

Maine Professional Photographers' Association

Photographic Image Competition Rules for 2017

GUIDELINES

- Any professional photographer who is a paid member of the MPPA may enter the competition.
- Dues must be paid in full by March 1, 2017
- **Deadline for entry submission is March 10, 2017**
- There is a \$20 fee per entry. Up to seven (7) entries are allowed per person
- Albums count as an entry. Up to two (2) albums are allowed per person.
- More than one entry of an identifiable subject will result in both entries being disqualified.
- Anything previously entered into the MPPA Competition or that has been created under the supervision of an instructor is not eligible.

CATEGORIES OF ENTRIES

- **Portrait** - Bride/wedding images from a controlled setting such as a studio should be in this category.
- **Wedding/Event** – This category is for images taken the DAY OF a wedding/event.
- **Naturalist** – Images in which natural scenery or subjects are dominant. People and/or animals may be included, although they make up a relatively small part of the image. The same applies to buildings and other man-made structures.
- **Commercial** - Consists of commercial and industrial images. A tear sheet may be submitted to the Competition Chairman but is not required.
- **Artistic** – This category includes any images deemed artistic by the maker. Entrants MUST have performed any and all the digital manipulation for the final image. Any entry that has been reproduced from an existing photograph, graphic or other artwork created by another person must be accompanied by permission from that maker and sent in as a separate file. A hard copy "proof" may be submitted to the Competition Chairman but is not required. If an entry, in the good-faith opinion of the Competition Chairman, violates copyright, trademark or any other applicable law, that entry shall be disqualified.
- **Creative Challenge** - This year's topic is "FEATHER(S)". This category is to challenge your interpretation and creativity of the topic. The winner of this category may determine the topic for the following year.
- **Event Album** - consist of time-sensitive social events, such as weddings, bar mitzvahs, etc.
- **Non-Event Album** - albums consist of portrait and storytelling albums.

HOW TO SUBMIT ENTRIES

- Register with MPPA at www.printcompetition.com
- Makers will be asked to pay \$7 or become a Premium Subscriber. This small yearly fee will be used to help support the ongoing software and hardware upgrades needed to keep PrintCompetition.com strong, secure, and efficient going forward.
- Files must be sized so the **longest dimension is 4,000 pixels (20 inches at 200 dpi)** Each file must contain an embedded color profile of either **sRGB or Adobe RGB1998** and be saved at a **JPEG quality setting of 10**. Total file size should **not exceed 3.5 MB** but may in some cases.
- Files are to be named: Image Title.jpg (*e.g. See Spot Run.jpg*).
- A maker's name and/or image title must NOT appear on any of the entries.
- Additional entries may be uploaded at any time before the March 10, 2017 DEADLINE.

ALBUM SUBMISSION

- All page/spread files must have the **longest file dimension at 4,000 pixels (20 inches at 200 dpi)**, have an embedded color profile of either **sRGB or Adobe RGB1998** and be saved at **JPEG quality setting of 10**.
- Album entries must contain a minimum 5 page/spread and up to 36 page/spread.
- Files are to be numbered in viewing order using two digits (*i.e., 01.jpg, 02.jpg, 03.jpg, etc.*).
- All individual files must be compressed into a single ZIP file. ZIP files must be named: Album Title.zip (*e.g. Summer Wedding.zip*).
- A maximum of two (2) albums per entrant, **NO TWO VOLUME SETS ALLOWED**

NON-RESIDENT RULES

- Non-Residents are allowed seven (7) entries.
- A Non-Resident Court of Honor may be awarded. (This is the only award available to Non-Residents.)

SCORING

- Regardless of category all entries will be judged based on 100 points.
- Entries scoring 80 or higher will be awarded a BLUE ribbon.
- Entries scoring 76-79 will be awarded a RED ribbon.
- Entries scoring 78-79 get a second judging review. (*Ins & Outs*)
- Entries scoring 72-75 will be awarded a WHITE ribbon.
- Entries scoring 70 or 71 will be awarded a GREEN ribbon.
- Entries scoring 69 and below will not be displayed.

AWARDS

- The judging of all other awards will be closed. Only the Competition Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Competition Moderators and the judges will be present.
- Judging for these awards will be based on the quality of the entries in question only.
- The Judges will not be told the maker's name during the award deciding.
- **Court of Honor Awards** will be selected from the Blue Ribbon winners. Unless the Competition Chairman and Judges deem the quality or quantity does not merit, there will be at least one awarded for the following: **Portrait, Wedding/Event, Naturalist, Commercial, and Artistic** as well as one for **Event Album, Non-Event Album, Black & White and Out-of-State**
- **Client Image Award** may be given for the best image produced for an actual customer.
- **First Time Entrant Award** may be given to a photographer who has entered into the MPPA Image Competition for the very first time.
- **Creative Challenge Award** is given to the highest scoring image in this category.
- **Judges Choice Award** may be given by each judge for the entry which he/she deems to be their favorite of the show.
- **Artistry in Photography Award** is presented for the Outstanding Highest Achievement for Artistry in Photography, showcasing Artistry Vision and a Mastery of photographic technique and skill.
- **Best of Show** is awarded to the highest scoring entry.
- **Maine Wedding Photographer of the Year Award** is given to the photographer with the highest total of scores from 4 entries in the wedding category.
- **The Win Tracy - Maine Photographer of the Year Award** will be based on what the judges deem to be the best body of work of the photographers who received the five highest scores. The photographer will retain the award until the next MPPA convention when the award will be returned to the Association.
- All vendor sponsored awards are made available through the generosity of our vendors. There is no guarantee that they will be available. This includes the **CPP Member Award** as well as the **ASP Member Award**

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

The Competition Chairman reserves the right to correct any errors or omissions in these MPPA Image Competition Rules or judging procedures and make final judgment on any questions regarding these rules.

If you have any questions please contact the Image Competition Chairman:
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