



Margarita Galandina (b. 1999) is a photographer and researcher from Siberia, currently based in London. She was raised in the Republic of Buryatia and maintains a strong connection with her homeland. She studied ballet and academic drawing in her early years before moving to the UK in 2017. Galandina holds a BA in Fashion Communication and Promotion from Central Saint Martins and an MA in Photography from the London College of Communication. Her work is deeply influenced by Indigenous Siberian Heritage, particularly Buryat-Mongolian, and delves into themes of memory, indigenisation, migration, and cultural identity in postcolonial spaces.

Margo has been recognised with several awards and has exhibited her work internationally. In 2023, she was a Mead Fellowship Awardee, included in the Taylor Wessing Photo Portrait Prize 2023 at the National Portrait Gallery, Belfast Photo Festival 2023. She was shortlisted for the Sproxtton Photography Award 2022 and had her work featured in the British Journal of Photography.

EDUCATION

- 2022 MA Photography, UAL London College of Communication
- 2021 UAL Central Saint-Martins: BA Fashion Communication and Promotion
- 2018 Foundation in Art and Design, Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *International Photography Exhibition*, 166, Royal Photographic Society, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK. 5 Aug - 15 Sep
- Female in Focus x Nikon*, Glasgow Gallery of Photography, Glasgow, UK. 26 Jun - 27 Jul
- Female in Focus x Nikon*, 1014 Gallery, London, UK. 10 Apr - 14 May
- Pareidolia*, Mandy Zhang Art, London, UK. 12 Mar - 17 Apr
- Portrait of Britain x JCDecaux, vol. 7*. 100 Winning Images Exhibited Nationwide, UK. 5 Jan - 2 Feb
- 2024 *Ovoo: Evocations*, The Crypt Gallery, London, UK. 10 - 15 Jun (Solo)
- KLPA Autoportrait*, Photolux Festival, Lucca, Italy, 23 Nov - 15 Dec
- Common Ground*, Brighton Photo Fringe, Phoenix Art Space, UK. 5 Oct - 17 Nov
- Rethinking Eastern Europe*, Arles, France, 5 July
- 2023 *Taylor Wessing Photo Portrait Prize*, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK. 9 Nov - 25 Feb
- Belfast Photo Festival - Open Submission Photo Book Winners*, Belfast, UK. 1 - 30 Jun
- 2022 *LCC MA Photography WIP Show*, Copeland Gallery, London, UK. 16 - 17 Mar 2022
- 2021 *CSM Fashion Communication & Promotion x London TFL*, UK. 5 - 30 May 2021

AWARDS

- 2025 *IPE 166*, Royal Photographic Society, Exhibitor
- Portrait of Britain, vol. 7*, Winning Image

- 2024 *BJP Female in Focus x Nikon, Series Winner*
- KLPA Awards, Autoportrait, TOP30*
- International Photography Awards - Honourable Mention*
- Analogue Sparks, Fine Art Category Winner - Gold*
- 2023 *Infinix x MVA Awards, Best-in-Category Winner*
- Taylor Wessing Photo Portrait Prize, Exhibitor*
- Mead Fellowship Award*
- Belfast Photo Festival, Open Submission Book Winners*
- 2022 *Sproxtton Photography Award, Shortlisted*