



AFO PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Proudly presents:



AFO 10th DIGITAL SALON 2021

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PSSA Patronage # B 2021/31
Presentation Medium: Projected Digital Images (PDI)

Members of the Photographic Society of South Africa (PSSA) worldwide, as well as all photographers residing in South Africa are cordially invited to participate in this National Salon of Photography.

The Salon will be conducted within the requirements and practices as prescribed by PSSA.

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SALON CALENDAR:

Closing Date: 11 September 2021 at 23h59

Judging completed by: 26 September 2021 at Pretoria

Results mailed by: 03 October 2021

Posting of Digital Catalogue by: 05 December 2021

A digital catalogue containing the salon acceptances and awards will be distributed via Dropbox or Google Drive to all entrants at no additional cost.

AWARDS:

The following awards will be presented in each of the Projected Images sections:

- PSSA Silver Medal for the overall winner in each category.
- Club Silver Medal for the runner-up in each category.
- Certificates of Merit will be awarded according to PSSA guidelines.

CATEGORIES:

- Category 1: WILDLIFE - no Scapes, no Macro or Close-up - Manipulation is not allowed - Colour
- Category 2: NATURE - Macro or Close-up - Manipulation is not allowed - Colour
- Category 3: SCAPES - Manipulation is allowed - Colour
- Category 4: HUMAN PORTRAITS MONO - Manipulation is allowed - Mono
- Category 5: OPEN COLOUR - Manipulation is allowed
- Category 6: OPEN MONOCHROME - Manipulation is allowed

ADJUDICATION PANEL:

1. WILDLIFE - no Scapes, no Macro or Close-up - Manipulation is not allowed - Colour

Judge 1: Andre Ligthelm - FPSSA; DPSSA AFO

Judge 2: Annette Ligthelm - FPSSA; DPSSA AFO

Judge 3: Hannie Stephens - LPSSA AFO

Judging to take place on 13 - 26 September at Remote judging,

2. NATURE - Macro or Close-up - Manipulation is not allowed - Colour

Judge 1: Dirk Heyns - FPSSA; DPSSA; EPSSA AFO

Judge 2: Hannes van den Berg - LPSSA AFO

Judge 3: Carien Kruger - LPSSA AFO

Judging to take place on 13 - 26 September at Remote judging,

3. SCAPES - Manipulation is allowed - Colour

Judge 1: Gb Jordaan - FPSSA AFO

Judge 2: Riaan van den Berg - DPSSA AFO

Judge 3: Frits Thuynsma AFO

Judging to take place on 13 - 26 September at Remote judging,

4. HUMAN PORTRAITS MONO - Manipulation is allowed - Mono

Judge 1: Henning de Beer - FPSSA AFO

Judge 2: Ona Ackermann AFO

Judge 3: Elzabe Bogenhofer AFO

Judging to take place on 13 - 26 September at Remote judging,

5. OPEN COLOUR - Manipulation is allowed

Judge 1: Johan Stephens - LPSSA AFO

Judge 2: Christiaan Kotze - FPSSA AFO

Judge 3: Cor Rademeyer AFO

Judging to take place on 13 - 26 September at Remote judging,

6. OPEN MONOCHROME - Manipulation is allowed

Judge 1: Neels Jackson - FPSSA; DPSSA AFO

Judge 2: Anoet du Plessis AFO

Judge 3: Dolf Steyn AFO

Judging to take place on 13 - 26 September at Remote judging,

JUDGING:

Presented images will be adjudicated "Live" via an adapted format of "Remote Judging".

Various categories have been allocated to groups of judges who will judge the allocated category live at venues as indicated above under categories.

The "remote judges" will receive screen calibration instructions, as well as the official PSSA test calibration application to ensure uniformity in the presentation of images.

Each photo will be judged by 3 judges. The sum of the 3 scores will represent the final score.

Where 2 or more adjudicators are of the opinion that an image does not conform to the definition of the entered category, the image will be rejected. In the case where 1 adjudicator is of the opinion that an image does not conform to the definition of a specific category, the average point of the remaining 2 adjudicators will represent his final score.

Where there is indecision as regards disqualification the judges will take a decision after discussion.

Any image that the Salon Director considers pornographic or offensive to the public may, on consultation with the judges, be disqualified.

DEFINITIONS:

MANIPULATION

Manipulation shall constitute any or all of the following modifications to the original image:

- Adding an element to the image that was not contained in the original capture;
- Removing an element from the image that was contained in the original capture;
- Moving or repositioning an element of the image that was contained in the original capture.

