



PSA 2024 - 1238

Blaze circuit is organised in accordance with the recommended practice of PSA and all acceptances will count for PSA Star ratings & for inclusion in the annual PSA “Who’s Who” of Photography.

Exhibition Chair

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

Exhibition Software: In house

Sections:

DIGITAL (6 Sections):

- A) Open Color (only *color*) – **PIDC**
 - B) Portrait (only *color*)– **PIDC**
 - C) Landscape (only *color*)– **PIDC**
 - D) Woman (only *color*)– **PIDC**
 - E) Open Monochrome (only *monochrome*)– **PIDM**
 - F) Nature (color/greyscale monochrome)- **ND**
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- Only “**Color**” images are allowed in the Open Color, portrait, landscape and woman sections.
- Both “**Greyscale monochrome and toned monochrome**” images are allowed in the Open Monochrome section.
- Both “**Color and Greyscale Monochrome**” images are allowed in the Nature section.
- The maximum number of works is four (4) per section. Total 24 photos in 6 sections.
- Monochrome (greyscale or toned) images are **not allowed** in PID color sections.
- Greyscale monochrome images may be entered for Nature but toned images are not permitted for this section

Entry Fees

US \$ 30 or equivalent for any three sections, US \$ 5 or equivalent for each additional section

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT:

USD \$30 for all sections' participation till 21st April 2024 or first 30 paid participants, whichever is earlier. Participants can upload or change photos till closing date.

Group Discount:

30% for group of 8 - 14 members for participation in all sections

50% for group of 15+ members for participation in all sections

PAYPAL ID: panihatiforum@gmail.com

All domestic entrants must send entry fee by IMPS/NEFT transfer to the following account:

Bank Account number: **6241101001776**

Beneficiary name: **RUNA DAS**

Bank: **CANARA BANK;**

Branch name: **PANIHATI SODEPUR**

IFSC Code: **CNRB0006241**

Entry fee payment details must be informed by mail. Cash deposit by hand is available subject to availability of collector

Circuit Calendar:

Closing Date	26th May 2024
Judging end	9th June - 23rd June 2024
Notification email sent	30th June 2024
EDAS	22nd July 2024
Awards & Digital Catalog	22nd August 2024
Online Gallery Posted	22nd August 2024

Jury List:

Each panel shall judge all sections

Salon 1:

Jan Lee, FPSA, EPSA (USA)

Jingru Luo, MPSA2, EFIAP (USA)

Danlei Ye, GMPSA/P, GPSA, ARPS, EFIAP/b (Canada)

Salon 2:

Volker Meinberg, GMPSA/P, EFIAP/p, GPU Cr 5 (Germany)

Roberto De Leonardis, MPSA, EFIAP/d1, GPU CR3 (Italy)

Livinus Bleyen, MPSA, EFIAP/d3 (Belgium)

Salon 3:

Venkatesh BS, GMPSA/B, EFIAP (India)

Tirtha Dasgupta, FPSA, SPSA (India)

Venisiana Dharmayanthi, EFIAP/b, A. FPSI*, EPSA, GAPU, M.APS (Indonesia)

AWARDS

1x PSA Gold medal for each section of each salon

1x Salon Gold Medal for each section of each salon

3x Salon Diploma certificate for each section of each salon

3x Honorable Mention certificate for each section of each salon

1 BEST GROUP PLAQUE for the circuit (Minimum 10 paid members of any group must participate to be eligible for Best Group award)

Catalog:

Digital catalog shall be published at website

PSA Conditions of Entry

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.

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 years to life.

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 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

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.

About Online Entry:

- Maximum size of any image 1920 pixels on the horizontal side 1080 pixels vertical side at a resolution of 300 dpi, (Maximum Size 2 MB), 8 bit, sRGB and saved as a large jpeg file. Files of larger size shall be rejected by the system.
- No RENAMING is needed. Your Image caption/title shall be your file name. **Titles do not need to be translated to English but must be given in English characters and must be within 35 characters**
- All entries to be made via our electronic entry system accessible at <https://www.artinfoto.com>
- For any questions, please email panihatiforum@gmail.com

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 & RESULT

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 Color calibrated equipment capable of displaying submitted images at 100% of the image resolution.

