

Maine Professional Photographers' Association
Photographic Image Competition Rules 2018

JUDGING WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 8:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018

GUIDELINES

- Any professional photographer may enter the competition for image judging and scoring.
- Dues must be paid in full by March 1, 2018 to be considered for member awards.
- Entries must be registered and uploaded **NO LATER THAN 11:00PM EST on Thursday, March 15, 2018**
- There is a \$15 fee per entry. Up to 7 entries are allowed per person. Albums count as one entry and each person is allowed up to 2 albums.
- 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** A representation of a person, in which the face and its expression is predominant. The intent is to display the likeness, personality, and even the mood of the person. A portrait is generally not a snapshot, but a composed image of a person in a still position. This includes but is not limited to any images created in a controlled environment such as a studio.
- Wedding** Any activities relating to and taken the DAY OF the wedding.
- Commercial** Consists of commercial and industrial images. A tear sheet may be handed into the Competition Chairperson prior to judging but is not required.
- Fine Art** Created in accordance with the vision of the artist as photographer. These images stand in contrast to representational photography. Entrants must have performed all digital manipulation techniques for the final image.
- Naturalist/Landscape** Images in which natural scenery or subjects are dominant.
- Sports** Any images pertaining to sports. Action, posed and compositing are included in this category.
- Animal/Pet** Images in which an animal or animals are dominant.
- Creative Challenge** This year's topic is "Reflection(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** Consists of time-sensitive social events, such as weddings, bar mitzvahs, etc.
- Non Event Album** Albums that consist of related images or story-telling images.

If an entry in good-faith opinion of the Competition Chairperson violates copyright, trademark or any other applicable laws or competition rules that entry will be disqualified.

TIP: Many images may fit into more than one category and is at the discretion of the entrant to decide which category to enter into.

HOW TO SUBMIT ENTRIES

- Register with MPPA at www.printcompetition.com
- Entrants will be asked to pay a one-time \$8 fee or become a Premium Subscriber. This small fee is 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 largest dimension being **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 **JPEG quality setting of 10**. Total file size should not exceed 3.5 MB.
- Files are to be named: Image Name.jpg (e.g. See Spot Run.jpg).
- An entrant's name or image title **CANNOT** appear on any entry.
- Entries may be added and updated at any time before the March 15th deadline as stated above.

ALBUM SUBMISSION

- All page/spread files must be sized the same way as an entry. See above.
- Album entries must contain a minimum of 5 page/spreads and a maximum of 36 page/spreads.
- Files are to be named in viewing order using 2 digits. (e.g. 01.jpg, 02.jpg, 03.jpg)
- All album page/spread files must be compressed into a single ZIP file. Zip files should be names: Album Title.zip (e.g. Summer Wedding.zip)
- The album cover should be included in the zip file if the entrant wants it to be displayed in sequence with the page/spreads.

NON-MEMBER/STUDENT/OUT-OF-STATE RULES

- Non-Members, students and entrants that do not reside in Maine are included in all the same guidelines listed above.
- Judges will **NOT** be aware of an entrant's status and will be judged the same way as all other entries.
- An Open Category Award will be given to a non-member/student/out-of-state entrant. This, as well as the First Time Entrant Award will be the only awards entrants under these statuses are eligible for.

JUDGING

- There will be no previewing of any entries.
- Judges will not be aware of an entrants name until all scoring and post-judging award selections have been made. Please refrain from any communication with a judge about any entries until all competition judging has concluded.
- The maximum score an entry can receive is 100. Any entry scoring less than 70 will not be displayed in the exhibit.
- The judges, along with the Jury Chairperson and Competition Chairperson will have the authority to make decisions based on any questions not covered by these rules. Any additional ruling will be **FINAL**.
- Judges will make selection of awards in any case of a tie.
- To learn more about the scoring system and 12 Elements of a Merit Image please visit the competition page at ppa.com

AWARDS

- The judging of all other awards will be closed for viewing. Only the judges, Competition Chairperson and assistant, Jury Chairman and moderators will be present.
- Judging for these awards will be based on the quality of the entries in question.
- Category Photographer of the Year Awards** will be given in the following categories: Portrait, Wedding, Fine Art, Naturalist, Sports and Animal. The award is given to the entrant with the highest total of 4 entries in a category. 1 of which must score an 80 or above to be eligible for this award. If the total number of entries is not enough in any given category the Competition Chairperson reserves the right to award a single top entry instead of the photographer of the year award based on 4 entries.
- Client Image Award** will be selected out of the blue ribbon entries that were also produced for actual clients.
- First Time Entrant Award** will be selected out of the blue ribbon entries produced by ANY photographer who has entered competition for the first time.
- Best Black & White** will be selected out of all the black and white blue ribbon entries.
- Creative Challenge Award** will be selected out of the blue ribbon winners entered in this category. The winner of this award determines the topic for the following year.
- Artistry in Photography Award** is selected out of all the blue ribbon winners from any category. It is presented for the Outstanding Highest Achievement for Artistry in Photography, showcasing Artistic Vision and a Mastery of photographic technique and skill.
- Open Category Award** will be given to the highest scoring entry created by a non-member/student.
- Best of Show Award** will be given to the highest scoring entry.
- Judges Choice Awards** will be given by each judge for any entry, of any score, in any category that they deem to be their favorite.
- Any vendor sponsored awards are made available through the generosity of our vendors. There is no guarantee that they will be available, but will be given to the top scoring entry within the award criteria. This included the **CPP Member Award and the ASP Member Award**.

PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

- The Win Tracy – Maine Photographer of the Year Award** is selected by the judges based on the best body of work by the top 5 highest scoring entrants. The winner chosen must reside in Maine and be a current active member. The judges will decide which body of work they think best represents the “Photographer of the Year”.
- Bodies of work are composed of an entrant’s 5 highest scoring entries.
- The winning photographer will retain the award until the next MPPA convention when the award will be returned to the Association.

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

- The Competition Chairperson reserves the right to correct any errors or omission in these MPPA Image Competition Rules or judging procedures. They may also make final judgment on any question regarding these rules.
- If you have questions please contact the Competition Chairperson:
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