

PPA of PA's 2024 Inspire & Capture Image Competitions

Rules and Awards:

Eligibility:

1. PPA of PA's Image Competitions are open to any member of PPA of PA, whose current year dues are paid 30 days prior to the competition.
2. There is no limit to the number of entries an entrant may submit, however ***only the Designated Top Case images are eligible for awards.***
3. Any photograph, or any other entry shall not be eligible for awards in this competition if it previously received a blue ribbon in a PPA of PA competition.
4. Images that were accepted into PPA's International Photographic Competition or received a Merit through PPA's Merit Image Review ***are eligible*** for awards (as long as all other eligibility criteria is met)

Entrant Certification:

By submitting images into the competition, entrants certify that they have created, composed and made the original exposures; and that the processing, printing, and any special effects were done by them or under their direction. No entry will be eligible that was made under the supervision of an instructor, as a class assignment, at a seminar, workshop or similar situation.

Legal Release:

It shall be the sole responsibility of each entrant to obtain a proper legal release form, correctly executed and signed by the person(s) (or guardian in the case of a minor), for an exhibition entry in which a likeness is recognizable. This must be made available, upon request, to the Print Chairman or President of PPA of PA, Inc. Entrant agrees to hold PPA of PA, Inc. harmless against any liabilities or claims arising out of display, publication, promotion, or other use of each photograph or other materials submitted to PPA of PA, Inc.

Entry Fees:

\$20 per image - PPA of PA Member

\$25 per image - Non-Member

Individual Critiques from an IPC Approved Juror are available for \$10 per image

Submitting your images:

PPA of PA's Image Competitions are held through PrintCompetition.com

Entries must be uploaded to Printcompetition.com to be judged in the competition.

Uploaded files must be sized so the longest dimension is 4,000 pixels (20 inches at 200 ppi). Each file must contain an embedded color profile of either sRGB or Adobe RGB1998 and be saved at a JPEG quality setting of 10.

Awards:

PPA of PA members in good standing, whose dues are paid 30 days prior to the competition, are eligible to earn the following awards at Inspire & Capture:

Best of Category - Category must have at least 5 images from 2 or more makers to be eligible - Chosen by the Jury Panel

Best of Show - Chosen from all eligible member images - Chosen by the Jury Panel

320 Club - Four images with a combined score of 320 or more, with all four images having scored 80 or higher

Non Members are eligible to earn:

Best of Show by a Non Member - Chosen by the Jury Panel

Scoring:

100 to 95	Exceptional
94 to 90	Superior
89 to 85	Excellent
84 to 80	Deserving of a Merit
79 to 75	Above Average
74 to 70	Average
69 & under	Below Exhibition Standards

Photographic Competition

Entrants must have captured and/or created the original exposure. All elements within the image must have been created or captured by the entrant. All artwork or post-processing must be done by the entrant or under their direct supervision. Digital backgrounds or other elements not created by the entrant are not permitted to be included in the entry.

Categories:

Portrait

•**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.

Child Portrait - This sub-category includes a child, or children, from birth through 16 years old.

High School Senior - This sub-category includes a child, or children over 16 years old.

Animal Portrait - This sub-category captures an animal(s) using structured lighting in a studio or outdoor environment, where the animal is controlled by the owner or photographer.

Illustrative

Landscape - This category includes, but is not limited to, mountain ranges, cityscapes, sunrises & sunsets with or without people, urban landscapes, waterfalls, rivers, etc.

Nature - This category includes wild animals in an uncontrolled lighting environment, flowers & plants, or other aspects of nature that do not fit the Landscape category. Animals photographed on a safari, in a wild animal park or zoo would be placed in this category.

General Illustrative - Images that do not fit the Landscape or Nature category. Entries can be, but are not limited to, conceptual or abstract images.

Pennsylvania

Images in this category should be representative of the state of Pennsylvania. All images must be captured within the state of Pennsylvania. Illustrative portraits, commercial or artistic images are accepted.

Photojournalism

Images that illustrate an actual public or non-public event, life, an area of human interest, telling news that have meaning on the context or record of events, high impact and/or lasting emotional response. Images that illustrate sporting events are included in this category. ONLY basic color and brightness adjustments, cropping, dodging, and burning in are allowed. Only single-capture images will be accepted.

Commercial

This category is for images created to help promote, market, or sell a product or service. A tear sheet is optional but highly recommended as it shows how the image is used for commercial purposes.

Wedding Competition

The purpose of this competition is to allow photographers to enter images created during the actual Wedding Event. For an image to be merit worthy in the wedding competition, additional evaluation may be considered for the entries that illustrate the personality of the subject or subjects and the story of the wedding as well as the artistic and technical skills of the image maker.

Judges will keep in mind that the maker may have limited control over many aspects of a wedding - subject matter, environment and time of day, etc. Ultimately, additional consideration may be given to the maker for technically and artistically executing at a merit level in spite of challenges involved at an actual wedding.

Categories:

Single Image

Images that were captured on the wedding day.

Album

All images in the album must be from the Wedding Event, and the album must include at least 20 images.

Artist Competition

Images in the Artist category are judged for artistic, digital and technical proficiency. Entries can be created from existing photographs, portraits, graphics or any other artwork as long as the entrant is able to provide appropriate written documentation verifying permission for use. All processing manipulation artwork or rendering must be done by the entrant. Guide images of elements not created by the entrant must be included on the submitted image.

Categories:

Restoration

The reconstruction of an old or damaged image.

Creative

Images created by any artistic technique (not restoration).

The Print Competition Committee reserves the right to change the category of an entry if they feel it does not qualify for the entered category. All decisions of the Print Competition Committee are final.

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Inspire & Capture Awards

Artist, Photographic & Wedding Competitions

Only PPA or PA members in good standing, whose dues are paid 30 days prior to the competition are eligible for awards.

Image Entry - Up to 10 Images per competition

- Up to 10 Images may be entered per competition, Artist, Photo & Wedding, for a total of 30 images
- Members may enter 4 images for Designated Top Case in each of the competitions, Artist, Photo & Wedding - ***Only Designated Top Case Images are eligible for awards***
- Only the 4 images selected for the entrant's Designated Top Case are eligible for Blue Ribbons, Merits, Trophies and Awards
- Up to 6 additional images may be entered in each competition for score only, recorded critiques are available
- Members are required to enter at least 4 images at both Inspire & Capture to be eligible for Artist, Photographer, Wedding Photographer & Image Maker of the Year

INSPIRE Specific Awards (March 2023)

- Best of Category
 - Categories need to have 5 images from 2 or more makers to be eligible
 - Chosen by Jury Panel
- Best of Show - INSPIRE

- Chosen by Jury Panel

CAPTURE Specific Awards

- ASP State Elite Award
 - Highest Scoring Image by an ASP member
- CPP Award
 - Highest Scoring Image by a Certified Professional Photographer
- Category Awards
 - Every category with at least one merit image created by a member is eligible
 - Chosen by Jury Panel
- Best of Show - Capture
 - Chosen by Jury Panel
- Artist, Photographer & Wedding Photographer of the Year
 - Best combined cases as determined by the Jury Panel
 - Member Eligibility
 - Case Entry Required at Inspire & Capture
 - 320 Club required at Capture
- Image Maker of the Year
 - Jury Panel selects from Artist, Photographer or Wedding Photographer of the Year

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