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**Short Bio**

Mattia Vacca is a freelance photojournalist and a documentary photographer.

He graduated with a BA in *Science of Communication* and completed a MA in *Cinema and Journalism*. He was selected for two editions of the *Masterclass FSS Film Studies and Documentary Filmmaking* in Locarno.

For about ten years, he was a daily contributor for Il Corriere della Sera covering the breaking news stories in Northern Italy. Now, he is working on various personal projects focused on social issues and the consequences of the armed conflicts around the world.

His first self-published photobook, *A Winter’s Tale,* came out in 2014 thanks to a crowdfunding campaign. In 2014, Vacca was also a TED speaker for the *TEDx Lake Como* event.

His works has been published in The Guardian, The Telegraph, The Indipendent, Zeit, France Soir, Daily Mirror, BBC, Vice, Sette, Vanity Fair, Elle Decor, Private Photoreview, L'Oeil de la Photographie, Il Corriere della Sera, La Repubblica, La Stampa, il Fatto Quotidiano, il Giornale, il Messaggero, Libero, La Gazzetta dello Sport, Etiqueta Negra, Sportweek, Wu Magazine, Bak, Fstop, Bild der Frau, Mercure Liquide, I Meridiani.

Vacca received numerous awards, including Sony World Photography Awards, Royal Photographic Society, Unesco Humanity Photo Awards, Renaissance Prize, New York Photo Awards, International Photography Awards, Foto 8 Summershow, Phodar Biennial.

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**Awards:**

2016 The Other Hundred "Educators",  Winner / Hong Kong

2016 Life Framer "Youthood",  Honorable Mention / United Kingdom

2016 Moscow International Photography Awards, Honorable Mention category Editorial - Photo Essay / Russia

2016 Photobook Show at Scan Tarragona Festival Internacional de fotografia, Selected / SPAIN

2016 Photobook Show at Photography and Theory Festival , Selected / Cyprus

2016 PX3 Prix de la Photographie Paris, Honorable Mention category Feature Story / France

2016 Royal Photographic Society Awards, Finalist / United Kingdom

2016 PhotoIndependent Photobooks Awards, Honorable Mention / USA

2016 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Awards, Finalist category Mobile PhotoStory / Georgia

2016 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Awards, Finalist category OneShot / Georgia

2016 Athens Photo Festival, Finalist / Greece

2015 Moscow International Photography Awards, 2nd prize category Editorial - Conflict / Russia

2015 Moscow International Photography Awards, 3rd prize category Documentary PhotoBooks / Russia

2015 IPA International Photography Awards, Honorable Mention category Documentary Photobooks / USA

2015 IPA International Photography Awards, Honorable Mention category Selpublished Photobooks / USA

2015 PX3 Prix de la Photographie Paris, Honorable Mention category Documentary PhotoBooks / France

2015 Selected to be part of Kaunas Biennial / Lithuania

2015 Selected to be part of Les Rencontres de Castelfranc / France

2015 Monochrome Awards, Honorable Mention category Photojournalism / USA

2015 Lugano Photo Days, Selected / CH

2015 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Awards, First Prize category Mobile PhotoStory / Georgia

2015 Athens Photo Festival, Two Books selected for the PhotoBook Show / Greece

2015 Athens Photo Festival, Finalist / Greece

2015 Unesco Humanity Photo Awards , Two Performance Awards / China

2015 International Color Awards, Nominee / USA

2014 IPA International Photography Awards, Honorable Mention category Editorial Feature Story / USA

2014 Slideluck Warsaw, Finalist / Poland

2014 Moscow International Foto Awards, Honorable Mention Photo Essay / Russia

2014 Photo Annual Awards, Honorable Mention category motion / CzechRepublic

2014 Backlight Photo Festival, Finalist / Finland

2014 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Awards, Finalist category Documentary Photography / Georgia

2014 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Awards, Finalist category Mobile PhotoStory / Georgia

2014 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Awards, Finalist category Mobile PhotoStory / Georgia

2014 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Awards, Finalist category OneShot / Georgia

