

Winner Team Spirit / Sebastian Wahlhuetter

Title: Prayer Flag

Story: Tibetan prayer flags promote peace, compassion, strength, and wisdom and are found on mountain tops far beyond the Himalayas. The Tibetans believe the mantras will be blown by the wind to spread the good will and compassion into all pervading space. Therefore, prayer flags are thought to bring benefit to all and they are often hung into high places where the wind can easily reach them. Traditionally, prayer flags follow a strict color order in sets of five, each resembling an element: blue (sky, space), white (air, wind), red (fire), green (water), yellow (earth). According to the Tibetans, the balance of this five colors produces health and harmony. In our project we created a human prayer flag following the original idea of creating harmony as a tribute to mountain sports. The project was realized together with the effort of the Vienna Slackliners. To make this possible we designed a special and enforced set up that could cope with the weight of all the athletes involved.

Mountain: Peilstein
State: Lower Austria
Country: Austria



Winner Mountain Nature / Jona Salcher

Title: Far Away

Story: I was with friends at the Seceda. There was fog everywhere and we almost couldn't see the path. When we reached the summit, the fog lifted and we witnessed a spectacle of nature. I was thrilled. While my girlfriend enjoyed the view I took this photo of her.

Mountain: Seceda, Geisler Spitzen, Dolomiten

State: South Tyrol

Country: Italy



Winner Mountain Action / Patrick Steiner

Title: Into the sky

Story: On that day we went on the mountain with lots of different photo ideas. Building a jump and waiting for sunset to get some photos was one of those ideas. When it was close to sunset and the fog was coming in we knew that this was the time to get the photo.

Mountain: Arlberg

State: Austria

Country: Austria



Winner Mountain Water / Maurizio Casula

Title of the image: Stockness Night

Story: I took this photo on my first trip to Iceland, and I felt a sense of peace that no other place visited by me transmitted to me. The aurora was weak, but the moon reflected the mountain, creating a perfect reflection of all that was happening. I took more photos to get the overview.

Mountain: Klifatindur

State: Iceland

Country: Austurland



Winner Mountain Mobile / Christine Trebo

Title: A gentle mouth to rest within

Story: Exams. Diploma thesis. Pressure of time. On a cool autumn day, my friends Marina, Sara and me decided to escape from this university-stress. We went to the "Gran Cir" in the Dolomites. Before reaching the mountaintop, we had a short rest. The atmosphere we found there overwhelmed us: a cool and clear view and a breath-taking play of colours coated in silence. In the mountains „mouth" we found the awaited relaxation.

Mountain: " Gran Cir " - Dolomites

State: Italy

Country: Italy



Winner Mountain Faces / Anton Yankovyi

Title: Wind-hardened

Story: I met these ethnic Tibetan boys in their native village on 2,380 m altitude in Manaslu area (Nepal). You may not find in the whole world such an independent and self-confident children like those in Himalayas who live such a simple natural life. While parents are busy working at their farms, these kids empirically study the world around them. In such a harsh environment for children from the first years they have to become self-sufficient. They do not have the slightest knowledge of the achievements of the industrial civilization, but it doesn't prevent them from becoming strong, harmonious, happy and whole people. This photo is included in the "Wind-hardened" series, about children captured in the small Himalayan village called Prok in Manaslu region, Nepal.

Mountain: Manaslu restricted area

State: Prok village (2,380 m)

Country: Nepal

