



PSA 2024-1474

CANDOR CIRCUIT

This circuit will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and practices of The Photographic Society of America (PSA).

Acceptances received in approved sections of this exhibition are eligible for PSA Star Ratings, listing in the worldwide PSA Who's Who of photography, and credited toward the PSA Distinctions.

Exhibition Website: <https://www.bestphotocircuit.com>

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Exhibition Software: StintGlobal (raju@stintsolution.com)

SECTIONS (all digital):

- A) Open Color** - PSA PID Color
- B) Open Monochrome** - PSA PID Monochrome
- C) Nature** - PSA ND
- D) Photo Travel** – PSA PTD
- E) Photojournalism** – PSA PJD

ENTRY FEE

US \$22 / Rs. 1760 for any one section, US \$ 5 / Rs. 400 for each additional section.

Early Bird: US \$26 or Rs. 2080 for participation in any number of sections until 31st October 2024. Upload/change of photos possible till closing date.

Group Discount:

- 07 or more members: US \$ 20 or Rs. 1600

Submitted works of the authors who did not pay entry fee would not be taken into consideration.

CALENDAR

CLOSING DATE: 28th November 2024
END JUDGING: 26th December 2024
NOTIFICATION: 02nd January 2025
SUBMIT EDAS: 25th January 2025
DELIVERY CATALOG: 24th February 2025
DELIVERY AWARDS: 24th February 2025
ONLINE GALLERY: 24th February 2025

JURY MEMBERS

<u>Salon</u>	<u>Judge 1</u>	<u>Judge 2</u>	<u>Judge 3</u>
Judging1	Charles Burke, HonPSA, EPSA (USA)	Ban Duong EPSA (USA)	Richard Bailey, EPSA, AFIAP (USA)
Judging2	Claudio Pettazzi, PPSA, AFIAP, GPU CR3 (Italy)	Khushwant Singh Sardalia, EPSA, GPU CR2 (India)	Mustafa Evirgen, EPSA (Cyprus)
Judging3	Leena Lindqvist, EPSA, EFIAP/p, GPU CR3 (Finland)	Luc Dequick, EPSA, AFIAP (Belgium)	Pertti Ylinen, MPSA, EFIAP/p, GPU CR3 (Finland)

AWARDS

No more than 10% of the acceptances can receive awards, as per PSA policy.

PSA Gold medal in each section

Circuit Gold in each section

Circuit Silver in each section

Circuit Bronze in each section

6 Certificate of Merit Award in each section

1 Best Group Trophy for the circuit (Minimum 10 members must from any group to be eligible)

REPORT CARD & CATALOG NOTIFICATIONS

All participants will receive report card notification via e-mail. Score card sent to entrants shall reflect number of first round judging only. Awards and Acceptances lists of the exhibition and circuit catalog will also be published on the website <https://www.bestphotocircuit.com> for downloading.

PHOTO SUBMISSION:

FILE NAMING

File name should be as you would want it to appear in the catalog (same as title name). Our software will later add the necessary data. Only English letters (a-z) are allowed.

Words such as "Untitled" and "No title" are not acceptable as part or all of an image's title, nor are camera capture file names or titles consisting of only numbers. Title of each image cannot exceed 35 characters.

Image Specification:

Photos must be in JPEG file format, Max. Horizontal length is 1920 pix. Max. Vertical length is 1080 pix. in 300 dpi. Compression 7-12, max 2Mb. Oversized images shall be rejected by the system.

Submission Process:

AUTHORS MUST FILL OUT ENTRY FORM AND SUBMIT PHOTOS ONLINE at <https://www.bestphotocircuit.com>

Exhibition Requirements

IMAGE AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: This exhibition is open to anyone; however, an entry may be rejected when the Sponsor or the Exhibition Organizers, in their reasonable discretion, believes the entry does not conform to exhibition rules and these ES-COE. Membership in any photographic organization is not required.

Entries will not be accepted from any entrant who is on the **PSA Penalties List for Ethics Violation**. Entry fees are not refundable in these circumstances.

