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INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED PHOTOGRAPHER ALBERT WATSON HonFRPS, JAMES BOND PRODUCER MICHAEL G WILSON OBE, AND PIONEERING SCIENTIST NOBUKAZU TERANISHI RECEIVE MAJOR HONOURS AT THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY AWARDS

ALBERT WATSON Hon FRPS was presented with **The Royal Photographic Society Centenary Medal** at its Awards ceremony on 9 September at the Royal Society in London, in recognition of a sustained, significant contribution to the art and science of photography. Internationally acknowledged as one of the world's greatest photographers, Albert Watson has made his mark during the last four decades. Over his years as a fashion photographer, Watson's striking images have appeared on more than 200 covers of *Vogue*. His iconic portraits of generations of rock stars, actors, politicians and sportsmen have featured in publications from *Time* to *Rolling Stone*. Official photographer at the wedding of HRH Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson in 1986, Watson's photographs are included in the permanent collections at the National Portrait Gallery and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Two new Watson books, *UFO: Unified Fashion Objectives*, and *Strip Search*, published by PQ Blackwell, in association with Abrams, will be released in October.

The Society's **Award for Outstanding Services to Photography and Honorary Fellowship** meanwhile recognises major, sustained, and influential contributions to the advancement of photography and imaging, and is awarded this year to **Michael G Wilson OBE**, the NMem's Chair of Trustees, and Bond film producer. A distinguished scholar and collector, he has supported a breadth of contemporary practice, initially through The Photographer's Gallery, where he sat as a Trustee and presently, via the Wilson Centre and the National Media Museum in Bradford, where he Chairs the Trustee Advisory Committee.

The **Progress Medal and Honorary FRPS** go to **Nobukazu Teranishi**. This award honours a contribution which has resulted in an important advance in the scientific or technological development of photography or imaging in their widest sense. Mr Teranishi, General Manager in the Image Sensor Business Unit of the Panasonic Corporation, Japan, invented the pinned photodiode, a high performance photosite for converting light into electrons. The most innovative technology in the progress of solid state image sensors, it is a key feature of almost all image sensors. It converts incoming light – photons – into electrons with very high efficiency. Making such good use of the photons results in the high sensitivity of the sensor, accomplishing transfer of all of the converted electrons from the photosite, leaving none behind.

Honorary Fellowships goes to fine art photographer Sian Bonnell; gallery director and curator Keith Cavanagh; Tom Hunter, the first photographer to have a solo show at the National Gallery; documentary photographer Ken Lennox; photojournalist John Reardon, now much better known for his portraits of famous chefs; and pioneering colourist Stephen Shore.

The Vic Odden Award, recognising notable achievement by a British photographer aged 35 or under, was presented to Magnum nominee Olivia Arthur; and The Society's Lumière Award goes to Academy Award winning cinematographer Chris Menges.

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Centenary Medal: Albert Watson HonFRPS
The RPS Award for Outstanding Service to Photography and Hon Fellowship:
Michael G Wilson OBE
Progress Medal and Hon Fellowship: Nobukazu Teranishi
Honorary Fellowship: Sian Bonnell; Keith Cavanagh; Tom Hunter; Ken Lennox;
John Reardon; Stephen Shore
Fenton Medal and Honorary Life Membership: Ian Bailey LRPS; Julian Comrie
FRPS; Professor Ralph Jacobson ASIS HonFRPS; David J Wood ARPS
Vic Odden Award: Olivia Arthur
Lumière Award: Chris Menges
Selwyn Award: Agnieszka Bialek
Davies Medal: Dr Mark Lythgoe
Saxby Medal: Dr Trevor J Maternaghan
RPS Member's Award and Honorary Life Membership: Hoosain M Ebrahim
ARPS; Charles Mahnken ARPS
J Dudley Johnston Award: A D Coleman
Colin Ford Award: John Falconer
The Combined Royal Colleges Medal: Spike Walker
Hood Medal: Tiffany Fairey and Anna Blackman
Joan Wakelin Bursary: Yevgenia Byelorusets
RPS Postgraduate Bursary: Brenda Bullock

About the Royal Photographic Society

The Royal Photographic Society was founded in 1853, to promote the art and science of photography, a mission it continues to this day, in the UK and, through its overseas membership, worldwide. Membership of The Society is open to everyone interested in photography, amateur or professional, artist or scientist. The Royal Photographic Society is an educational charity. www.rps.org

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