.faf.art.pl
Birmingham	UK	Rhubarb-Rhubarb	1999	annually	Jul 2009	Yes	Rhonda Wilson	www.rhubarb-rhubarb.net
Brasília	Brazil	Foto Arte Brasília	2002	biannually	Oct–Dec 2009	Yes	Karla Osorio Netto	www.fotoartebrasil.com.br
Bratislava	Slovakia	Month of Photography	1991	annually	Nov 2009	Yes	Vaclav Macek	www.sedf.sk
Brighton	UK	Brighton Photo Biennial	2003	biannually	Oct–Nov 2010	Yes	Helen Cadwallader	www.bpb.org.uk
Buenos Aires	Argentina	Encuentros abiertos festival de la luz	1989	biannually	Aug 2010	Yes	Alejandro Montes de Oca	www.encuentrosabiertos.com.ar
Daegu	South Korea	Daegu Photo Biennale	2006	biannually	Oct 2010	Yes	Bohnchang Koo	www.daeguphoto.com
Darmstadt	Germany	Darmstädter Tage der Fotografie	2004	annually	24–26 Apr 2009	No	Albrecht Haag, Alexandra Lechner et al.	www.dtdf.de
Derby	UK	FORMAT International Photography Festival	2004	biannually	6 Mar–5 Apr 2009	Yes	Louise Clements, Mike Brown	www.formatfestival.com
Groningen	Netherlands	Noorderlicht International Photofestival	1990	annually	Sep 2009	No	Ton Broekhuis	www.noorderlicht.com
Hamburg	Germany	Triennale der Photographie Hamburg	1998	triannually	Apr 2011	Yes	Henriette Vāth-Hinz, Helmut Sander	www.phototriennale.de
Hannover	Germany	LUMIX Festival of young Photojournalism	2008	biannually	16–20 Jun 2010	Yes	Rolf Nobel	www.fotofestival-hannover.de
Hereford	UK	Hereford Photography Festival	1990	annually	May 2009	No	Richard Heatly, Nic Millington et al.	www.photofest.org
Houston	USA	FotoFest International	1986	biannually	12 Mar–25 Apr 2010	Yes	Wendy Watriss, Fred Baldwin	www.fotofest.org
Kassel	Germany	Fotobook Festival	2005	annually	15–17 May 2009	Yes	Dieter Neubert, Michael Wiedemann	www.kasselerfotoforum.de
Kaunas	Lithuania	Kaunas Photo Festival	2004	annually	May & Sep 2009	Yes	Mindaugas Kavaliauskas	www.kaunasfoto.info
Köln	Germany	Internationale Photoszene Köln	1984	biannually	Sep 2010	Yes	Norbert Moos	www.photoszene.de
Kraków	Poland	Photomonth in Kraków	2002	annually	6–31 May 2009	Yes	Tomasz Gutkowski, Piotr Lelek, Karol Hordziej	www.photomonth.com
Leipzig	Germany	Internationales Fotografiefestival F/Stop Leipzig	2006	annually	Jun–Jul 2009	Yes	Kristin Dittrich	www.f-stop-leipzig.de
Łódź	Poland	International Festival of Photography Łódź	2001	annually	7–31 May 2009	Yes	Krzysztof Candrowicz, Marta Szymanska	www.fotofestival.com
Luxembourg	Luxembourg	European Month of Photography Luxembourg	2000	biannually	Mar–Apr 2009	No	Pierre Stiwer, Paul DiFelice, Sneja Dobrosavljevic	www.cafecreme-art.lu
Madrid	Spain	PhotoEspaña	1998	annually	3 Jun–26 Jul 2009	Yes	Claude Bussac	www.phedigital.com
Mannheim	Germany	Fotofestival Mannheim_Ludwigshafen_Heidelberg	2005	biannually	5 Sep–25 Oct 2009	Yes	Dietrich Skibelski, Carolin Ellwanger	www.fotofestival.info
México	Mexico	Fotoseptiembre	1993	biannually	Sep 2009	No	Alejandro Castellanos	www.conaculta.gob.mx/cimagen
Milano	Italy	Foto & Photo	2001	biannually	Sep 2010	No	Enrica Viganò	www.admiraphotography.it
Montreal	Canada	Le Mois de la Photo à Montréal	1989	biannually	Sep 2009	Yes	Chuck Samuels	www.moisdelaphoto.com
Moscow	Russia	Fashion and Style in Photography	1999	biannually	Mar–May 2009	No	Olga Sviblova	www.mdf.ru
Moscow	Russia	Moscow International Month of Photography	1996	biannually	Mar–May 2010	Yes	Olga Sviblova	www.mdf.ru
New York	USA	New York Photo Festival	2008	annually	May 2009	No	Daniel Power, Frank Evers, Sam Barzilay et al.	www.nyphotofestival.com
Novosibirsk	Russia	Different Dimension	2006	biannually	Jul 2010	No	Andrey Martynov	www.levallgallery.com/Photo2
Odense	Denmark	Odense Foto Triennale	2000	triannually	Oct 2009	Yes	Ingrid Fischer Jonge, Jens Friis	www.oftfyn.dk
Paris	France	Mois de la Photo	1980	biannually	Nov 2010	No	Jean-Luc Monterosso	www.mep-fr.org
Portland	USA	Photolucida	1999	biannually	Apr 2009	Yes	Laura Moya	www.photolucida.org
Stockholm	Sweden	Xposeptember	1998	biannually	2010	No	Helena Holmberg	www.xposeptember.se
Tampere	Finland	Backlight Photo Festival	1987	triannually	2011	Yes	Ulrich Haas-Pursiainen, Irma Puttonen et al.	www.backlight.fi
Tenerife	Spain	Fotonoviembre	1991	biannually	8 Nov–10 Dec 2009	Yes	Antonio Vela de la Torre	www.fotonoviembre.org
Thessaloniki	Greece	PhotoBiennale	2008	biannually	Apr–May 2010	Yes	Vangelis Ioakimidis	www.photobiennale.gr
Toronto	Canada	CONTACT Toronto Photography Festival	1997	annually	1–31 May 2009	Yes	Darcy Killeen, Bonnie Rubenstein	www.contactphoto.com
Vienna	Austria	Europäischer Monat der Fotografie Wien	2004	biannually	Nov 2010	Yes	Thomas Licek	www.monatderfotografie.at
Xalapa	Mexico	Mayo Fotografico	1990	biannually	May 2010	Yes	Miguel Fematt, Rosa Maria Lopez	www.mayofotografico.com