

The Day of Birds and Trees Artwork Competition 2020



Flóra Jakab is a young, enthusiastic nature photographer and a fifth year student at the University of Veterinary Medicine Budapest. Nature photography has always been Flóra's passion. She has been continuously taught and coached by her father, Mr Tibor Jakab, a well-known, acknowledged nature photographer in Hungary.

"Many people think that taking pictures of animals and plants is the easiest job on Earth. You just climb up on a tower blind in the forest, wait couple minutes for the animal to appear and finally push the button on your photo machine. Those who think that this profession is just so simple, could not be more wrong! It is pretty difficult to get up in the middle of the night at 3.30 am, hoping that you catch the best lights of the day. It's not easy at all to crawl 500 m after a deer which might run away from you in the last moment. It could be extremely challenging to sink in the mud and keep walking in the cold swamp.

Despite, all the challenges I face during nature photography, I do love each and every moment of this amazing adventure! It makes me relaxed to go out and be part of Nature and see miracles and wonders others might not see during their whole life. I remember the exact moments of taking all my photos, I can recall the scents, the sounds, the colours and my emotions I felt then. Each occasion is an experience of a lifetime.

I would like to congratulate to all of you who take part in this amazing e-event, organised for celebrating the Day of Birds and Trees. I am happy to offer my photos, titled *Swimming Swan*, as a gift to one of the winners of the UNIVET Photo Competition 2020."

- Flóra Jakab