PSA Star Ratings: To receive proper Star ratings credit from PSA, entrants must provide their names and country exactly the same way in each exhibition. Aliases are not permitted. Please contact PSA in the event of name changes or relocating to another country. Using one's name differently in different exhibition exposes the entrant to the risk that many of their acceptances may not be recognized by PSA Star Ratings.

Reproduction: The entrant permits the sponsors or exhibition organizers to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication and/or display in media related to the exhibition. This may include low resolution posting on a website. The Photographic Society of America (PSA) may request specific permission from entrants to reproduce entered images in its educational materials. The terms of that permission will be mutually agreed between the entrant and PSA except in the circumstances where the entered image is found to breach the PSA Ethics Policy. In those circumstances the image may be reproduced by PSA, without the entrant's further permission, for educational purposes to illustrate serious exhibition rule violations. For those reproductions, the entrant's name will be withheld.

Entries will not be accepted from entrants who indicate that their images may not be reproduced in materials related to the exhibition. The exhibition assumes no liability of any misuse of copyright

Image creation and ownership

In all sections of the exhibition, images must originate as photographs made by the entrant. They may not incorporate identifiable images produced by anyone else (for example: clip art, replacement skies, or stock images). *Images created in whole or in part by image creation software (frequently called 'AI' images) are not allowed.* Editing or alteration of images is permitted within the limits specified in the relevant section definitions that are available here <https://psa-photo.org/page/division-definitions>

Any person submitting or attempting to submit a totally AI generated image that does not begin with a light capture from the maker, from any Photographic Society of America exhibition, social media, event, or publication, other than for editorial purposes, shall be prohibited from PSA for a period of from 3 to life.

Re-use of accepted images: Any image that has been accepted in this exhibition, past or present, may not be entered again in the same Division Star Ratings Class in any future instances of this exhibition. It may,

of course, be entered in any other PSA recognised exhibitions but must always have the same title. Re-titling in another language is not allowed.

Entry: An Entry consists of, up to and including, four (4) images entered by a single entrant into the same Section. An entrant may only enter a specific Section once. Entrants may not enter identical or similar images into the same section or different sections of the same exhibition. Similar is defined as almost identical in subject, composition, props, lighting or technique so that a reasonable person viewing the entries together would decide the entrant has duplicated the previous image except for minor changes.

Titles: Each image must have a unique title that relates to the content of the image. That unique title must be used for entry of that image or of an identical Image into any and all PSA-Recognized exhibitions. Titles must be 35 characters or fewer. No titles may be visible to the judges, and nothing in the image may identify the entrant. Titles may not include file extensions such as .jpg or .jpeg (or any other camera capture filenames such as IMG 471). Titles may not consist of personal identifiers possibly augmented by a number; or include words such as “untitled” or “no title”. Titles may not consist solely of numbers unless those numbers are prominently contained within the image, such as a contestant number in a race.

Color and Monochrome:

Color and Monochrome images from the same capture that share substantial pictorial content in common will be considered the same image and must be given the same title.

The Exhibition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the PSA

An entrant’s images will not be presented to the judges consecutively. An entrant’s four images will be distributed throughout four rounds of judging in that section. Distribution of images will be in the same

round order as submitted by the entrant. At no stage will a judge be able to view all the entrant’s images together.

Judging Process:

Judging is to take place **remotely (online)** by each jury member. Distribution of images shall be in the same round order as submitted by the entrant but they shall not appear to the judges’ consecutively. Remote judging will take place and all judges shall use their own color-calibrated equipment capable of displaying submitted images at 100% of the image resolution.

There will be 3 judges in each section for total of 2 rounds of judging. The process will start with Round 1 where each of the 3 judges will mark each photograph based on their merit following the standards set by PSA on a scale of 1 to 9. Then each award is declared based on the decision of the jury during awards selection meeting which is the 2nd round.

Target Acceptance Percentage: 24% to 30%

DATA PROTECTION

By entering this exhibition, you are explicitly consenting to the personal details you have supplied, including physical addresses, email addresses, being held, processed and used by the exhibition organizers for purposes associated with this exhibition. You also explicitly consent to such information being sent to

organizations that have accorded official recognition, patronage or accreditation to this exhibition. You acknowledge, agree and accept that by entering this exhibition, your participation status which includes your first and last name, name of the country used during registration at the exhibition, number of sections entered and number of photos entered in those sections will be made public in a published status list and that the results of your entry shall be made public in exhibition gallery, exhibition catalog. You also agree and accept the policy regarding non-compliance to the rules of PSA.

