

# Alecsandra Raluca Drăgoi



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## Education

September 2014-September 2015

### **MA Photojournalism and Documentary Photography**

University of Westminster, United Kingdom

September 2011-July 2014

### **BA (Hons.) Photography / Graduated with First Class Honours Degree**

University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom

September 1999-June 2011

### **School and Highschool**

Waldorf School (Rudolf Steiner), Iasi, Romania

## Photography Work Experience

March 2015-present

### **Freelance Photographer for The Guardian**

March 2015

#### **Work experience at The Guardian**

-one week work experience at the Picture Desk with Sarah Gilbert

January 2014-present

#### **Freelance Photographer**

-Clients: Intermusica, SCA/Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget, 2020health, Romanian Cultural Centre, Romanian Cultural Institute, Alexandra Dariescu, Alex Negriuc, University of Westminster, St John's Notting Hill Church

November 2014 -December 2014

#### **Team SCA and Getty Images Photographer for the Cape Town Stopover during the Volvo Ocean Race**

-Photographer Assistant for the sailing photographer, Rick Tomlinson

-Event Photographer for different events and press conferences

-Documenting Women in Cape Town for the team SCA's promotional materials

-Published work for the SCA's *Shape Magazine* (Cover photograph+ additional articles)

-Documenting the first SCA township seminar in collaboration with WSSCC. Both organisations will continue to work together to educate women on menstrual issues and the importance of good hygiene

August 2014-October 2014

#### **Office Intern at the John Parkinson Agency**

- Assisting photographer/stylist agents with ad hoc office duties and updating photographers' portfolios

- Updating databases, social media and updating the blog. Sending newsletters designed with MailChimp

- Brand research, assisting agents with bookings and updating the website with new artist work

- Booking taxis and couriers and keeping track of the agency calendar

August 2014-September 2014

#### **Photographer Intern at Igloo Kids**

- assist the in-house photographer with product photography and retouching for the company's website

-assist designing homepage banners and other design elements

March 2014-August 2014

#### **Photographer at The Kings Theatre, Portsmouth**

-attend the Kings Theatre as requested and take photographs in line with the brief given

-photograph staged / candid images and post process them

-promote the Kings Theatre

March 2014-December 2014

#### **Photographer Assistant for Ambra Vernuccio**

-assist the photographer as requested for different location and studio shootings

-preparing the lighting and background and setting a certain mood to the photographer's work place

-assist the photographer to the process of editing and give own opinions regarding the final image

April 2014

#### **Head of Jury Young Photographer Competition, organised by Rotary Club, UK**

February 2014-April 2014

#### **Work experience for The Upcoming Magazine during the London Fashion Week 2014**

-managing the magazine's blog; live posting from the event and blog editing

-editing and retouching images

-photographing catwalks and location events

June 2013

#### **Head of Jury Super Tineri Photography Competition, Romania**

April 2013-May 2013

#### **Photographer Assistant for Anthony Lycett**

January 2013-July 2014

#### **Studio Photographer-Coordinated by the collector David Barker**

-create a photography archive of an impressive collection of porcelain dolls

-practice the studio lighting and the product photography

-learn to manage the time, to be organised and to negotiate

September 2012-January 2013

#### **Venue photographer, Sales person & Production Assistant at I AM VIP Photographer**

November 2011-June 2014

#### **Photographer for the Portsmouth University's newspaper 'The Galleon'**

## Other Work Experience

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March 2012-July 2014	<b>Event Assistant CCI-University of Portsmouth</b> -worked during the Open Days -promoted my course on the website -power point presentations regarding the course
September 2009-June 2010	<b>Voluntary Support at "House of Hope" from Romania</b> -Helping persons with emotional difficulties and learning in a residential care home setting. This involved providing individual support and working on encouraging in team activities.
January 2008-September 2011	<b>Sales Assistant at Moldova Mall, Iasi, Romania</b>