In the categories Nature and Photojournalism, manipulation is not allowed.

In Open there are no restrictions whatsoever in the way authors choose to post process an image.

The following actions are allowed and are not seen as manipulation:

- Cropping;
- Correction of lens distortion, chromatic aberrations, purple fringing, lens vignette and vertical / horizontal perspective adjustments;
- Removal of dust spots or scratch marks from sensor or scanned images;
- The blending of different exposures of the same scene to broaden the dynamic range e.g. High Dynamic Range (HDR);
- Photo stacking to overcome the limitations of the digital sensor heat artefacts in long exposures;
- Focus stacking to widen the depth of field especially in Macro photography.

In the case of Nature and Wildlife HDR and focus stacking will not be considered as manipulation and may be used provided that the end result is a faithful representation of the original scene. HDR and Focus Stacking are not allowed in Photojournalism.

1. Category 1: WILDLIFE - no Scapes, no Macro or Close-up - Manipulation is not allowed - Colour

Wildlife Images are Nature images and are further defined as one or more extant zoological or botanical organisms living free and unrestrained in a natural or adopted habitat. Wildlife is not limited to animals, birds and insects. Marine subjects and botanical subjects (including fungi and algae) taken in the wild are suitable wildlife subjects. Human elements, if present should not detract from or overpower the subject.

2. Category 2: NATURE - Macro or Close-up - Manipulation is not allowed - Colour

Nature photography is restricted to the use of the photographic process to depict all branches of natural history, except anthropology and archaeology. Nature images include landscapes, geologic formations & weather phenomena and includes images taken with the subjects in controlled conditions. Photographs of artificially created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domestic animals, farm animals or mounted specimens are ineligible. Human elements, if present should not detract from or overpower the subject.

3. Category 3: SCAPES - Manipulation is allowed - Colour

Scapes is a term that covers the depiction of scenery such as mountains, valleys, trees, rivers, forests, sea, cities etc.

4. Category 4: HUMAN PORTRAITS MONO - Manipulation is allowed - Mono

A likeness, personality and mood of a living human where the subject is dominant in the image. Portraiture is not

5. Category 5 - OPEN COLOUR - Manipulation is allowed

In this category the subject is totally open. Monochrome images will be disqualified.

6. Category 6 - OPEN MONOCHROME - Manipulation is allowed

In this category the subject is totally open. Colour images will be disqualified.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

1. An image may only be used once in a particular salon, panel or competition, irrespective of the category or of the image being colour or monochrome. No similar images may be used. Any image found in more than one category will be disqualified from all categories.
2. Each image must have a unique name i.e. the name of the image may not be changed at any time as all acceptance records are based on the image name. Words such as "Untitled" and "No Title" are not acceptable as part or all of the image's title, nor are titles consisting of only camera capture filenames or titles consisting of only numbers. Sanctions for re-titling will be imposed where a previously accepted image or print has been given a different title and/or where a Colour version and a monochrome version and/or a Print version and a Projected Digital Image version of the same image have been given different titles.
3. Entrants may submit up to four images in each category.
4. Images that were accepted previously by AFO PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB may NOT be entered again.
5. The adjudicators will reject an image which does not conform to the definition to the entered category.
6. All the parts of each submitted image must be photographed by the author who must be in possession of the original unretouched 'capture' version(s) of the image and where applicable of all component parts of the image. The author must also hold the copyright to each submitted image and of all component parts of it. The Salon Director may request an entrant to supply him with proof of the authenticity of all the elements in the presented image(s). If the entrant cannot supply such proof, his/her entry in the salon will be disqualified.
7. Except for the restrictions on images described in the Nature, Photo Travel and Photojournalism definitions, images may be altered, either digitally or otherwise by the entrant.
8. Manipulations are prohibited in the Nature, Photo Travel and Photojournalism or in the categories as specified in the category definitions. This means that no elements of the photograph may be cloned, added or erased.
9. No title, watermark or identification of the maker shall be visible anywhere on the image.
10. Entrants must store and preserve intact, with no alteration, the metadata, the RAW file(s) or the original un-retouched
11. The entrant accepts without exception and with no objection the following terms:
 - that the submitted images can be investigated by PSSA to establish if these adhere to PSSA regulations and definitions even if the entrant is not a member of PSSA,
 - that any refusal to cooperate with PSSA or any refusal to submit the original files as captured by the camera, or failure to provide sufficient evidence, may result in disqualification.
12. The exhibition assumes no liability for any misuse of copyright by the entrant.
13. No judge may enter categories in which he or she is judging.
14. If a judge entered any section in which he / she acts as a judge, the images must be removed or disqualified.
15. Family members (spouse, partner, parents and children) may enter categories in which a family member is judging but they may not win any of the medal awards (winner or runner-up).
16. If the Host Club's members judge in their own salon, no member of the host club may be considered for any of the top awards (winner and runner-up medals), except for certificates of merit and/or special club awards for the categories judged by the host club.
17. No member of the judging club may be considered for any of the top awards (winner and runner-up medals), except for certificates of merit and/or special club awards for the categories judged by the judging club.
18. A club is considered a judging club if it dominates the composition of the judging panel of the category involved.
19. The Salon Director may not serve as a judge for the salon. Any other person who, prior to or during the judging, is involved with processing the images or has access to the images may NOT serve as a judge for the salon. When it is unavoidable that the Salon Director judges a category, another person must be appointed as the Salon Administrator to download and prepare all the images and scoresheets for judging.
20. Members are also reminded that the medal awards (winner and runner-up) may not be won by the host / judging club's members.
21. An entrant's images will not be presented to the judges consecutively but distributed randomly in each category.
22. No late entries will be accepted.

