



5th International Exhibition of Photography

EMERALD 2018

Fully **PSA 2018-188** approved



ORGANISER

Photo club Emerald, Ireland

- The Salon will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and practices of The Photographic Society of America (PSA)
- Acceptances received by PSA members in approved sections of this exhibition are eligible for PSA Star Ratings, listing in the worldwide PSA Who's Who of photography, and credited toward the PSA Distinctions PPSA and EPSA.

BREACH OF CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

If at any time, it is determined in the reasonable discretion of the exhibition organizer or the judges before, during, or after the judging of an exhibition that an entrant has submitted entries where one or more images may fail to comply with these Conditions of Entry, including the stated definitions, the exhibition organizers reserve the right to delete the entry from the exhibition and void any or all acceptances or awards in connection with the exhibition. Fees may be forfeited or refunded in these circumstances. The entrant acknowledges that the decision of the exhibition organizers or the judges is final.

In order to ensure that images comply with the Conditions of Entry and definitions, the exhibition organizers may carry out reasonable measures to verify that:

- a) the images are the original work of the entrant and
- b) the images comply with the rules and definitions as set out in these Conditions of Entry.

These steps include, but are not limited to, questioning any entrant, requiring the submission of RAW files or other digital files representing the original capture of the submitted image(s), confronting the entrant with evidence that one or more submitted images fails to comply with the Conditions of Entry (also known as Entry Rules), and offering the entrant a reasonable opportunity to provide counter evidence to refute the exhibition organizer's evidence by a set deadline. Such entries that are not cleared or are still questionable after the entrant has presented evidence may be considered in breach of these Conditions of Entry, and declined. Such entries may be referred to PSA for further investigation of possible ethics violations.

PSA retains the right to investigate in any way all complaints/suspensions of breaches of entry conditions, impose sanctions if deemed necessary, void the acceptances of any image found to violate the PSA rules, include the entrant's name on the list of sanctions provided to Exhibitions, and share such investigations with FIAP. Entrants automatically agree to these terms by the act of entering the Exhibition and agree to cooperate with any investigation.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The exhibition is open to anyone; however, an entry may be rejected when the sponsoring organization or its agent, in its reasonable discretion, believes the entry does not conform to the exhibition rules and conditions.

An entrant's images will not be presented to the judges consecutively. An entrant's four images will be distributed throughout four rounds of judging in that section. Distribution of images shall be in the same round order as submitted by the entrant.

Entries must originate as photographs (image-captures of objects via light sensitivity) made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally. By virtue of submitting an entry, the entrant certifies the work as his own (aliases are not permitted). The entrant permits the sponsors to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication and/or display in media related to the exhibition. This may include low resolution posting on a website. Note: Entrants who indicate that their images may not be reproduced or used "will not be eligible for awards" or inclusion in audio-visuals of the exhibition "and could be subject to disqualification" by the exhibition sponsors.

- i. The exhibition assumes no liability of any misuse of copyright. Images may be May not be entered or re-entered in any section of the same Division Star Ratings class in that exhibition regardless of media, format, or title.
- ii. May not be re-titled for entry in any other PSA Recognized exhibition, including translation into another language.

Words such as "Untitled" and "No Title" are not acceptable as part or all of an image's title, nor are camera capture filenames.

An image may be entered in only one section where acceptances of that image in multiple sections would be eligible for the same star path.

The target acceptance rate will be between 37% and 43% in each section.

SECTIONS

- There are 6 sections, all digital:

A) NATURE (color/monochrome digital) **PSA ND**

B) PHOTO TRAVEL (color/monochrome digital) **PTD**

C) WOMAN (color/monochrome digital) **PSA PID Color**

D) PORTRAIT (color/monochrome digital) **PSA PID Color**

E) OPEN COLOR (color digital) **PSA PID Color**

F) OPEN MONOCHROME (monochrome digital) **PSA PID Monochrome**

- Each photo can be presented in only one section.

i. Acceptances in PID recognized Color sections shall be credited towards PID Color Star Ratings and Who's Who Color listings. Monochrome images accepted in PID recognized Color sections shall only be credited towards PID Color Star Ratings.

ii. Acceptances in PID recognized Monochrome sections shall be credited towards PID Monochrome Star Ratings and Who's Who Monochrome listings.

iii. All acceptance eligibility shall be in accordance with the PID Star Ratings or the Galaxy/Diamond Ratings requirements as appropriate.

PHOTOGRAPHS

AUTHORS MUST FILL OUT ENTRY FORM AND SUBMIT PHOTOS ONLINE

- Photos must be in JPG file format, Max. image width (horizontal) is 1920 pix. Max. image height (vertical) is 1080 pix. in 300 dpi. compression 7-12, max 2Mb.

FILE NAMING

No requirements for file names, file name should be as you would want it to appear in the catalogue (same as title name). Words such as "Untitled" and "No Title" are not acceptable as part or all of an image's title, nor are camera capture filenames or titles consisting of only numbers.

Each image must have a unique title. Once an image has been accepted in a PSA Recognized exhibition, that same image, or a like “in camera” or a “reproduction” duplicate of that image:

- i. May not be re-entered in any section of the same Division Star Ratings class in that exhibition regardless of media, format, or title.
- ii. May not be re-titled for entry in any other PSA Recognized exhibition.

