



PSA 2025-1701

## ART VIZUAL CIRCUIT

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Software Provider: StintGlobal

### **SECTIONS** (all digital):

- a) **Open Color** – (color only) PSA PIDC
- b) **Woman** - (color only) PSA PIDC
- c) **People** - (color only) PSA PIDC
- d) **Open Monochrome** - (monochrome only) PSA PIDM
- e) **Nature** - (color/greyscale monochrome) PSA ND

### **ENTRY FEE**

**US \$ 21 for any one section, US \$27 for any three sections, US \$31 for all sections**

**Early Bird: US \$25 for participation in all sections for first 40 paid entrants. Upload/change of photos possible till closing date.**

### **Group Discount:**

US \$20 for 6 – 9 or more paid entrants' group.  
US \$18 for group of 10 or more entrants

**Payment via PayPal to [fotocontests.art@gmail.com](mailto:fotocontests.art@gmail.com)**

**For overseas authors AND by NEFT/IMPS by Domestic entrants (equivalent of USD, i.e. 1 USD=INR 80)**

### **CALENDAR**

CLOSING DATE: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
END JUDGING DATE: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
NOTIFICATION: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

SUBMIT EDAS: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
DELIVERY CATALOG: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
DELIVERY AWARDS: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
ONLINE GALLERY: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## **JURY MEMBERS**

### **Salon1:**

Helmut Foerster, MPSA, EFIAP/b (Germany)  
Tibor Jakab, FPSA, MPSA, EFIAP/g (Romania)  
Vincent Scothern, PPSA, EFIAP, DPAGB BPE5 (England)

### **Salon2:**

Dirk Van Weert, FPSA, MPSA, EFIAP (Belgium)  
Gillian Steyn, EPSA, EFIAP (England)  
Herdis Halvas-Nielsen, GMPSA, AFIAP, GPU CR4 (Germany)

### **Salon3:**

G.S. Krishnamurthy, MFIAP, ARPS, PPSA (India)  
Sanjay Joshi, EFIAP (India)  
Valentina Stan, EFIAP/d2 (Romania)

## **AWARDS**

**PSA Gold Medal** in each section

**3 Salon Gold** in each section

**6 Jury Choice** in each section

**3 Salon Diploma** in each section

**1 BEST GROUP OR CLUB** Award for the circuit

## **REPORT CARD & CATALOG NOTIFICATION**

All participants will receive report card notification via e-mail. The results of the exhibition and circuit catalog will also be published on the website <https://www.fotocontests.art> for download from website.

## **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 Conditions of Entry. Membership in any photographic organization is not required.

**Penalties:** Entries will not be accepted from any entrant who has put 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.

### **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.

### **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.

**Titles:**

Each image must have a unique title **that is a description 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.

**IMAGE SPECIFICATION**

Photos must be in JPEG file format; Max. Horizontal length is 1920 pixels Max. Vertical length is 1080 pixels In 300 dpi. Compression 7-12, max 2Mb.

Exhibitions are not allowed to resize oversized images. In such cases the entrant is required to resubmit their entry with properly sized images.

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.

**PHOTO SUBMISSION**

Images must be submitted following the instructions on: <https://www.fotocontests.art>

Maximum number of photographs per section is 4. No title or identification of the maker shall be written anywhere on the face of an image. The exhibition is not allowed to resize the pictures sent by the entrants.

**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 Color calibrated

projection equipment or computer monitors are required to be capable of displaying images at 100% of the image resolution and that images will be displayed at exactly 100% of their resolution (that is, that the images will not be enlarged -at no point zoomed in- beyond their native resolution).

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

The target acceptance rate will be no more than 30% in each section

## **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.

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

**Monochrome images may not be entered in color sections of PPD or PID**

### **Woman Definition**

Only color photos of woman / women are allowed in this section. Photos of outdoor and indoor both are allowed. Staged photos also allowed. AI generated components not allowed by PSA. Please do not use any AI generated component in submitted photo.

### **People Definition**

Only color photos of People are allowed in this section. Photos of outdoor and indoor both are allowed. Staged photos also allowed. AI generated components not allowed by PSA. Please do not use any AI generated component in submitted photo.

## **EDITING GUIDELINES FOR NATURE, PHOTOJOURNALISM AND PHOTO TRAVEL**

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

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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.

## **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 fills 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**

1. Entry Fee once paid is NON-REFUNDABLE
2. 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.

3. For awarded images, RAW file/unprocessed jpeg file may be requested. In case raw file/unprocessed jpeg file is not received within 3 days of request, submitted image may be disqualified. Raw/unprocessed files will be deleted upon verification completion and organizer will not be liable for any misuse of the files.
4. The right of reproduction in relation to the exhibition, including digital representation, will be assumed upon entering.
5. Monochrome photos are NOT ALLOWED in PIDC sections.
6. Minimum 10 members should participate and pay their entry fee to be eligible for Best Group Award. Salon Gold, Jury Choice and Salon Diploma will not be sent physically. Only medal awards shall be shipped via General India Post.  
We will not be responsible for any customs charges and taxes at the receiver's end.
7. 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.
8. **ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FEES WITHIN SPECIFIED DATE WILL NOT BE JUDGED AND FORFEITED. NO CORRESPONDENCE SHALL BE ENTERTAINED IN THIS REGARD.**
9. THE SUBMISSION OF AN ENTRY SIGNIFIES ACCEPTANCE OF THESE RULES & CONDITIONS.
10. Awards won by group members shall be sent to a single address only.
11. Entrants are requested to please read circuit conditions of entry carefully before raising any query.

**T**he 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.

PSA is a non-profit organization promoting the advancement of photography in all its forms to novice, amateur and professional photographers worldwide.

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