Score card sent to entrants shall reflect total obtained score of first round judging only.

Result and digital catalog shall be published at website or sent via email or both.

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- 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 color sections of PPD or PID

Attention is drawn to the PSA Statement on Subject Matter which applies to all sections

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

Portrait Definition

Authors can submit portrait photo of any human being in this section. There are no geographical or ethnic

limitations. Nude art forms are also allowed in portraits. There is no limitation of processing of photos. **Authors must know that anything generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI) is prohibited by PSA.** Only color photos may be entered to this section.

Attention is drawn to the PSA Statement on Subject Matter which applies to all sections

Landscape Definition

Landscape photos including mountain scape/city scape etc. photos from all parts of the world are allowed. There is no limitation of processing of photos. **Authors must know that anything generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI) is prohibited by PSA.** Only color photos may be entered to this section.

Attention is drawn to the PSA Statement on Subject Matter which applies to all sections

Woman Definition

Photos of woman in single or group are allowed. Woman or women may or may not be with any child/children/man/men etc. There is no limitation in ethnicity. Nude art forms are also allowed. There is no limitation of processing of photos. **Authors must know that anything generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI) is prohibited by PSA.** Only color photos may be entered to this section.

Attention is drawn to the PSA Statement on Subject Matter which applies to all 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 .

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.

Circuit Conditions of Entry

1. All Acceptances are eligible for statistics applicable to **PSA**.
2. Entry is open to all photographers, amateur and professional, worldwide.
3. **Monochrome images may not be entered in PID Color sections.**
4. **Color images are NOT allowed in Monochrome (PIDM) Section**
5. The maximum entry in each section per author is 4 (four).
6. Same image must NOT be entered in more than one sections - This includes altered and unaltered images.
7. Entries must originate as photographs, (image captured of objects via light sensitivity), made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally.
8. All final work must be digital file (.jpeg ONLY)
9. By virtue of submitting and entry, the entrant certifies the work as his/her own and permits the sponsors 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.
10. The exhibition assumes no liability of any misuse of copyright.
11. **Please limit titles to 35 characters and English language only.**
12. All imagery **MUST** be the total and exclusive work of the submitting author and may not include any element that was originated by or is the copyright of other photographers.
13. **For awarded photos, RAW file/unprocessed jpeg file may be requested. Non-production of unedited file/raw file may lead to disqualification of submitted photo/removal of award. Decision of jury will be final.**

14. The right of reproduction in relation to the exhibition, including digital representation, will be assumed upon entering.
15. Salon Diploma and Honorable Mention Certificates will be in the form of electronic pdf/jpeg to be downloaded from exhibition website.
16. The exhibition is open to anyone; however, an entry may be rejected when the sponsoring organization or its agent, in its reasonable discretion, believes the entry does not conform to the exhibition rules and conditions.
17. **ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FEES WITHIN SPECIFIED DATE WILL NOT BE JUDGED. NO CORRESPONDENCE SHALL BE ENTERTAINED IN THIS REGARD.**
18. Images submitted in all sections must adhere to PSA's Subject Welfare policy.
19. An author may win only one award in each section.
20. Awards of Group members shall be sent to a single address only.
21. THE SUBMISSION OF AN ENTRY SIGNIFIES ACCEPTANCE OF THESE RULES & CONDITIONS.

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.



Valid acceptances received by PSA Members in recognized sections of this exhibition are eligible for PSA Star Ratings, listing in the world-wide PSA Who's Who of Photography and credited towards the PSA Distinctions of QPSA, PPSA, EPSA, MPSA, MPSA2, GMPSA, GMPSA/B, GMPSA/S, GMPSA/G, and GMPSA/P.

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