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**NASHVILLE WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR INNOVATIVE ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAM**

Nashville, Tenn.- Sister Cities of Nashville (SCN) has been named the Sister Cities International's Annual Award winner in the category of Innovation in Arts and Culture (for a population of more than 300,000) for our “A Day in the Life” photography exchange between Nashville and our partner city Magdeburg, Germany. The Annual Awards Program began in 1962 to acknowledge and honor exceptional sister city programs. Nashville has won several of these awards over the past 6 years including a Youth Leadership award.

In 2023, the Society of Nashville’s Artistic Photographers (SNAP) and the Magdeburg Foto Stammtisch came together to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this partnership by working on a photography project together. The result was a photography exchange titled “A Day in the Life,” which culminated in a collection of 48 photographs, taken over the same 24 hours on May 13th in each city, to be shared with citizens in both cities.

Dozens of photographers in each city participated by showcasing the different parts of our two communities--capturing images from famous landmarks like Broadway and the Green Citadel to the ordinary interactions that occur in the cafes and barbershops of our two different cultures. By utilizing an art form practiced throughout the world, the initiative created the opportunity to view what life is like across the globe without ever having to leave home.

Nashvillians and Magdeburg citizens have been able to view the exhibit for free at festivals, city buildings, and public art spaces in both cities. The response has been so positive that SCN and SNAP plan to replicate the project with other cities and cultures. SCN will donate a published book of the photographs to the Nashville Public Library for citizens to enjoy for years to come.

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Sister Cities of Nashville connects the people of Nashville to the people of the world through a variety of virtual events and exchanges with their 10 Sister Cities, including Belfast, N. Ireland; Caen, France; Chengdu, China; Edmonton, Canada; Erbil, Kurdistan, Iraq; Kamakura, Japan; Magdeburg, Germany; Mendoza, Argentina; Tamworth, Australia; and Taiyuan, China. For more information about Nashville’s 10 Sister Cities, or to find out how to participate in Sister Cities of Nashville’s events, student exchanges, adult exchanges, and other opportunities, please visit [www.scnashville.org](http://www.scnashville.org).

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The Society of Nashville's Artistic Photographers (SNAP) is an association of local artists dedicated to promoting fine art photography in Nashville. SNAP has been organizing regular public exhibits of the work of local artistic photographers in the Nashville area since 2005.

Website: <https://snapnashville.wordpress.com/>

Instagram: @snapnashville

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/snapnashville/media/?\\_rdr](https://www.facebook.com/groups/snapnashville/media/?_rdr)

The Magdeburg Foto Stammtisch is a group of local photographers who meet monthly over dinner and drinks to share their passion for photography, develop their skills, and promote the art of imagery.



"A Day in the Life" exhibited at Nashville's Hotel Preston for the public to enjoy. The exhibit was displayed in other areas in the city over the past year.

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The photography was also exhibited in Magdeburg City Hall and other locations over the past year.

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