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Born in Messina, Italy, in 1974.

EDUCATION

- 1999 Academic Degree, School of Fine Arts | Reggio Calabria, Italy
- 1998 Scholarship at Université Saint-Denis Paris 8 | Paris, France
- 1994 ESAG Penninghen École Supérieure d' Art Graphique et d'Architecture | Paris, France
- 1992 Bachelor of Arts, School of Arts | Messina, Italy

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITIONS

Solo Exhibitions

2016

- "Chains of Silence", La Bottega di Fotografia (Messina, Italy)

2013

- "Chains of Silence", Galerie Focale (Nyon, Switzerland)

Group Exhibitions

2015

- FOTOFEVER Art Fair, Charlet Photographies gallery, stand A3.
- "In the Mood - Photography and Everyday", Irene Carlson Gallery of Photography, University of La Verne (La Verne, USA)
- "Kolga Award 2015 Exhibition: The Best Photos of the Year" Kolga Tbilisi Photo (Tbilisi, Georgia)

2014

- "The Best Photo of the Year " Kolga Tbilisi Photo (Tbilisi, Georgia)
- "SNAP! 2014" Arta Gallery (Toronto, Canada)

2013

- "Femme" The Collective & The Collection, LaunchPad (New York, USA)
- "Grand Prix de Découverte" International Fine Art Photography, Salon de la Photo (Paris, France)
- "Hipstagram FTW" Copenhagen Photo Festival (Copenhagen, Denmark)

2012

- "Camera con Vista" The Collective & The Collection (Rome, Italy)
- "Grand Prix de Découverte" International Fine Art Competition NoFound Photo Fair (Paris, France)
- "The Art of Photography Show" San Diego Art Institute (San Diego, USA)
- "Photo Contest Exhibition" Bursa Photo Fest (Bursa, Turkey)
- "Fuoco... Mediterraneo" Massenzio Arte (Diamante, Italy)
- "The Collective & The Collection" Art Gallery (Bat-Yam, Israel)

2011

- "International Biennial of Fine Art and Documentary Photography" WPGA, Borges Cultural Center (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

2010

- "Camera Oscura" ArteOltre (Roma, Italy)
- "Rosso... piccante" Massenzio Arte (Diamante, Italy)

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PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECTIONS

2013

- "Projections Programs of BIFB'13" The Ballarat International Foto Biennale, Art Gallery of Ballarat (Victoria, Australia)

2012

- "Photography Open Salon" Galerie Huit (Arles, France)
- "La Condition Féminine" Salon de Riedisheim (Riedisheim, France)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2016

- International Photographer of the Year (IPOTY) | People/Travel | Honorable Mention
- The Mind's Eye (All About Photo Award) | 5th Place

2015

- Neutral Density Photography Awards | Fine Art/Abstract, Nature/Wildlife | 2 Honorable Mentions
- Moscow International Foto Awards (MIFA) | Travel/Tourism | 1st Place
- International Photography Awards (IPA) | People/Lifestyle, Special/Travel&Tourism (2), Fine Art/Abstract | 4 Honorable Mentions
- PX3 2015 Prix de la Photographie Paris / Portraiture, Others | Honorable Mention
- PX3 White Competition / Abstract - Prix de la Photographie Paris | Honorable Mention
- Kolga Award 2015 The Best Photos of the Year / One Shot / Geocell Mobile Series / Single | Finalists
- 3rd Zebra Awards / People & Animals | Finalist
- IPA's One Shot: Home / Place, Person, Perception - International Photography Award | 3 Honorable Mentions

2014

- Moscow International Foto Awards (MIFA) | People/Lifestyle | | 3rd Place
- Annual Spring Photography Contest - Photographer's Forum Magazine | Honorable Mention
- Kolga Award | Geocell Mobile Photo One Shot | Winner
- Kolga Award | Documentary, Geocell Mobile Photo Series | Shortlisted
- GoPix Awards | People&Animals, Landscape&Nature | 2 Honorable Mentions
- IPA's One Shot: One World / Places - International Photography Award | 2 Honorable Mentions

2013

- Grand Prix de Découverte - International Fine Art Competition | Abstract | Winner
- Annual Spring Photography Contest - Photographer's Forum Magazine | Finalist
- Rosso Piccante Contest - Massenzio Art | Finalist

