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## Laszlo Kupi

Laszlo Kupi, born in Székesfehérvár, Hungary, has become one of the leading figures in mineral photography. His interest in minerals began during childhood, inspired by his grandfather, a miner and mineral collector. Growing up, Laszlo often joined his family on mineral-collecting trips, and this passion for minerals continued through his education. He earned a Master's degree in Economic Geology from Eötvös Loránd University and pursued further studies in Exploration Geology. His career as a geologist allowed him to work in various countries, including Hungary, Slovakia, Turkey, and Romania, but the opportunities to build his personal mineral collection were limited at that time.

Laszlo's journey into photography started when friends introduced him to exquisite mineral specimens. Through practice and dedication, he mastered mineral photography and eventually turned it into a profession.

In 2016, he began working as a commercial mineral photographer, capturing high-quality images for private collectors, institutions, and publications. His photography has been featured in the prestigious *Mineralogical Record*, *Rocks and Minerals*, *Lapis*, and other educational magazines, and he gained further recognition by winning Tucson mineral photography contests in both the macro and micro categories in 2022 and 2023.

Quartz & Epidote from San Felipe Mine, Sartimbamba, La Libertad, Peru (53mm) Courtesy of Laszlo Kupi



While he continues to photograph minerals for various clients, some of whom have become close friends, Laszlo is also considering the balance between his family life and professional commitments. With a young daughter, he has scaled back on his geological work, focusing more on photography, which allows for shorter trips. His work has taken him to major mineral shows worldwide, and he plans to expand his photography to international markets, particularly in Japan and China, where there is a growing demand for mineral photography.

Laszlo's future ambitions include organizing photography workshops to share his expertise and inspire others to capture the beauty of minerals. Through his work, he not only documents the natural beauty of minerals but also fosters a deeper appreciation for these treasures among collectors and enthusiasts worldwide.

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Laszlo Kupa (Photo by Laura Sigulinski)



