

The Global Arctic Awards

A competition which strives to show the splendor of the Arctic, offering a stunning selection of images which successfully pay homage to a variety of landscapes and wildlife from the frozen wastelands of the extreme North

A Gallery of the Spectacular Winners of the First Edition

"Conquering the cold heart of Arctic is a challenge, but there is nothing impossible for those truly in love with the North".

The first International contest of the North and Arctic images "Global Arctic Awards" has taken place in 2012 and has collected together the best images from its participants, depicting the Northern and Arctic regions in their full splendor. For the first time in Russia, the project has also been supported by the accreditation of the international photo-associations FIAP, PSA and UPI.

The gallery of the images of "Global Arctic Awards" consists of the 10 category winners and other images honored by the members of the jury. The winners from 12 countries, who have submitted the most distinguished images of the picturesque Arctic, have been awarded a grand total of 63 international prizes, being additionally awarded trophies and gifts from the contest partners. The winner of the "Northern lights" category has also been awarded with a trip to Finland by the "Visit Finland" company. The images were judged by people truly passionate about photography. The contest jury included Russian

and international photographers: Sergey Majorov, Vladimir Neskromniy, Chris Hinterobermaier, Michael Bondar, Chris Coe, Bryan Alexander, Mike Reyfman, Sergey Frolov, Sergey Lidov and Sergey Anisimov. They have chosen from the best color entries in these 10 categories: "Northern Nature", "Northern and Arctic Wildlife", "Human and nature", "Portraits of Northern inhabitants", "Ethnography", "The Arctic", "Northern Lights", "Northern civilization", "Nature section", "Travel section". Each member of the jury - at his own discretion - has also awarded his best over-all image with the Gold UPI medal. Finally, the entries which had passed the selection round were accepted into the catalogue "The best images of Arctic - 2012" and were also honored by the Diploma of Global Arctic Awards.

The organizers of the First International Contest of Northern and Arctic images "Global Arctic Awards" express their sincere gratitude to the partners and sponsors, whose support played a vital role in holding the contest. The project was performed with the participation of the United Nations Information Center, UNESCO, and the government of the Yamalo-Nenetskiy autonomous region.



Harp Seal pup
(*Gunther Riehle -
Germany*)

Newborn harp seal
pup on ice flow.
Madeleine island,
Canada.

Previous page:
Beached Jewels
(*Christian Klepp -
Germany*)
Jökulsárlón
Strandur, Iceland.

**The Crystal
Grotto**

(Christian Klepp
- Germany)
Ice cave in
Svínafellsjökull
glacier in
Skaftafell,
Iceland.





Phoenix Rising (*Bjorn Jorgensen - Norway*)

The Aurora Eagle was captured in January 2012. These explosion-like northern lights are called a corona, and can occur during very strong aurora activity. Kvaløya, Tromsø, northern Norway.

