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## AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHER WINS TOP HONORS AT MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Los Angeles, California 2019 – California botanical photographer David Leaser took top honors for his flower portraits at the 2019 Moscow International Foto Awards competition. Leaser was awarded the gold medal in the Nature/Flowers category out of thousands of submissions from around the world. These awards mark the second time the Moscow International Foto Awards jury has honored Leaser's work.

The award-winning collection is titled, "A Night at the Huntington," and was shot at the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. The works feature exotic flowers, including rare and endangered orchids, which many people have never seen before.

"I was given a backstage pass to photograph some of the Huntington's rarest flowers, and now everyone can see them in their best light," Leaser said.

Leaser has been recognized as one of the world's top botanical photographers who is best known for his large-scale botanical photographs of rare and unusual plants. Using Nikon technology, he uses a unique technique to layer dozens of images together to create intensely detailed photographs. His images reveal "bee's eye" close-ups of a flower, highlighting intricate details that traditional photography has been unable to capture until now. "It's like an MRI, where I take a stack of photos and create a composite with incredible detail, almost down to the cellular level," Leaser says.

Leaser also uses a novel technique to reproduce his work. Using heat and pressure, his images are literally infused right into a sheet of polished aluminum, giving the image a three-dimensional, high-definition look.

Leaser's artwork has been praised by the art and photographic communities and has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Architectural Digest*, *Sunset Magazine* and *Nikon World*. He has received multiple medals from the International Photography Awards. The Huntington Library in Los Angeles developed an artist series around Leaser's work and houses more than a dozen of his large-scale images in its permanent collection.

*Architectural Digest* says Leaser's images "glow with eye-popping color and pattern," and Ann Landi, art critic and founder of Vasari21, says, "Leaser's work seduces us as only an unforgettable work of art can, to look and look again."

In addition to his art collections, Leaser has written four botanical books, including two acclaimed photographic essays. He is a featured lecturer at botanical gardens and museums on fine art photography. For more information, visit <http://www.davidleaser.com>.

The Moscow International Foto Awards is a photography competition with a mission to recognize, reward and expose talented photographers from around the world and introduce them to the creative community in Russia. The competition is managed by the [Lucie Foundation](#), a non-profit organization

dedicated to honoring master photographers, discovering and cultivating emerging talent and promoting the appreciation of photography worldwide.

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