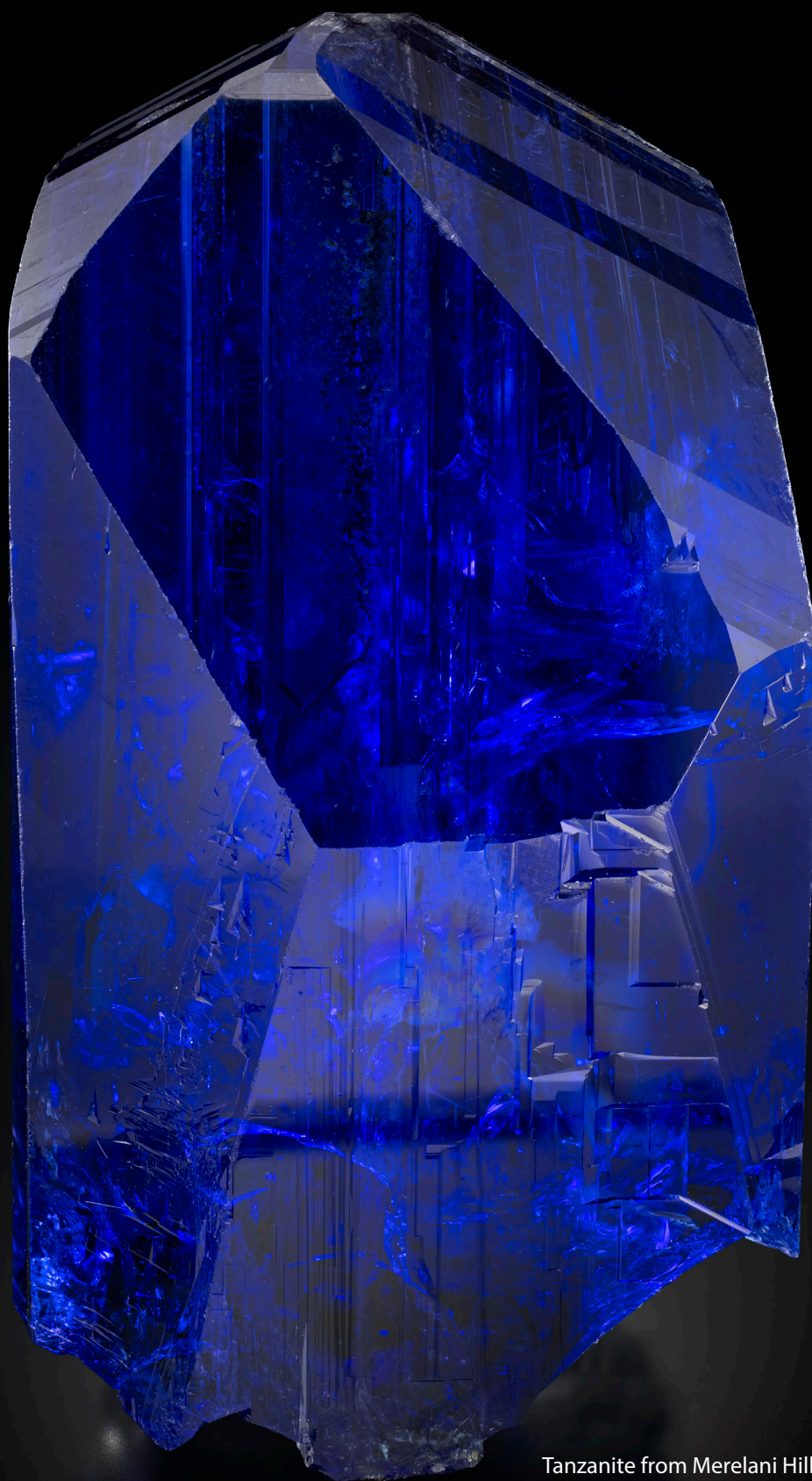


Zircon from Ntendezi, Nyamasheke, Rwanda (8mm) Courtesy of Laszlo Kupi



Tourmaline, Quartz & Albite from Pala Chief Mine,  
San Diego, California, USA (10cm)  
Courtesy of Green Mountain Minerals





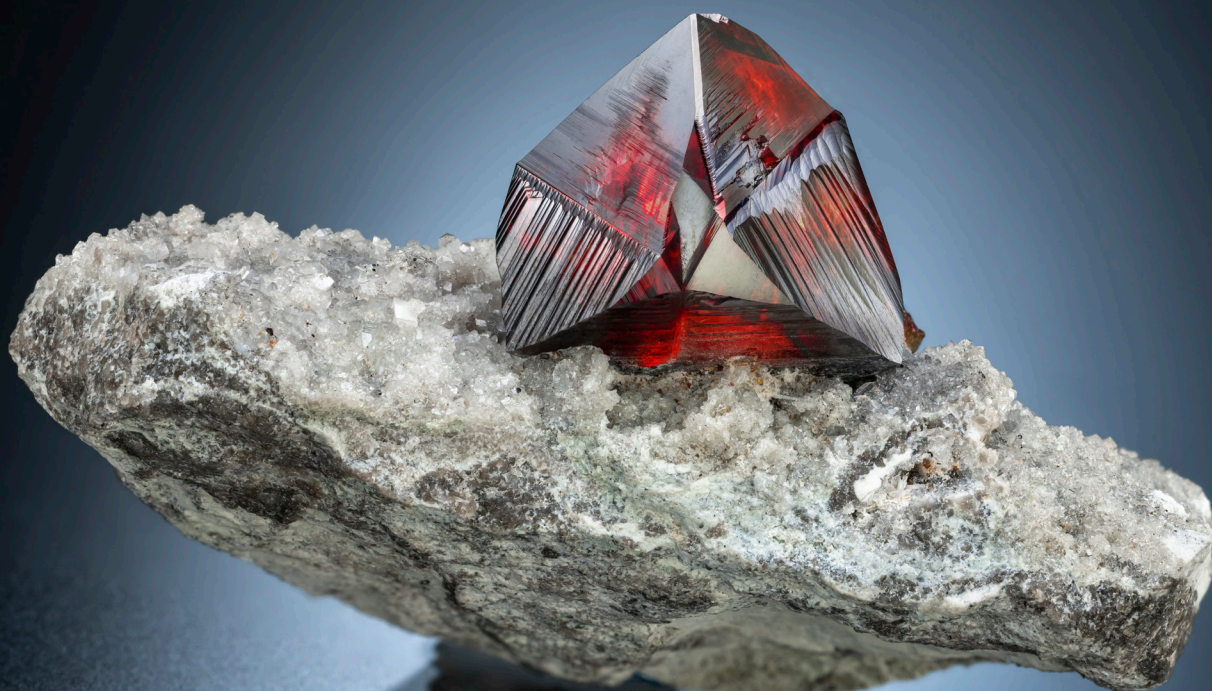
Tanzanite from Merelani Hills, Tanzania (72mm)  
Courtesy of Arkenstone



