



# LAGOIS FOTOPREIS

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## Chiara Dazi and Christoph Otto are presented with the Lagois Photography Award on the topic of “intangible cultural heritage”

Youth Prize awarded for the first time – exhibition “KULTUR.ERBEN” about cultural heritage declared open

Munich. The photographer Chiara Dazi has received the Lagois Photography Award 2018/2019 receiving the amount of EUR 2,500 for her photo essay “Wandertage” about craftswomen on the road. The Lutheran media house Evangelischer Presseverband für Bayern e.V. awarded the prize on the topic of “intangible cultural heritage” on Friday (March 29th 2019) in the Lutheran youth church. The patron of the competition and Permanent Representative of the Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Bavaria (ELKB), Bishop Susanne Breit-Keßler, said in her laudatory speech:

“Dazi shows the loneliness and community of women who devote themselves to an old traditions voluntarily and thirsty for knowledge as well as adventure, full of expectations what may come. Lyrically such as Schubert’s songs or fairytales the photo’s speak about poor journeymen.”

The photographer and author Christoph Otto from Berlin received the Lagois Fund Prize of EUR 1,000. In his photographic story he documented a snake ritual of the Italian mountain village Cocullo in the region of Abruzzo. The Regional Bishop acknowledged that his pictures show the “high symbolic significance” of the reptiles, “not exclusively of evil but of wisdom and healing power”. The animals are caught by village inhabitants each year in April. In May, they are part of a procession in honour of Saint Dominic of Sora.

For the first time and in collaboration with the Evangelische Jugend (Bavarian Lutheran Youth) Lagois Photo Contest invited young photographers aged 14 to 26 years to take part. Supported by Stiftung Evangelische Jugendarbeit in Bayern (Bavarian Foundation for Lutheran Youth Care), Leonie Schottler (\*1996) from Fernwald near Giessen was issued with EUR 500 for her series of pictures about Swabian-Alemannic Fastnacht, a regional type of carnival. Leonard Rössert (\*2001) from Munich received the same amount of money for his portrait photo of a fisherman off the Italian island of Stromboli. The Lutheran Youth in the Deanery of Neu-Ulm was given an award of EUR 500 for its group project about the culture of the Lutheran Youth.

More than 100 photographers participated in the Contest "Creativity, knowledge, tradition: To pass on intangible cultural heritage" under patronage of the German commission for UNESCO as well as the Lutheran Church in Bavaria (ELKB).

The travelling exhibition “KULTUR.ERBEN” includes 37 photographic works, originally submitted to the competition, and shows the diversity of intangible cultural heritage in Bavaria and the world. Book now: [www.martin-lagois.de/ausstellungen](http://www.martin-lagois.de/ausstellungen).

Lagois Photo Competition by Evangelischer Presseverband für Bayern e.V. encourages photo journalism about social policy, society, culture and religion. It is offered every second year. The competition 2018/2019 is supported by Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern (ELKB), Stiftung Evangelische Jugendarbeit in Bayern and Pigtur Werbedruck.

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