

2020 OHIO PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION RULES

Please read thoroughly! NEW rules are highlighted!

The purpose of this competition is to allow photographers and artists to enter digital files and/or digital albums to be judged against a standard of excellence using the 12 Elements of a Merit Image.

These rules pertain to images entered as digital files created by traditional photographic processes as well as those captured electronically with a digital camera or scanner:

1. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE REGISTERED AT www.printcompetition.com
2. THIS IS A DIGITAL ONLY COMPETITION
3. No changes to your entry are permitted once the entry deadline has passed. No refunds will be issued after the entry fee is paid.
4. Entrants do not need to be PPO members to compete in the competition. Some awards are only for eligible PPO members. See the Awards List for details. If the winner is not present to collect their award, it will be shipped to the maker upon request and at their cost.
5. Entrants may enter the Photographic Open competition, Wedding competition, and/or the Artist Competition.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Entrant must have captured and created the original exposure or exposures.
2. All processing, manipulation and printing or rendering, were done by the entrant or under their direct supervision.
3. The entrant has obtained and has access to all necessary releases (model or property) and agrees to hold the PPO harmless against all claims and liabilities arising out of PPO's display, publication and promotion or other use of each image submitted to the PPO.
4. The entrant's name shall not appear anywhere in or on the face of the entry.
5. A maximum of eight entries may be submitted per entrant per competition. There are three competitions: Photographic Open, Wedding, and Artist for a total of 24 potential entries. Makers who submit more than eight images per competition will have their extraneous entries disqualified.
6. No entry will be eligible if it has been made under the supervision of an instructor or as a class assignment. All images submitted must be self-directed. Images created in an educational environment under direct supervision from an instructor are ineligible.
7. Any entry that has been created from an existing photograph, portrait, graphic or any other artwork produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and will not be judged, accepted or displayed. If an entry, in the good-faith opinion of the Print Chairman, violates copyright, trademark or any other applicable law, that entry shall not be judged, accepted or displayed. Exceptions exist for the Creative Open category and the Artist competition. Read the specific rules carefully!

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8. Entries of the same subject in multiple images will be allowed, as long as the images are entirely different. (Background, location, clothing, and concept).
9. Entry media includes digital files and digital albums.
10. Entries previously earning a score of 80 or higher at any PPO Spring Competition are not eligible, including any image from an album receiving a score of 80 or higher.
11. All entries from any PPO fall digital competition are allowed, no matter what the score.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens February 14, 2020. Register at printcompetition.com. Early deadline is March 7th, 2020 11:59 PM ET. Late deadline is Wednesday March 11th, 2020 at 11:59 PM ET. Late entries will incur an additional \$5 late fee per entry.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OPEN COMPETITION CATEGORIES

You must designate one of the below categories and/or sub-categories for each entry. A maximum of eight entries may be submitted in this competition.

- **PORTRAIT**
 - **CHILDREN** This sub-category must contain a child or children from birth to age 16.
 - **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR** This sub-category portrays a male or female age 16 to 18.
 - **ANIMAL** This sub-category captures an animal(s) portrait using structured lighting in a studio or outdoor environment, where the owner or photographer control the animal.
 - **GENERAL PORTRAIT** This sub-category includes families, groups, couples, and adults (18 and older), relationships, models, and fashion portraits, in addition to tastefully artistic figure studies.
- **ILLUSTRATIVE**
 - **LANDSCAPE/NATURE** This sub-category shares joy and adventures while expressing a sense of place. Wild animals in an uncontrolled lighting environment, zoo animals, flowers, seascapes, cityscapes, urban landscapes, and sunsets with or without people can be placed here.
 - **ILLUSTRATIVE/COMMERCIAL** This sub-category is used when images are created for a commercial client to advertise a product and promote a brand or company. This can be an interior or exterior of a structure or within an industrial environment. Illustrative can also be conceptual images that tell a story.
 - **PHOTOGRAPHIC OPEN ALBUM** consists of portrait and story-telling albums.

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- **CREATIVE OPEN** This category consists of images that have additional photographic elements not created by the maker. All the other PO rules still apply with the exception that an entrant may choose to use photographic elements in the image not created by the maker. **These photographic elements must be shown in a guide image.** The purpose of this category is to allow makers to enter everyday images that may contain digital backgrounds or other photographic elements not created by the entrant. All necessary releases are required. The jurors will evaluate the entire image, but the photographic elements that were created by the maker must still be merit worthy as well as the overall image. **Entries in this category without guide images will not be judged, accepted or displayed.**

WEDDING COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Images and all elements of an image in the Wedding competition must be created in connection with an actual wedding. The entrant or entrants must have captured all elements of the final submission from that wedding. Images in the Wedding competition should reflect the personality or personalities of the subject(s) or the story of the wedding as well as the personality, artistic and technical skills of the image-maker. Images should include some kind of visual wedding reference(s).