2012

- IPA's One Shot: Spaces / Outside - International Photography Award | Honorable Mention
- Grand Prix de Découverte - International Fine Art Competition | Finalist
- International Photography Awards (IPA) | People/Lifestyle and People/Others, Non Prof | 2 Honorable Mentions
- The Art of Photography Show | Finalist
- Annual Spring Photography Contest - the Photographer's Forum Magazine | Finalist
- Rosso Piccante Contest - Massenzio Arte | Finalist

2011

- Amateur Photographer of the Year | Winner

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- Digital Photographer of the Year | Action&Movement | Finalist
 - Julia Margaret Cameron Award | Winner
- 2010
- Julia Margaret Cameron Award | Street Photography Non-Prof | 1st Place
 - Julia Margaret Cameron Award | Fine Art Non-Prof | Honorable Mention
 - Rosso Piccante Contest - Massenzio Arte | 2nd Place
- 2009
- National Geographic International | People | | 4rd Place
- 2008
- Obiettivo Donna International Contest | Digital Editing | | 2nd Place
 - Premio Nazionale Massimo Piccione | Winner

PHOTOS & INTERVIEWS

- 15&15 Mobile Photographers / A talk with Simona Bonanno (November 2015)
<http://www.1415mobilephotographers.com/#!/Talks-with-Simona-Bonanno/colb/564e49260cf2867955405826>
- **CNN.com** / All Aboard: Life on a cruise ship (August 27, 2015)
<http://edition.cnn.com/2015/08/27/travel/cnnphotos-aboard-cruise-ships>
- **Resource Magazine** / Photographer of the Day: Cruise Ship Anonymity in Simona Bonanno's Series (July 29, 2015)
<http://resourcemagonline.com/2015/07/photographer-of-the-day-cruise-ship-anonymity-in-simona-bonannos-aboard-series/56299>
- University of La Verne - Campus Time (May 1, 2015)
<http://laverne.edu/campus-times/2015/05/photo-exhibit-celebrates-everyday-beauty>
- Sashay blog
- Dodho Magazine (July 2014) <http://www.dodho.com/tag/simona-bonanno>
- BETA - developments in photography - issue 07 http://issuu.com/ballarat_foto_biennale/docs/beta_issue_07
- Lens Culture <https://www.lensculture.com/articles/simona-bonanno-the-inner-invisible>
<https://www.lensculture.com/articles/simona-bonanno-aboard-cruise-ship-anonymity>
- Meet the winners of the Grand Prix de Découverte: The power of exceptional photographs
<http://www.oh-i-see.com/blog/2013/10/03/the-power-of-exceptional-photographs>
- La Pouce à l'Oreille (tv program) – RTS tv – february 21, 2013 <http://www.rts.ch/emissions/la-puce-a-l-oreille/4680308-philippe-besson-visite-l-exposition-chains-of-silence.html>
- Amateur Photographer of the Year 2011 Winner Interview <http://www.amateurphotographer.co.uk/apoy/534355/apoy-2011-winner-interview>
- 2nd edition Julia Cameron Award winners
- Area Zinc <http://www.area-zinc.com>
- ClickBlog Il Linguaggio delle Emozioni di Simona Bonanno <http://www.clickblog.it/post/5190/il-linguaggio-delle-emozioni-di-simona-bonanno>

PUBLICATIONS

Catalogues

- Kolga Tbilisi Photo 2014, 2015
- SNAP! 2014

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- Photographer's Forum Magazine
- Best of Photography 2012, 2013, /2014
- Art of Photography Show 2012
- International Fine Art Competition Grand Prix de Découverte 2012, 2013
- Lens Culture FotoFest catalogue 2012, 2013

Books

- Monografie Simona Bonanno e Luigi Broccio Fotografi
- the Julia Margaret Cameron Book 2010
- the Urban & Country Landscape Book Amateur Photographer (UK)

Magazines

- Fotografare in Bianco e Nero - Accademia della Fotografia (IT)
- Digital Camera Bookazine Black&White vol2 (UK)
- 43 mm Magazine Issue 4 by Tzipac (USA)
- Digital Camera Magazine Fotografare in bianco e nero - Accademia della fotografia (IT)
- Fotografia Reflex (IT)
- Il Fotografo (IT)
- BETA developments in photography - issue 7 (AUS)
Fotoblur | Drome Magazine

COLLECTIONS / AUCTIONS

- Bibliothèque Nationale de France
- The Collective & the Collection
- THE 2014 SNAP! Live Auction. AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT). Andrew Richard Design (Toronto, Canada)