

1st and 2nd June 2024
60th Bièvres International Photo Fair
A milestone anniversary



The Bièvres International Photo Fair was founded in 1964 by Jean and André Fage. At the time, it was not uncommon to come across renowned photographers such as Marcel Ichac, Marcel Bovis, Paul Almasy, Jean Sibat and Man Ray at the Fair. Still organised by the Paris-Val-de-Bièvre Photoclub, with the support of the Municipality of Bièvres, the Fair has become a must for collectors and enthusiasts, renowned for its second-hand and antique photographic market, its new equipment and services market, its artists' market and its photo exhibitions. It welcomes nearly 250 exhibitors.

A MAJOR EXHIBITION

After Patrick Bard, Jane Evelyn Atwood, Isabelle Muñoz, John and Claude Batho, Olivier Culmann, Denis Bourges,

Claudine Doury, Patrick Tourneboeuf, Xavier Lambours, the special guest photographer invited by the Municipality of Bièvres this year is the Finnish artist **Pentti Sammallahti**, represented by the Camera Obscura gallery.

65 of his prints from different series will be exhibited at the Grange aux Fraises and the Maison des Photographes et de l'Image. This is one of the largest exhibitions of the artist's work to be held in France, after the Mois de la photo, the Rencontres d'Arles and the Maison Doisneau in Gentilly.

Pentti Sammallahti's work combines poetry, humanity and humour. He has always paid close attention to photography as a concrete object, and the printing process is an integral part of his work. His prints are unique in their skilful interpretation of light, the choice of toning (subtle colouring by chemical reaction) and the paper used. It is this perfectly controlled chain, from the eye to the shot, then to the translation onto paper, that contributes to the exceptional success of his work.



Dehli, India 1999
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A NEW AND IMPROVED ARTISTS' MARKET

The Fair is evolving to meet the needs of visitors and exhibitors alike. For the first time this year, the artists' market will be open both from Saturday and Sunday. Exhibitors will be able to register on both days or for Sunday only. For many photographers, it's a opportunity to be noticed by the Artists' Market jury, which will be chaired by Alain Escourbiac. Alain Escourbiac, a printer well known to photographers, will form his jury, as is customary at the Fair, with a number of professionals from the world of photography.

The jury will visit each stand at the Fair and, after deliberating, will award the prizes on Sunday afternoon.

SPECIAL 60TH ANNIVERSARY FEATURES

A **"vintage" trail** will be available to be followed stand to stand in the second-hand and antique photography market, where certain exhibitors will be showcasing a camera or photograph dating back to 1964.

There will also be a **"60 years/60 photos" tombola**.

600 tickets will be put on sale for 2€ each for a chance to win one of the 60 photographs by Photoclub members (in two draws, one on Saturday and one on Sunday).

An **exhibition on the history of the International Photo Fair** will be on display at the Paris Val-de-Bièvre Photoclub stand (on the artists' market side). It will retrace the 60 years of the event, with a host of posters, photographs and documents.

An **anniversary tote-bag** will be produced by the Paris Val-de-Bièvre Photoclub, illustrated with the poster of the first Fair held in 1964. It will be on sale for 8€.

AS ALWAYS THE INCOMPARABLE SECOND-HAND MARKET AND ANTIQUE PHOTOGRAPHY MARKET

From Saturday afternoon onwards, the treasure hunt can begin, as this market features photographic objects of all kinds.

They bear witness to the rich history of photography, both ancient and more recent.

It's as much a place for collectors looking for a rare item as it is for those who want to buy old equipment to use.

Here, you will also find old photos, photography books, accessories and cinema-related equipment.

This market offers a second life to objects of quality with vendors on hand to provide sound advice.



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THE NEW EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES MARKET

This market will bring together representatives of the major camera brands under the aegis of Phox, who will be presenting the latest technological innovations and products for testing.

In the services area, you'll find a wide range of services, including printers or products required for film (analogue) photography and vintage techniques. There will also be a range of special events.

"Marinette's studio" will be organising a photowalk; **Ilford** will hold an event; **Nation Photo** will be organising Polaroid events, one or two photowalks and on-site film development from their lorry.



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THE BIÈVRES ENCOUNTERS

These conferences will welcome specialists in different fields such as Alice Santinelli (photography consultant), Eric Delamarre (photographer), Gérald Vidamment (editor-in-chief of *Compétence Photo*) and Stephane Norsic (photographer and founder of Zoom'up). They will question and answer sessions throughout the weekend on a variety of themes (techniques, art, travel, books).

EXHIBITION OF PHOTOS TAKEN BY RESIDENTS OF BIÈVRES

Residents and members of local photographic associations may participate in the "Biévrois have got talent" competition. The photographs selected will be printed in large format, and hung in the town streets. There are two categories this year: a "free theme" and "sports".

"YOUR PHOTOS AT THE FAIR", COMPETITION

Organised for several years by the Paris-Val-de-Bievre Photoclub, the aim of this competition is to capture humorous or unusual images of the Fair. The photos are submitted to a panel of judges after the Fair and the authors of the best images receive a prize.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Sat. 1 June: 1pm-7pm - Sun. 2 June: 8am-6pm

Artists' Market: Saturday from 1pm and Sunday: 9am-6pm

New products and services market: Saturday 1pm-6pm and Sunday 9am-6pm.

Free admission - Place de la Mairie, Bièvres (Essonne - France)

Access: 20 km from the centre of Paris, 17 km from Porte d'Orléans, via A6/A10 or D-906

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