ENTRY FEE

20 \$ for **1, 2 or 3** sections

30 \$ for **4, 5 or all 6** sections

- **PayPal** is available for payment on-line. The works of the authors who did not pay the fee would not be taken into consideration.

REPORT CARD NOTIFICATIONS

All participants will receive report card notifications via e-mail. The results of the exhibition will also be published on our website www.photoclubemerald.com

CATALOGUE

On-line PDF Exhibition Catalogue.

JURY MEMBERS:

Brian HOPPER, EFIAP/p, FIPF, ARPS, Ireland

Guo JING, AFIAP, China

Jacqui Jay GRAFTON, EFIAP/b, DPAGB, BPE5*, United Kingdom

An entrant's four images will be distributed through out four rounds of judging for that section.

Each round of judging will not contain more than ONE image from each entrant.

Judging of electronic still images will be done by on calibrated monitors of Sony Bravia KDL49WE HDTV in 1920x1080 pix.

Images may not be changed by the exhibition prior to or during judging.

Images may not be changed by the exhibition's equipment prior to or during judging. This includes resizing of images either smaller or larger or changing the aspect ration of the original image to “Fit to screen” or to “Fill screen” by HDTV equipment.

AWARDS

PSA Gold medals in each section (6 altogether)

DPA Gold, Silver, Bronze medals in each section (18 altogether)

+ 6 DPA honorable mention ribbons in each section (36 altogether)

SALON Gold, Silver, Bronze medals in each section (18 altogether)

+ 6 SALON honorable mention ribbons in each section (36 altogether)

- Each author can receive only one award in each section.

CALENDAR

Closing date: 15.05.2018.

Judging: 25.05. - 05.06.2018.

Report cards: 15.06.2018.

On-line PDF Exhibition Catalogue: 15.08.2018. www.photoclubemerald.com

Sending of awards: 15.08.2018.

Public showings: 22.07.2018. and 29.07.2018. Bundoran, Business Retail Park, Republic of Ireland

Electronic Slide Show Program will be shown on a high resolution W6000 Full HD projector in 1920x1080 pix.

Licence agreement:

By submitting an entry, the entrant certifies legal Age, and own all rights to these images, including copyright or parents or guardians gives permission on his/her behalf if he/she is not of Legal Age. The exhibition assumes no liability for any misuse of copyright.

Salon chairman

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DEFINITIONS

PSA Monochrome Definition

An image is considered to be Monochrome only if it gives the impression of having no color (i.e. contains only shades of gray which can include pure black and pure white) OR it gives the impression of being a grayscale image that has been toned in one color across the entire image. (For example by Sepia, red, gold, etc.)

A grayscale or multi-colored image modified or giving the impression of having been modified by partial toning, multi toning or by the inclusion of spot coloring does not meet the definition of monochrome and shall be classified as a Color Work.

PSA Nature Definition

Nature photography is restricted to the use of the photographic process to depict all branches of natural history, except anthropology and archeology, in such a fashion that a well-informed person will be able to identify the subject material and certify its honest presentation.

- The story telling value of a photograph must be weighed more than the pictorial quality while maintaining high technical quality.
- Human elements shall not be present, except where those human elements are integral parts of the nature story such as nature subjects, like barn owls or storks, adapted to an environment modified by humans, or where those human elements are in situations depicting natural forces, like hurricanes or tidal waves.
- Scientific bands, scientific tags or radio collars on wild animals are permissible.
- Photographs of human created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domestic animals, or mounted specimens are ineligible, as is any form of manipulation that alters the truth of the photographic statement.
- No techniques that add, relocate, replace, or remove pictorial elements except by cropping are permitted.
- Techniques that enhance the presentation of the photograph without changing the nature story or the pictorial content, or without altering the content of the original scene, are permitted including HDR, focus stacking and dodging/burning.
- Techniques that remove elements added by the camera, such as dust spots, digital noise, and film scratches, are allowed.

- Stitched images are not permitted.
- All images must appear natural.
- Color images can be converted to greyscale monochrome.
- Infrared images, either direct-captures or derivations, are not allowed.
- Images entered in Nature sections meeting the Nature Photography Definition above can have landscapes, geologic formations, weather phenomena, and extant organisms as the primary subject matter. This includes images taken with subjects in controlled conditions, such as zoos, game farms, botanical gardens, aquariums and any enclosure where the subjects are totally dependent on man for food.
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PSA Photo Travel Definition

A Photo Travel image expresses the characteristic features or culture of a land as they are found naturally. There are no geographic limitations.

Images from events or activities arranged specifically for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography are not appropriate. Close up pictures of people or objects must include features that provide information about the environment.

Techniques that add, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted. The only allowable adjustments are removal of dust or digital noise, restoration of the appearance of the original scene, and complete conversion to greyscale monochrome. Other derivations, including infrared, are not permitted. All images must appear natural.

All entries shall conform to the stricter of these definitions for acceptances to be validated by all the International Organizations granting recognition or patronage.