SUBJECT MATTER AND SECTION DEFINITIONS

Statement on Subject Matter - applicable to all sections

The fundamental rule that must be observed at all times and **applies to all sections** offered in exhibitions with PSA recognition is that **the welfare of living creatures is more important than any photograph**. This means that practices such as baiting of subjects with a living creature and removal of birds from nests, for the purpose of obtaining a photograph, are highly unethical, and such photographs are not allowed in any exhibition with PSA recognition. Under no circumstances may a living creature be placed in a situation where it will be killed, injured or stressed for the purpose of obtaining a photograph. Images that show live creatures being fed to captive animals, birds or reptiles are not permitted under any circumstances.

There are also concerns about the use of aerial photography, drones, helicopters, low flying aircraft. These should not cause any interference with other individuals or animals which causes a disturbance in their normal activity or disrupt the way any individuals or animals interact with their environment. **Entrants in PSA recognized exhibitions should comply with all relevant laws and regulations, associated with aerial photography, in the country in which the image was taken.**

Entry into PSA recognized exhibitions is conditional on accepting these policies. The content of images must comply with the General Conditions and with the Division and Section definitions listed in these conditions. Images that - in the sole opinion of the judges or the Exhibition Organizers - do not comply, will be disqualified so the entrant may be aware of the problem when considering entry into other exhibitions with PSA recognition

DEFINITIONS

PSA Monochrome Definition

An image is considered to be Monochrome only if it gives the impression of having no color (i.e. contains only shades of grey which can include pure black and pure white) OR it gives the impression of being a greyscale image that has been toned in one color across the entire image. (For example by Sepia, red, gold, etc.) A greyscale or multi-colored image modified or giving the impression of having been modified by partial toning, multi-toning or by the inclusion of spot coloring does not meet the definition of monochrome and shall be classified as a Color Work.

Monochrome images may not be entered in PID Color Sections.

Greyscale Monochrome images may be entered for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel but toned images are not permitted for these sections.

Editing Guidelines for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel

These sections require images to be truthful records, so there are limits on the amount of manipulation allowed.

[PSA statement of subject matter applies to all sections.](#)

Editing Guidelines

Processing or editing must be limited to making the image look as close to the original scene as possible, except that conversion to grayscale monochrome is allowed.

Allowed editing techniques:

- Cropping, straightening and perspective correction.
- Removal or correction of elements added by the camera or lens, such as dust spots, noise, chromatic aberration and lens distortion.
- Global and selective adjustments such as brightness, hue, saturation and contrast to restore the appearance of the original scene.
- Complete conversion of color images to grayscale monochrome.
- Blending of multiple images of the same subject and combining them in camera or with software (exposure blending or focus stacking);
- Image stitching – combining multiple images with overlapping fields of view that are taken consecutively (panoramas);

Editing techniques that are not allowed:

- Removing, adding to, moving or changing any part of an image, except for cropping and straightening.
- Adding a vignette during processing.
- Blurring parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene.
- Darkening parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene.
- All conversions other than to complete grayscale monochrome.
- Conversion of parts of an image to monochrome, or partial toning, desaturation or over-saturation of color

PSA/FIAP Nature Definition

Content Guidelines

- Nature photography records all branches of natural history except anthropology and archaeology. This includes all aspects of the physical world, both animate and inanimate, that have not been made or modified by humans.
- Nature images must convey the truth of the scene that was photographed. A well-informed person should be able to identify the subject of the image and be satisfied that it has been presented honestly and that no unethical practices have been used to control the subject or capture the image. Images that directly or indirectly show any human activity that threatens the life or welfare of a living organism are not allowed.
- The most important part of a Nature image is the nature story it tells. High technical standards are expected and the image must look natural.
- Objects created by humans, and evidence of human activity, are allowed in Nature images only when they are a necessary part of the Nature story.

