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On August 19th, celebrate photography and **share your world** with the world!

[World Photography Day](#) originates from the invention of the Daguerreotype, a photographic processes developed by Louis Daguerre. On January 9, 1839, The French Academy of Sciences announced the daguerreotype process. A few months later, **on August 19, 1839, the French government announced the invention as a gift “Free to the World.”**

The official [World Photography Day](#) website encourages photographers to submit images from today up until 26 August for inclusion in an open gallery celebrating the joy of photos.

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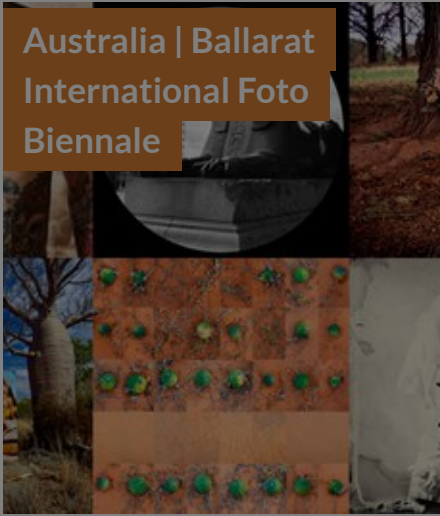
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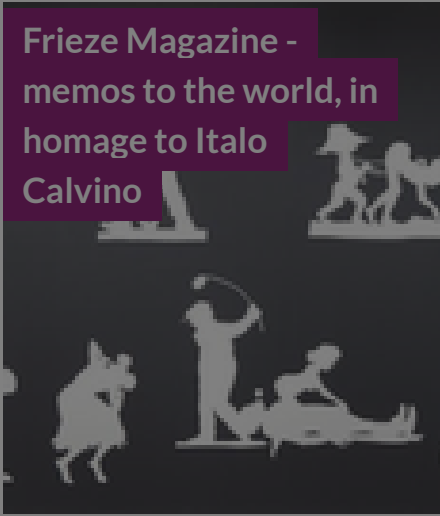
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