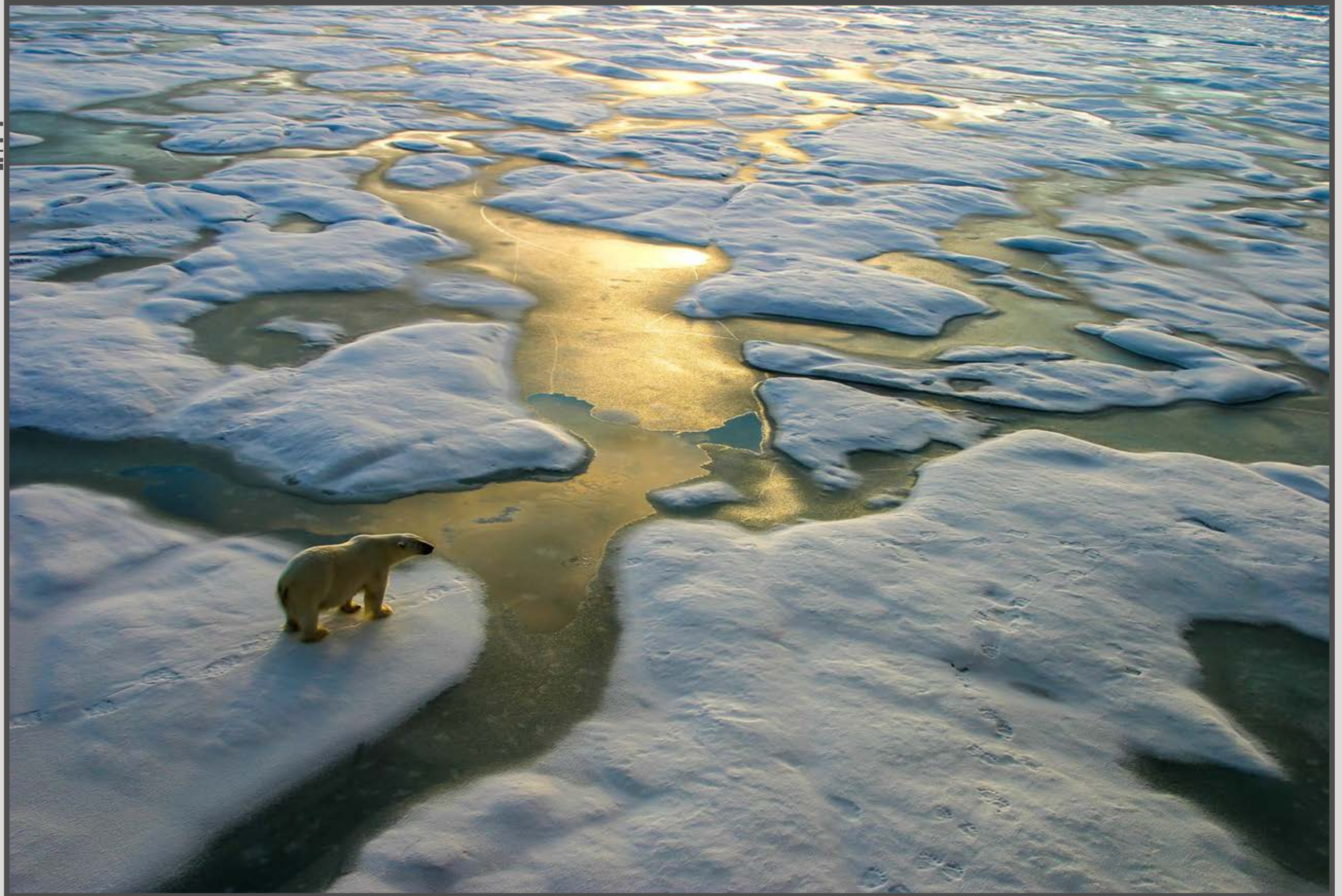
Arctic Enemies

(*Ole Jorgen Liodden - Norway*)

An Arctic tern chasing an Arctic fox away for the nesting ground. The tern was very aggressive and it was painful for the fox. Svalbard.



Polar Bear
Against
Golden Light
(Sepp
Friedhuber -
Austria)
Franz Josef
Land, Russian
Arctic.





Golden Eagle
(Bob Devine - UK)
Taken from a hide
in Finland.

**Ice Reflections**

(Sebastian Copeland - USA)

Mirrored reflections from the dense and cold waters of a fjord, on Ellesmere island. At latitude N81° in the high Arctic. Ellesmere Island, Canadian Arctic.



**Polar Bear
at Night**

*(Ole Jorgen
Liodden -
Norway)*

Polar bear
sleeping on
drifting ice on
the west coast
of Svalbard.

Fight

(Michal Jastrzebski - Poland)

Fighting glaucous gulls about remains left by polar bear.
Norway, Spitsbergen, Burgerbukta.



Manta Ray

(Raymond Hoffman - Iceland)

Northern Lights in Skaftafell National Park, Iceland.



**Crystal of the
North Sea**

*(Victoria
Rogotneva -
Russia)*
Evening ice shot
at the Lagoon
Jokulsarlon,
Iceland.

Conflict

(Sergey Gorshkov - Russia)
Arctic Fox and Geese.

Nykvag (Christian Bothner)

After a bad weather with snow and rain the sky comes out and the clouds are burning to the limit. Lofoten, Norway.



Polar Bears

(Anna Yatsenko -
Russia)

Polar Bears on ice
float. Svalbard.



Timabundin

(Raymond Hoffman
- Iceland)

Melting ice from the
glacier Jökulsárlón -
Iceland.





**Are You
Coming For
Us?**

*(Marina Malikova
- Russia)*

Mother Polar Bear
with cubs,
Svalbard.

Ice Dream

(*Benoist Clouet -
France*)

This photo was taken
to the front of
Monaco glacier on
Svalbard. These
kittiwakes were
placed on ice, all
sounds were muffled
by the mist that
enveloped us. The
atmosphere was
magical ... an
impression of the end
of the world!
Svalbard, Norway.



**On the Move**

(Michelle Valberg
- Canada)

A walrus herd stampede into the Arctic ocean after being spooked by something behind them. The dust from the stones underneath the walrus create a mystical and somewhat prehistoric feeling to the photo. Hall Beach, Nunavut, Canada.

Kingdom of Ice

(Yuiry Pustovoy -
Russia)

Panorama of 5 hand-held shots taken from the boat at sunset. Cruise between the icebergs by small boat in Ilullisat, Greenland.





**Kiilopää
Lapland**

*(Christian
Schweiger -
Germany)*

I visited this wonderful place four times at minus 36 degrees. Each time it was a long and difficult way. On the fourth day I finally found the right light for this photo. Lapland, Finland.