## Awards

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March 2015	Finalist <i>Photograph for the Thomson Reuters Foundation and Microsoft</i> photo competition
February 2015	Overall Winner <i>The National Geographic Traveller 2015</i> , United Kingdom
January 2015	Winner <i>The Academic Excellence LSRS Abroad for Romanians Students</i> , Arts Category, Romania
December 2015	Shortlisted <i>The National Geographic Traveller 2015</i> , United Kingdom
November 2014	Second Prize <i>The Guardian Student Media Awards, Student Photographer of the Year</i> , United Kingdom
November 2014	First Prize <i>Art Graduate Prize</i> , United Kingdom
November 2014	Shortlisted <i>Save the Children International Photography Competition</i> , organised by Ideas Tap, United Kingdom
November 2014	First Prize <i>CRU Photo Contest, Human Expression category</i> , United Kingdom
November 2014	Honorable Mention <i>Moscow International Foto Awards, People and Culture category</i> , Russia
October 2014	Shortlisted <i>Faith Through a Lens 2014</i> , United Kingdom
October 2014	Third Prize <i>Professional Photographer of the Year, Turning Pro Award</i> , United Kingdom
October 2014	Shortlisted <i>The Guardian Student Media Awards 2014, Student Photographer of the Year</i>
October 2014	Shortlisted <i>Close Up: Women in Photo Mentoring Opportunity</i> organised by Ideas Tap, United Kingdom
August 2014	Semi-Finalist <i>Peaches &amp; Cream IV</i> -United Kingdom
August 2014	Finalist <i>Art Graduate Prize</i> , United Kingdom
July 2014	Semi-Finalist <i>Photographer's Forum-34th Annual Spring Photography Contest</i> , US
July 2014	One of the four winners <i>Getty Images and Team SCA Academy Competition</i> , United Kingdom
April 2014	Second Prize, <i>Olympus &amp; Exhibtr student competition</i> , United Kingdom
March 2014	Runner Up <i>Capture The Moment Photo Contest</i> , United States
January 2014	Finalist <i>The Academic Excellence LSRS Abroad for Romanians Students</i> , Arts Category, Romania
January 2014	First Prize, <i>The Societies' Student Photography Competition</i> , United Kingdom
October 2013	Nominated for the <i>Ambassador's Diploma Award at CRSPR Conference</i> , United Kingdom
October 2013	Winner of <i>Ideas Fund Innovators</i> , United Kingdom
September 2013	Shortlisted to go on assignment with sight-saving charity <i>ORBIS</i> in Nepal, United Kingdom
August 2013	First Prize <i>The Big Picture</i> organised by The Telegraph, United Kingdom
April 2013	Overall Winner <i>Sony World Photography Awards, Youth Category</i> , United Kingdom
March 2013	Shortlisted <i>Sony World Photography Awards, Youth Category</i> , United Kingdom
February 2013	Second Prize <i>The Photographic Angle</i> , United Kingdom
September 2012	Commended prize at <i>SNAPSHOT 2012</i> , Australia
September 2012	Runner up <i>Cityscapes competition</i> , United Kingdom
August 2012	Third Prize <i>Vama Veche Workshop of Photography, Nude Category</i> , Romania
May 2012	Second Prize <i>Nikon Romania- Street Photography</i> , Romania
August 2012	Second Prize <i>Vama Veche Workshop of Photography, Fashion Category</i> , Romania
December 2010	4 silver medals and 3 bronze medals <i>Photo Salon, National Youth</i> , Romania
December 2010	First Prize <i>FOTOMARATON, Young Category</i> , organized by The French Cultural Centre of Iași, Romania
October 2010	First Prize <i>INFOTOURISM Competition</i> , Romania
August 2010	Second Prize <i>Vama Veche Workshop of Photography, Photojournalism Category</i> , Romania
July 2010	First Prize <i>Foto ARTA-VRL, Black and White Category</i> , Romania
June 2010	First prize <i>DigiPhoto National Competition</i> , Romania
February 2010	First Prize <i>The International Symposium, Art and Tradition in Europe Category</i> , Romania
December 2009	First Prize <i>FOTOMARATON, Young Category</i> , organized by The French Cultural Centre of Iași, Romania
November 2009	Golden Globe, <i>The Cup of the Photography Clubs</i> , Romania

## Exhibitions

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20.08.2015	Collective exhibition <i>In Our Time, Ambika P3</i> , University of Westminster, London, UK
22. 11. 2014	Collective exhibition <i>Versus dar impreuna</i> , Negresti Oas, Romania.
07.11.2014	Collective exhibition <i>Works In Print/Herbert Smith Freehills Graduate Art Prize 2014</i> , London, UK
08. 07. 2014	Collective exhibition <i>Collective</i> , Shoreditch Town Hall, London, UK
03. 07. 2014	Collective exhibition <i>Show 2014</i> , Eldon Building, Portsmouth, UK
30. 06. 2014	Collective exhibition <i>Photofusion SALON/13</i> , Photofusion Gallery, London, UK
12. 12. 2013	Collective exhibition <i>Versus dar impreuna</i> , Negresti Oas, Romania
30.11.2013	Collective exhibition <i>Post-human nature</i> , Santa Barbara, USA
01.08.2013	Personal exhibition <i>Story in colour</i> , Vama Veche, Romania
21.08.2013	Collective exhibition <i>The Story of the Creative</i> , New York, US
25. 07. 2013	Collective exhibition <i>Sony Awards</i> , Somerset House, London, UK
27.04.2013	Collective exhibition <i>Project Eleven</i> , at Clock Tower, Portsmouth, UK
11.12.2012	Collective exhibition <i>Together</i> , at Moldova Mall Galleries, Iași, Romania
05.10.2012	Collective exhibition <i>Vreme trece, vreme vine</i> , at "Ștefan Luchian" Galleries, Romania
15.01.2012	Personal exhibition <i>Street</i> , at Moldova Mall Galleries, Iași, Romania
23. 12. 2011	Collective exhibition <i>Together</i> , at Moldova Mall Galleries, Iași, Romania
08.10.2011	Collective exhibition <i>Cucuteni 2011</i> , at Athenaeum, Iași, Romania
12.07.2011	Collective exhibition <i>The most beautiful photo</i> , at Athenaeum, Iași, Romania
21.04.2011	Collective exhibition <i>Portrait</i> , at Athenaeum, Iași, Romania
03.03.2011	Personal exhibition <i>Somewhere in Vama</i> , at Athenaeum, Iași, Romania
14.02.2011	Collective exhibition <i>2010</i> , at Moldova Mall Galleries, Iași, Romania
09.01.2011	Collective exhibition <i>Stufstock Reloaded</i> , Bucharest, Romania
11.12.2010	Collective exhibition <i>Paris</i> , at Moldova Mall Galleries, Iași, Romania
09.12.2010	Personal exhibition <i>Parallel Worlds</i> , at the Athenaeum, Iași, Romania
11.01.2010	Collective exhibition <i>Iasi from heart</i> , at the Victory Galleries, Iași, Romania
23.12.2009	Collective exhibition <i>Portfolio 55</i> , at The French Cultural Center, Iași, Romania
	Collective exhibition <i>16</i> , at the House of Culture "Mihai Ursachi", Iași, Romania

