



PRESS RELEASE
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**The MANUEL RIVERA-ORTIZ Foundation for International Photography
announces Jon Levy of FOTO8 to preside jury of grant competition
and
call for applications for grant program of 5.000 USD
REMINDER: DEADLINE 31 MAY 2011**

GRANT COMPETITION

The Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation for International Photography is currently seeking to award one **social documentary photographic project** produced in the journalistic tradition of Manuel Rivera-Ortiz. One project based on pressing social issues in the developing world will receive a grant of **5,000 USD** to be utilized for the production or completion of a pre-approved project.

JUDGING

The Executive Director and Board of Trustees of the Foundation will jury the entries for this award, under the presidency of FOTO8's Jon Levy. Levy is the founder and director of Foto8, a British-based photography company responsible for the publication of 8 Magazine, the Biannual of Photography, as well as its sister website Foto8.com and the HOST gallery in London.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Photographers of all nationalities who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to apply. We encourage you to submit your one-page proposal, a portfolio sample of your current work black & white or color. Only new and continuing projects are eligible.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Only digital file submissions will be considered. Digital files should not exceed 10 MB in size. Entrants should submit a contact sheet in PDF form of their work consisting of no more than 15 images alongside a written essay of up to 1000 words stating the purpose your work, why you should be awarded this grant, and a little about who you are and how you developed your passion for photography.

Final proposals that have been selected must include a description of the social issue to be funded by this grant, a proposed completion date/schedule (projects must be completed within 6 months following receipt of this award) and a detailed budget for final approval. Grant funding will be disseminated in installments as the project is completed and submitted to our Board for approval.

The winning project will receive extensive promotion through the activities of the Foundation, including web exposure, exhibitions, and publications.

Deadline for entries: May 31, 2011

more information: www.mrofoundation.org

For inquiries about the activities of this Foundation, bookings of Manuel Rivera-Ortiz for shoots or lectures, please contact the executive director of The Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation for International Photography, Marc Prüst at m.prust@mrofoundation.org or +33 6 14 73 34 59
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