You must designate one of the below categories for each entry. A maximum of eight entries may be submitted in this competition.

- **WEDDING OPEN** Images can portray a subject or subjects from all aspects of a wedding including traditional portraits, candid or detail work.
- **WEDDING ALBUM** Images can portray a subject or subjects from all aspects of a wedding including traditional portraits, candid or detail work with multiple images combined into an album collection exclusively showcasing a specific wedding.

ARTIST COMPETITION CATEGORIES

1. An entry in this competition is a conceptual image altered or manipulated from its original condition. Creations can be a subtle application using post processing techniques, or a dramatic combination of details to suggest a larger story. The artist is responsible for the idea behind the image and the work done to create the finished art piece. **All elements not created by the maker must be shown in a guide image.**

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2. **Entries in this competition without guide images will not be judged, accepted or displayed.**
3. Entries may be reproduced from existing photographs, portraits, graphics or any other artwork so long as the entrant is prepared to provide appropriate written documentation indicating permission for usage. This documentation may be requested by PPO before, during or after the competition.
4. All processing, manipulation, artwork or rendering must be done by the entrant. Printing may be done under their direct supervision.

You must designate one of the below categories for each entry. A maximum of eight entries may be submitted in this competition.

- **ARTIST OPEN**
- **ARTIST RESTORATION**

DIGITAL SUBMISSION

1. Files must be sized so the longest dimension is 4000 pixels. Each file must contain an embedded color profile of either sRGB or Adobe RGB1998 and be saved at a JPEG quality setting of 10.
2. There is no rule for the format of the file name, however the studio or maker name cannot appear on any file.

DIGITAL ALBUM ENTRY

1. All page/spread files must have the longest file dimension at 4000 pixels, have an embedded color profile of either sRGB or Adobe RGB1998 and saved at a JPEG quality setting of 10.
2. Each page/spread file may contain as many images as you desire.
3. A single-maker entry shall contain a minimum of 5 page/spread files up to 36 page/spread files. Additionally, a multi-maker album must be the work of two makers and contain a minimum of 20 images per maker.
4. Files are to be numbered in viewing order using two digits, i.e. 01 jpg, 02 jpg, 03 jpg, etc.
5. All individual files must be compressed into a single ZIP file. ZIP file must be named: Album Title.zip (e.g. Summer Wedding.zip). Additionally, the cover page of the album should be uploaded. There will be areas for both uploads during registration.
6. Studio identification or entrant's name cannot appear on any file within the album entry.
7. Each entrant must use the same title when entering a multi-maker album.

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DEADLINES & FEES

- \$20.00 per entry for PPO members registered by 11:59 pm ET., March 7, 2020.
- \$25.00 per entry for PPO members registering March 8, 2019 through to March 11, 2020 11:59PM ET.. No registrations accepted after March 11, 2020.
- \$10.00 per entry for PPO student members registered by March 7, 2020, 11:59 PM ET.
- \$15.00 per entry for PPO student members registering March 8, 2020 through March 11, 2020, 11:59 pm ET. No registrations accepted after March 11, 2020.
- \$30.00 per entry for NON-PPO members registered by 11:59 pm EST., March 7, 2020.
- \$35.00 per entry for NON-PPO members registering March 8, 2020 through March 11, 2020, 11:59 pm ET. No registrations accepted after March 11, 2020.
- \$8 per entry for each image critique. No registrations accepted after March 11, 2020.

CRITIQUES

If you have selected and paid for a critique for an image, it will be delivered to a JIT or affiliated juror shortly after the competition. Once the requested critiques are completed, a dropbox link will be emailed to the makers allowing access to the video files. We expect approximately two weeks for completion of all critiques after the competition closes.

JUDGING

Judging will be held on March 14, 2020. Everyone is welcome to attend live judging at the Marriott Columbus NW. Judging will also be streamed online at www.printcompetition.com

AWARDS

Some awards are only for eligible PPO members. See the Awards List for details.

If the winner is not present to collect their award, it will be shipped to the maker upon request and at their cost. If the maker has not contacted the print chair within 90 days after the award announcements to request their award and pay the shipping fee, the award will be reused for the next year's competition.

NOTE 1:

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- If an entry, in the good-faith opinion of the PPO Print Chairman, violates copyright, trademark or any other applicable law and cannot be proven otherwise, that entry shall be disqualified.
- Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification of entry.
- The decision of the Print Competition Chair is final.

NOTE 2:

- PPO entrants in the Photographic Open competition with four or more images qualify for USG Salyers/ Ohio Photographer of the Year.
- PPO Entrants in The Artist competition with four or more images qualify for the Ohio Artist of the Year.
- PPO Entrants in the Wedding competition with four or more images qualify for Ohio Wedding Photographer of the Year.

For any questions about this competition, please contact the PPO Print Competition Chair, Danica Barreau.

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