

¿What is PHotoEspaña?

PHotoEspaña, International Festival of Photography and Visual Arts, began in 1998 with the purpose of being an event created by the society and it has now evolved into one of the greatest of visual art events worldwide

The exhibitions and activities are carried out in the principal museums, cultural centers and art galleries of Madrid, attracting over half a million people annually; a number which makes this PHotoEspaña the most popular festival and cultural event celebrated in Spain.

PHotoEspaña is a leading international forum for photography. The prestige of the event, recognized by outstanding critics, has turned Madrid into a fundamental meeting place for photography professionals.

Created and organized thanks to support of private initiative, the Festival counts on the sponsorship of private businesses and public institutions such as the Ministry of Education and Culture in the Community of Madrid, and the City Hall. PHotoEspaña is organized by La Fábrica, a cultural management enterprise that has launched numerous innovating projects with the help of a professional, rigorous and independent team.

Exhibitions

The Festival's exhibitions are divided into two main groups: the Official Selection consists of exhibits in museums, institutions and large cultural centers; while the Festival Off includes shows in galleries and art spaces. The heart of PHotoEspaña is found along the Paseo de la Castellana, a principal artery in Madrid

The exhibitions present the latest tendencies in the world of photography and visual arts to the general public and specialists alike. It's an extraordinary occasion to see fresh photographic projects, videos and installations by national and international photographers and visual artists.

Over the years, PHotoEspaña has celebrated a total of 588 exhibitions presented in museums, art centers and galleries in the city. Casa de América, MNCARS, Museo Thyssen , Círculo de Bellas Artes, Centro Cultural Conde Duque, Fundación Telefónica, Fundación Canal, Centro Cultural de la Villa, Real Jardín Botánico... are some of the main venues, and other important cultural institutions have also participated in various editions of the Festival, such as the Museo del Prado.

PHE07: the tenth anniversary

In 2007 PHotoEspaña commemorates its tenth anniversary, for which the Festival will host a grand celebration of photography from May 30 to July 22, 2007, a professional encounter that will summon primary figures in the medium.