

# Simon Hill HonFRPS

Simon has been taking photographs since he was 3 years old and joined the Royal Photographic Society while still at school.

His 300+ publication credits include *National Geographic*, *The Observer Magazine* and *The Sunday Times Magazine*

Has exhibited at the National Portrait Gallery (his work is held in the National Collection), the National Media Museum, Imperial War Museum, Photo North Festival, UNESCO and UNICEF.

Previous winner of:

- Kodak Professional Photographer of the Year
- BIPP Professional Photographer of the Year
- The International Art Portrait Award (only British winner)

In 2021 he was elected president (and chair of trustees) of the **Royal Photographic Society**, and is the longest-serving president since the late 1800s. In 2025 he was confirmed as the first-ever **Chartered Photographer** (CPhot), the terminal qualification for professional photographers in the UK. He is a Fellow of the **Royal Geographical Society**.

His (literally countless) international exhibitions and salons are shown [here](#).



## Distinctions

1982	Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society (LRPS)
1985	Associate of the Royal Photographic Society (ARPS)
1986	Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society (FRGS)
1989	Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts (FRSA)
1991	Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society (FRPS)
1994	Fellow of the Institute of Directors (FInstD)
1996	CSD Professional Qualified Member (MCSD)
2006	Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing (FCIM)
2006	CIM Chartered Marketer (CMkt)
2013	SIAD Honorary Fellowship (HonFSIAD)
2018	Membre Artiste de la Fédération (AFIAP)
2019	Membre d'Excellence de la Fédération (EFIAP)
2020	Association of Photographers (AoP Accredited)
2020	MPA Invited Fellowship (FMPA)
2020	BIPP Invited Fellowship (FBIPP)
2021	RPS Honorary Fellowship (HonFRPS)
2024	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Photographie (DGPh)
2025	Chartered Photographer (CPhot)

## Awards

1984	BIPP Student Photographer of the Year
1987	Kodak Professional Photographer of the Year
2017	International Art Portrait Photographer of the Year
2019	BIPP Yorkshire Portrait Photographer of the Year
2019	National Photography Awards (Portrait)
2019	BIPP Professional Photographer of the Year
2020	National Photography Awards (Portrait)
2021	FIAP Medal for Photojournalism
2022	BIPP Yorkshire Photojournalist of the Year
2022	National Photography Awards (Photojournalism)
2023	HPS Centenary Medal
2024	Best Film on the North East (NEIFF)
2024	Best Feature Documentary Film (NEIFF)