Gideon Mendel Wins $50,000 Pollock Prize for Creativity

Gideon Mendel has won the inaugural Pollock Prize for Creativity, the Pollock-Krasner Foundation announced today. The South African photographer, who for the last nine years has been working on an ongoing project about climate change called "Drowning World," has been awarded a $50,000 cash prize.

“Jeff and Tracey Waters, Staines-upon-Thames, Surrey, UK,” from “Drowning World.” Photo © Gideon Mendel.

The Pollock-Krasner Foundation, which safeguards the artistic legacies of Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner, initiated the Pollock Prize to support outstanding mid-career artists working in painting, sculpture, works on paper and printmaking, or photography.

“It’s a huge honor to receive this award named after Jackson Pollock, an artist I’ve always loved for his freedom in breaking barriers. Because my own work increasingly straddles the border between art, documentation and activism, it’s all the more important to me that the prize is given not for
photography but for creativity in general,” Mendel said in a statement released by the foundation.

Mendel has previously covered the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS in Africa and elsewhere. His work has been exhibited in museums and shows including the ICP Triennial in New York and published in magazines including National Geographic, Rolling Stone and more.

The Pollock-Krasner Foundation, which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, has made more than 4,100 grants to individual artists in 77 countries, says foundation chairman and CEO Charles Bergman. The grants have totaled more than $65 million. The new Pollock Prize for Creativity will be given annually by a foundation jury based on the recommendations of a network of nominators.

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