- Photographs of human-created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domesticated animals, human-created hybrid animals and mounted or preserved zoological specimens are not allowed.
- Images taken with subjects under controlled conditions, such as zoos, are allowed.
- Controlling live subjects by chilling, anesthetic or any other method of restricting natural movement for the purpose of a photograph is not allowed.

Photojournalism Definition

Photojournalism entries are:

- images with informative content and emotional impact,
- reflecting the human presence in our world.
- The journalistic (story-telling) value of the image should receive priority over pictorial quality.
- Images that misrepresent the truth, such as those from events or activities arranged specifically for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography, are not eligible.

Photo Travel Definition

A Photo Travel image is a portrayal of the real world we live in, as it is found naturally. There are no geographic limitations.

Content guidance:

1. If the image is predominantly or exclusively a land-, sea- or cityscape, these “scapes” must include characteristic, distinctive and recognizable physical features, although it is not necessary that the image identify the exact location;
2. Images that predominantly or exclusively depict people and their activities must illustrate a distinctive culture of a country, region, or continent;
3. Images that predominately or exclusively depict animal populations are allowed, if the animals are in their native environment and are characteristic of that country, region, or continent;
4. Portraits or other close-ups of people or objects, in addition to meeting the above paragraphs as applicable, must include elements depicting some of the surrounding environment to make it obvious that the image was not taken in a studio setting;
5. Images from events or activities arranged for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography, are **NOT allowed**.
6. Time exposures are allowed, if they do not dominate the image as a special effect (star trails, for example, are a dominating effect).
7. Highly distorted images such as those produced by fish eye lenses are **NOT allowed**.

PSA RULES

Non-compliance

See the PSA Ethics Policy at <https://psa-photo.org/page/ethical-practices>.

See the PSA statement on Subject Matter at <https://psa-photo.org/page/division-definitions>

If, in the-discretion of the exhibition organizer or the judges, an entrant has submitted that may fail to comply with these Conditions of Entry, they are allowed to request unedited or raw files of the submitted image.

For composite images all files are required.

Exhibition organizers may verify that:

- a) the images are the original work of the entrant
- b) the images comply with the rules and definitions as set out in these ES-COE

Such entries may be referred to PSA for further investigation of possible ethics violations. PSA retains the right to investigate all complaints, impose penalties if deemed necessary, void the acceptances of any image found to violate the PSA rules, include the entrant's name on the list of sanctions provided to Exhibitions, and share such investigations with FIAP. Entrants automatically agree to these terms by the act of entering the Exhibition and agree to cooperate with any investigation.

If another party is processing and/or submitting images on the entrant's behalf, the entrant will still be held responsible for adhering to the entry rules **and will be subject to penalties for any violations** to these Conditions of Entry or to PSA's Statement of Ethics.

NOTICE: When entrants fill in the Entry Form to submit an entry they will see the following feature to affirm they have read these Conditions of Entry

"I hereby confirm that I have *read* and *understood* and *agree* to the Conditions of Entry of this exhibition. I have read and understood the PSA document to be found at https://psa-photo.org/resource/resmgr/pdf/exhibitions_exhibition-entrants-agreemen.pdf . I am aware that PSA may apply penalties for non-compliance to these Conditions of Entry"

Failure to agree will mean that the application will not proceed.

Rules from the organizer:

If Raw/unedited jpeg file of submitted photos are requested by jury, respective author must submit the same within 3 days of requesting. If the author is unable to provide raw/unedited jpeg file, submitted photo may be rejected.

The Exhibition will not be responsible for any taxes, customs or duty charged for the delivery of awards. All physical awards shall be dispatched after PSA medals are received by us. Exhibition will not be responsible for damage of the package once dispatched. Group members' awards will be sent to a single address only.

Only PSA Medal Awards shall be dispatched by India post. Other awards are online and can be downloaded by the authors within 15 days from the date of result notification from the exhibition website.

Authors agree that their data shall be stored and used for future exhibitions by this organizer.

Authors are requested to read circuit rules, PSA definitions and restrictions etc. before submitting entry.

The sponsors of this International Exhibition of Photography have been awarded Recognition by PSA, the world's largest patron of international photographic exhibitions. PSA, although it has provided recognition, is neither a sponsor nor directly involved in the operation of this exhibition.



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