Tourmaline from Bevoandrano, Fianarantsoa,  
Madagascar (Largest Crystal 4.2cm)  
Courtesy of Luke Gray



Sphalerite, Calcite from Elmwood Mine, Carthage,  
Smith Co., Tennessee, USA (40mm)  
Courtesy of Laszlo Kupi







Quartz and Halloysite from Cabiche, Quípama  
Municipality, Boyaca Department, Colombia (65mm)  
Courtesy of Laszlo Kupi





Emerald from the Muzo Mine, Boyaca, Colombia (1.80ct)  
Courtesy of Aliz Emerald

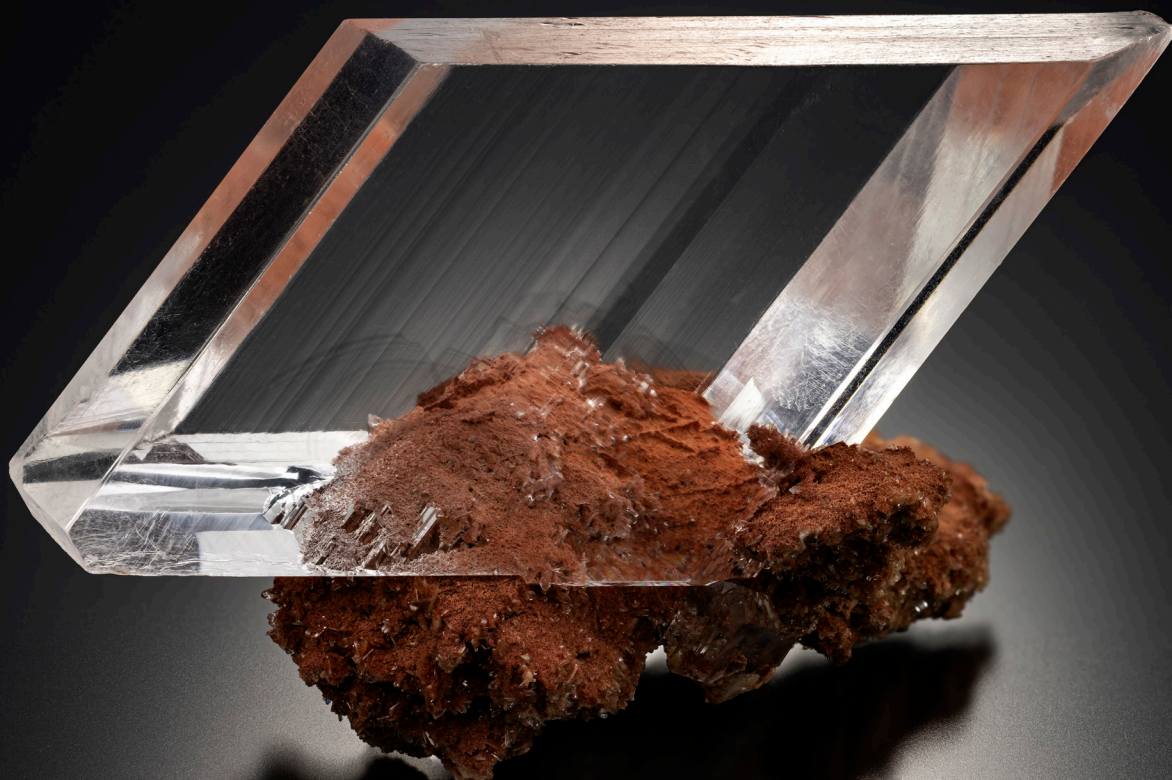




Pyrite from Ampliación A Victoria Mine,  
Navajun, Spain (8cm)  
Courtesy of Jonathan Feigin



Gypsum from Naica, Mexico (68mm)  
Courtesy of Focal Crystal



Fluorite from Erongo Mountains, Karibib,  
Namibia (8.6cm)  
Courtesy of Andreas Empl







Aquamarine, Apatite & Albite from Shigar Valley,  
Pakistan (3.2cm)  
Courtesy of Arkenstone



Stibnite from Herja Mine, Baia Mare,  
Maramures, Romania (63mm)  
Courtesy of Gabor Koller



Aquamarine from Vietnam (1.2cm)  
Courtesy of Splendor



Spessartine from Chilas, Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan (8mm)  
Courtesy of Laszlo Gal