2014 Photography Color Awards, Honorable Mention / USA

2014 Lugano Photo Days, Selected / CH

2014 Mira Prize, Finalist / Portugal

2013 Royal Photographic Society Awards, 2nd Prize / United Kingdom

2013 IPA International Photography Awards, Honorable Mention category Deeper Perspective / USA

2013 IPA International Photography Awards, Honorable Mention category Editorial Feature Story / USA

2013 Snowden Photography Awards Overall Winner / Australia

2013 AX3 American Aperture Awards, First Prize Category Photojournalism / USA

2013 Picturing the World Family, Honorable Mention / Australia

2013 Accademia Apulia Awards, Finalist / United Kingdom

2013 Art of Photography Show, Finalist / USA

2013 Athens Photo Festival, Finalist / Greece

2013 Selected to be part of Human Flow / United Kingdom

2013 Mobile Photo Awards, Honorable Mention Category Photojournalism / USA

2013 Black & White Spider Awards, Nominee / USA

2013 Unesco Humanity Photo Awards , Performance Award / China

2012 Sony World Photography Awards, 2nd Prize category Arts and Culture / United Kingdom

2012 New York Photo Awards, Finalist category Documentary / USA

2012 Renaissance Photo Prize Winner Category Memory / United Kingdom

2012 IPA International Photography Awards, Honorable Mention category Deeper Perspective /

USA

2012 IPA International Photography Awards, Honorable Mention category Editorial Feature Story / USA

2012 Selected to be part of the Foto8 Summershow 2012 / United Kingdom

2011 Unesco Humanity Photo Awards , Jury's Special Award / China

2011 Unesco Humanity Photo Awards , Documentary Award / China

2011 Travel Photographer of the year, Finalist / United Kingdom

2011 IPA International Photography Awards, Honorable Mention category Deeper Perspective / USA

2011 IPA International Photography Awards, Honorable Mention category Editorial Feature Story / USA

2011 Selected to be part of the Foto8 Summershow 2011 with two images / United Kingdom

2011 Nikon Photo Contest International, 2nd Prize / Japan

2011 Phodar Biennial, Special Award for Humanistic Photography / Bulgaria

2011 Phodar Biennial, Single Photo Award / Bulgaria

2011 Photographer's Forum Magazine Best of Photography, Finalist / USA

2011 Hasselblad Master, Semifinalist category Editorial / USA

**Exhibitions:**

2016/06/11 "How to act in extreme situations..." Solo Exhibition, Arte & Arte Gallery, Como, ITALY

2016/01/29 "A winter' s tale" Solo Exhibition, Teatro Sociale, Como, ITALY

2016/05/12 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Festival, Lekhaindrao Production, Tbilisi, GEORGIA

2015/09/19 "A winter' s tale" and "How to act..." Solo Exhibition, 10th Kauno Art Bienale, Picture Gallery, Kaunas, LITHUANIA

2015/09/08 "A winter' s tale" Solo Exhibition,Les Rencontres de Castelfranc, Chapelle des Pénitents, Luzech, FRANCE

2015/19/06 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Festival, Triennial of Photography, Hamburg, GERMANY

2015/04/06 Gea Miniartextil 24th International Contemporary Art Exhibition, Museo di Palazzo Mocenigo, Venice, ITALY

2015/30/05 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Festival, Galerie Kunstwerk Nippes, Koln, GERMANY

2015/01/05 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Festival, Hotel Rooms, Tbilisi, GEORGIA

2015/21/03 Royal Photographic Society at The Photography Show, the NEC, Birmingham, UK

2015/26/02 Gea Miniartextil 24th International Contemporary Art Exhibition, Le Beffroi Montrouge, Paris, FRANCE

2014/14/11 Beyond the conflict, Mart Museo di Arte Moderna e Contemporanea di Rovereto, ITALY

2014/26/10 Screening Slideluck Warsaw Photo Days, POLAND

2014/06/09 Screening Backlight Photo Festival, Tampere, FINLAND

2014/06/09 Mira Prize, Mira Forum, Porto, PORTUGAL

2014/11/07 Impression International Exhibition, Limassol, CYPRUS

2014/31/05 Photo Annual Awards Exhibition, Teplice, CZECH REPUBLIC

2014/01/05 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Festival, Hotel Rooms, Tbilisi, GEORGIA

