

PH-Photography

Visual Arts Building (9)

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Sponsor: Brian Christianson Photography

Show us your BEST. There is a NEW format in this year's photography department. Join the excitement of competition in newly formed divisions and, if you choose, for bigger, better awards!

Entry Deadline: Friday, July 20, 2018 – OR, any day EARLIER, if display capacity is reached.

Online entry closes at 12 midnight. Paper entries must be received in the Fair Office by 5pm. Each exhibitor will be responsible for submitting his/her own entry registration through the Online Entry System at westernmontanafair.com. Parents must sign if exhibitor is under 18 years of age. Print your receipt for entry confirmation!

Exhibit Delivery: Friday, July 27 & Saturday, July 28, 10am-7pm.

Exhibit Pick up: Monday, August 13, 2018 – 8am-8pm - One day only!

Any exhibits not picked up August 13 by 8pm will become the property of the Missoula Fairgrounds.

Department Rules & Regulations

- Bring your image ready to hang on a hook, whether it's on canvas, wood, metal or framed.
- Entries must be photographs taken after August 1, 2017.
- The exhibitor and photographer must be one in the same, but photographs may be commercially finished.
- Each individual will be allowed 2 entries for display at the Fair. Share your additional photos with us on Facebook and we'll post some of our favorites on the MissoulaFairgrounds website.
- There will be a maximum number of overall entries accepted this year.
- Online and paper entry will begin in April. Space/capacity may be reached before the July deadline.
- Size minimum is 8x10. A 5x7 photo in an 8x10 matte or frame is acceptable.
- Maximum size entry accepted is 24 inches on the longest edge.
- Entries will be displayed at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- All exhibits will receive care and protection in the surroundings, but at all times are subject to owners' risk, and in no event will the department be responsible for damage that may occur.
- Pieces showing advertisement, logo or name on the front of the exhibit will not be accepted.

Divisions Offered

Junior – ages 14 and under. Rosettes will be awarded to 1st through 3rd place.

Showman – ages 15 and above. Exhibitors in this division should have never taken money for doing any type of artwork. Rosettes will be awarded to 1st through 3rd place.

Elite – Anyone may choose to compete in this division regardless of age or experience. A person that has been paid for their work, is currently trying to charge for their work, or has regularly taught skills in the making of their creative specialty should enter in the Elite Division only. Rosettes will be awarded to 1st through 3rd place.

Additional awards for distribution include: ZAAC camp registration, classes, memberships and opportunity to participate in a Gallery Show after the Fair at Zootown Arts Community Center.

Best of Show

All pieces winning first place in the division will be judged together to determine a Junior, Showman, and Elite Best of Show.

Junior - Best of Show \$150

Showman - Best of Show \$300

Elite - Best of Show \$500

Category Descriptions:

Abstract: This category is dedicated to images that defy immediate recognition and force the viewer to interpret the contents of the image.

Action/Sports: From bucking broncos at the rodeo to football to skateboarding, this category is all about freezing the action.

Astrophotography/Nightscape: Star trails, milky way, moonscape, nighttime cityscapes, oh my! This category is for images taken at night.

Black & White: You guessed it: monochrome! Black, white and all intervening gray tones, show us your best black and white

Landscape/Nature: This category is defined by images that are largely scenic. From broad vistas to leaf-covered trails, get your Ansel Adams on.

Macro: Up close and personal! This category is all about getting close to your subject.

People: From posed portraits to candid expressions, this category is for images in which people are the main subject.

Pets: Dogs, cats, ferrets and parrots: show us your best! This category is for images of domesticated critters

Plants: This category is for images of everything flora. From flowers to ferns, the defining feature of these images is the predominance of plants in the frame.

Urban & Street: Documentary photographers, rejoice! This category was built for images of alleyways, buildings and people, well, being people.

Wildlife: This category is dedicated to all things fauna. Images should be of wild critters!

Western MT Fair: What does the fair look like through your lens? Show us your best images of the Western Montana Fair.

*Note: you may submit black and white images in other categories. Black and white is not restricted to the 'Black & White' Category.

Classes:

- 3000 Abstract
- 3001 Action/Sports
- 3002 Astrophotography/Nightscape
- 3003 Black & White
- 3004 Landscape/Nature
- 3005 Macro
- 3006 People
- 3007 Pets
- 3008 Plants
- 3009 Urban & Street
- 3010 Wildlife
- 3011 Western MT Fair

A large, bold, red graphic consisting of the word "FREE" in a very thick, blocky font above the word "ADMISSION" in a slightly thinner, but still very bold, sans-serif font. The letters are solid red and have a slight shadow or depth to them.