Calcite & Stilbite from Jalgaon District,  
Maharashtra, India (6cm)  
Courtesy of Laszlo Kupi



Rhodochrosite from Sweet Home Mine, Alma,  
Colorado, USA (8cm) Courtesy of Stephanie Joplin



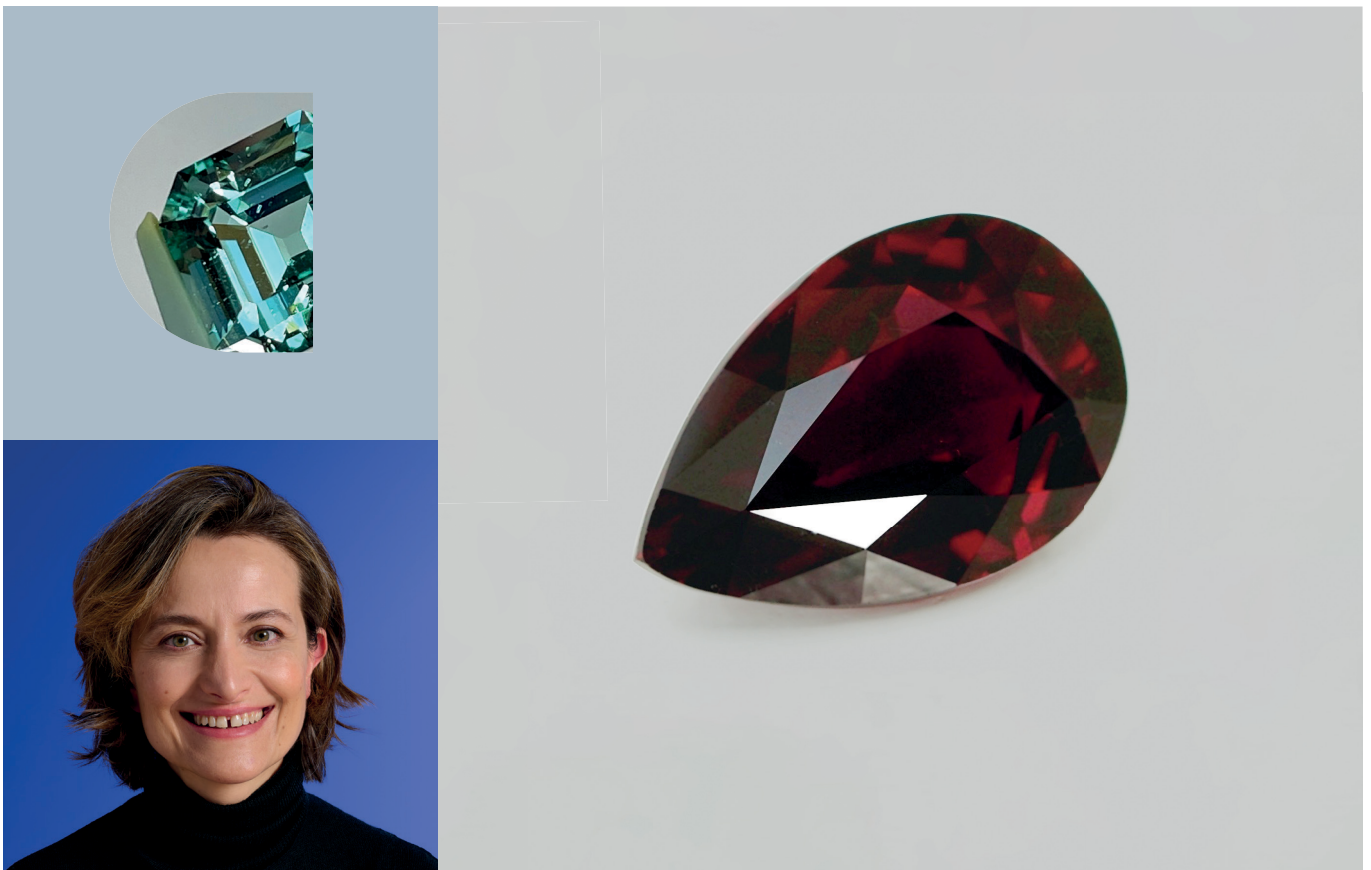
Rhodonite & Quartz from San Martín Mine,  
Bolognesi Province, Ancash, Peru (26mm)  
Courtesy of Laszlo Kupi





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