2014/25/04 PhotoIndependent International Exposition of Contemporary Photography , Raleigh Studios, Hollywood, Los Angeles, USA

2014/05/04 Gea Miniartextil 24th International Contemporary Art Exhibition, Villa Olmo, Como, ITALY

2014/01/11 Royal Photographic Society International Print Exhibition, The Museum of Somerset, Castle Green, Taunton, UK

2013/11/11 Royal Photographic Society International Print Exhibition, Michael Heseltine Gallery, Banbury, Oxfordshire, UK

2013/10/22 People in Mining Snowden Photography Awards, Robert O'Keeffe Convention Centre, Brisbane, AUSTRALIA

2013/10/12 The Art of Photography Show 2013, San Diego Art Institute, San Diego , USA

2013/09/14 Royal Photographic Society International Print Exhibition, The Civic Gallery, Barnsley, S Yorks, UK

2013/07/25 "Primary education in rural China" Solo Exhibition, Villa Sormani, Mariano Comense, ITALY

2013/07/20 Royal Photographic Society International Print Exhibition, Shire Hall Gallery, Stafford, UK

2013/02/07 Human Flow, CambridgeUniversity, Cambridge, UK

2012/11/01 A World Elsewhere, The Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford, UK,

2012/09/27 New York Photo Awards , Powerhouse Gallery Dumbo Brooklyn, New YorkUSA

2012/09/12 "Primary education in rural China" Solo Exhibition , Isole che parlano, Palau, ITALY

2012/07/07 Foto8 Summershow , HOST Gallery LondonUK

2012/06/29 Screening The Fence ,Photoville Brooklyn, New YorkUSA

2012/06/13 Renaissance Photo Prize, Mall Galleries, LondonUK

2012/04/26 Sony World Photography Awards, World Photo London, Somerset House, LondonUK

2012/02/09 5 anni nella vita dell' Italia, Triennale di Milano, ITALY

2011/10/15 Filter Photo Festival 2011, FineArtsBuilding, ChicagoUSA

2011/10/05 Foto8 2011 Selection , Crane Kalman Gallery, BrightonUK

2011/09/16 Memories of Mankind VII , Humanity Photo Biennial, BeijingCHINA

2011/07/08 Foto8 Summershow , HOST Gallery LondonUK

2011/05/06 Festival Fotografia Europea "Un giorno nella vita dell'Italia" Chiostri di San Pietro - Reggio Emilia ITALY

2011/04/29 PhodarPhotographyBiennialArtGallery Iliya Beshkov - PlevenBULGARIA

**Books:**

2016 : "Kolga Photocatalogue" Kolga Tbilisi Catalogue

2016 : Lugano Photo Days 2015 Catalogue

2015: "Networked" 10th Kaunas Art Biennial Catalogue

2015 : "Kolga Photocatalogue" Kolga Tbilisi Catalogue

2015 : Lugano Photo Days 2015 Catalogue

2014 : "A winter' s tale" Delicious Editions

2014 : "Pig" Delicious Editions

2014 : "NYPH Journal: The Future of Contemporary Photography", PowerHouse Books

2014 : "Bootleg. Interpretazioni non ufficiali della realtà", Studiolabo Books

2014 : Lugano Photo Days 2014 Catalogue

2014 : "Kolga Photocatalogue" Kolga Tbilisi Catalogue

2014 : "Gea" Miniartextil 24th International Contemporary Art Exhibition Catalogue

2013 : "RPS Journal 2013" The Royal Photographic Society

2012 : "Foto8 Summershow 2012", Foto8 Catalogue

2012 : "Renaissance Photo Prize 2012" Renaissance Photo Prize Catalogue

2012 : "Sony World Photography Awards 2012", WPO

2012 : "Snapshots" , Sony World Photography Awards 2012, WPO

2011 : "Memories of Mankind", China Humanity Biennial Catalogue

2011 : "Foto8 Summershow 2011", Foto8 Catalogue

2011 : "Contemporary Myths" , Phodar Biennial Catalogue

2011 : "Best Of Photography 2011", Photographer's Forum Magazine

2006 : "Urbanize", Lomographic Society International

2004 : "The cultural impact of Locarno Film Festival", USI Lugano