23. DATA PROTECTION:

By entering this exhibition, you are explicitly consenting to the personal details you have supplied, including email addresses, being held, processed and used by the exhibition organisers for purposes associated with this exhibition. You also explicitly consent to such information being sent to organisations that have accorded official recognition, patronage or accreditation to this exhibition. You acknowledge and accept that entering this exhibition means that the status and results of your entry may be made public.

24. BREACH OF CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

If the exhibition determines before, during, or after the judging that an entrant has submitted entries where one or more images fail to comply with these Conditions of Entry, including the stated definitions, the exhibition reserves the right and discretion to delete the entry from the exhibition and void any or all acceptances or awards. Fees will be forfeited in these circumstances. To ensure that images comply with the Conditions of Entry and definitions, the exhibition may carry out checks on the images to make sure that:

- the images are the original work of the entrant, and
- the images comply with the rules and definitions as set out in these Conditions of Entry.

This may involve asking the entrant to provide originally captured image(s), with EXIF data intact, by a set deadline. The questioned image(s) of any entrant failing to comply with such a request for the original image(s) may be considered in breach of these Conditions of Entry, and be declined. Such entries may be referred to PSSA for further investigation of possible ethics violations. PSSA retains the right to investigate in any way all complaints/suspensions of breaches of entry conditions, impose sanctions if deemed necessary, include the entrant's name on the list of sanctions provided to Exhibitions, and share such investigations with FIAP and PSA. Entrants automatically agree to these.

25. Submission of entries signifies acceptance of these conditions of entry.

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES:

Entries must be submitted online to www.photovaultonline.com

- A maximum of four images may be entered in each category;
- JPEG file format;
- File size may not exceed 2MB;
- Images must be resized to a maximum of 1920 pixels on the horizontal axis OR a maximum of 1080 pixels on the vertical axis;
- It is recommended that the image is converted to the sRGB colour profile to ensure correct colour rendition during display and adjudication;
- Borders are optional, but within the size restraints as described.
- No title, watermark or identification of the maker of the image shall be visible anywhere on the image;
- An acknowledgement of receipt of such an entry will be sent to the entrant automatically via Photovault Online once the entrant has finalised his/her entry on Photovault Online. If no entry confirmation is received within three working days, the entrant should contact the salon director.

FEES:

The entry fee will be R8.00 per image for PSSA members and R12.50 per image for non-PSSA members for each category entered.

Only electronic payments via EFT will be accepted.

No CASH or CHEQUE deposits will be accepted.

BANKING DETAILS:

Account Name:	AFO Photography Club
Bank Name:	ABSA BANK
Branch Code:	632005
Account Type:	Current account
Account Number:	10176727

Please use the word "Salon" and your surname and initials as reference. (Example: "Salon BlackJack") when doing the EFT

Proof of Payment (POP) must accompany your entry in PDF format and attached in the Photovault Online entry. Entries received without with insufficient fees or without the POP will be rejected.

Thank you for entering the AFO salon 2021. We hope you enjoy it!