## Press/Publications

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BBC, The Metro, The Guardian, Daily Mail, The News, The Telegraph, The Independent, De Gentenaar, 6 Mois, Full Frame Magazine, Femeia Magazine, SUB 25, Photo Venture, Oitzarisme, Photo Magazine Romania, Jurnalul National, Ziarul de Iasi, Antena 1, Dilema Veche Newspaper, Eyevoyage, Revista Colombo, Vogue India, The Upcoming, Zeitjung, Style Master Magazine., Radio Iasi, Evenimentul Zilei, Realitatea TV, Antena 3, Mediafax, Tages-Anzeiger newspaper, etc.

## Graduate Publications

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17 July 2014	I am one of the 15 chosen graduate art students out of 600 "It's Nice That Graduates". Link: <a href="http://www.itsnicethat.com/articles/alecsandra-luca-dragoi">http://www.itsnicethat.com/articles/alecsandra-luca-dragoi</a>
23 June 2014	Selected to be featured on The Telegraph 'Graduates of 2014' slideshow Link: <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/photography/10914928/The-Graduates-Photography.html?frame=2949292">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/photography/10914928/The-Graduates-Photography.html?frame=2949292</a>
06 June 2014	Selected by David Drake on Source: Graduate Photography Online Link: <a href="http://www.source.ie/graduate/2014/selection2.html">http://www.source.ie/graduate/2014/selection2.html</a>
13 June 2014	Selected by Lorenzo Fusi on Source: Graduate Photography Online Link: <a href="http://www.source.ie/graduate/2014/selection1.html">http://www.source.ie/graduate/2014/selection1.html</a>

## Professional Memberships

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September 2014-present	Member <i>National Union of Journalists</i> , United Kingdom
September 2011-June 2014	Member <i>University of Portsmouth Film and Photo Society</i>
2009-present	Member <i>AAFR- Association of Photographic Artists in Romania</i>
January 2009-present	Member <i>FOTOIAȘI Club of Photography</i> -curate exhibitions and photography projections -organise events and workshops -organise photography trips around Romania and one in Paris -participated as vice president of FOTOIAȘI Club at a national meeting of photography organised by Bistrița City Hall and Association of Photographic Artistes in Romania.

## **Technical Proficiency**

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Mac/Windows

Adobe Photoshop(CS6), Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Bridge, Adobe Premiere Pro, Cut Pro x, Capture One, FastStone, Microsoft Office, Pages, Black and White Darkroom, Colour Darkroom

## **Additional Information**

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Languages

-Romanian- Native language

-English- Speaking: Bilingual; Listening: Bilingual; Writing: Bilingual; Reading: Bilingual

-French- Speaking: Fluent; Listening: Perfect; Writing: Good; Reading: Perfect

-Spanish- Speaking: Good; Listening: Good; Writing: Good; Reading: Good

First Aid qualification

*July 2013*

I participated to a workshop organised by the artist Sorin Onisor

*June 2013*

I participated to a workshop organised by the artist Marius Vasiliu

*2012-2013*

I participated to a workshop organised by the artist Mihai Moiceanu

*January 2012*

I participated at workshops organised by the artist Ozolin Duşa

*2009-2010*

I participated at the theoretical course, organised by the artist Dan Mititelu

## **Hobbies and Interests**

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Photography, Travelling , Reading ,Painting, Journalism, Fashion, Conduct photo research, Photo editing, Technology, Media, Editorial, Exhibitions, Museums, Teaching, Curating, Writing