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3rd international Niederrhein Monochrome Photo Contest

Organizer:

Lichtmaler Niederrhein – Photo Club in the DVF
www.lichtmaler-niederrhein.de

Chairman:

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Sections:

free topic, monochrome (PIDM)
Transport and traffic, monochrome (PIDM)

Entry fee:

12€ or 16\$ in one section,
20€ or 24\$ for 2 sections.
Payment by transfer into the following account number:

Account holder:
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BIC: BYLADEM1001; Deutsche Kreditbank AG

PayPal: competition@lichtmaler-niederrhein.de

Calendar:

Submission of works: 25.06.-03.09.2022
Date of Judging Session: 17.09.-18.09.2022
Notifications sent by: 02.10.2022
Presentation: 22.10.2022
Catalog, Awards and online gallery: 05.11.2022

Judging panel:

Irmgard Crispin - EFIAP - Germany
Reiner Unkel - independent photographer - Germany
Norbert Liebertz - EFIAP - Germany
Peter Lambrichs - The Netherlands

Awards: (56 awards altogether)

Per section:

FIAP medals: gold, silver, bronze and FIAP honorable mentions
DVF medals of achievement: gold silver, bronze and honorable mentions
PSA medals gold; silver, bronze and PSA ribbons

Blue Pin for the participant(s) with the highest number of accepted images/awards. In case of a tie the jury decides on the final award of the Blue Pins.

Catalogue:

Each participant will receive a link to download the catalogue on our website
www.lichtmaler-niederrhein.de

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.

Submission only online under:

<https://wettbewerb.lichtmaler-niederrhein.de/>

All images must correspond with the currently applicable general case law. The images can be freely used by the organizer for advertising purposes and for use in the catalogue of this competition. This also implies the use of the images for the presentation on the homepage of the competition. All images as well as parts of them are not used for commercial purposes. This is also valid for our sponsors.

The organizers reserve the right to check the images at any time before, during and after the judgment if they comply with the rules established in these conditions of participation. Entries will not be accepted from any entrant who is currently sanctioned by PSA.

PSA Star Ratings

To receive proper Star ratings credit from PSA, entrants must provide their names and country exactly the same 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

Entries must originate as photographs (image-captures of objects via light sensitivity) made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally.

Certification:

By virtue of submitting an image, the entrant certifies the work as his or her own (.Images may not incorporate elements produced by anyone else (for example: clip art, images or art by others downloaded from the Internet). Aliases are not allowed. 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. Note: Entrants who indicate that their images may not be reproduced or used "will not be eligible for awards" or inclusion in audio-visuals of the exhibition "and could be subject to disqualification" by the exhibition sponsors. The exhibition assumes no liability of any misuse of copyright

Alteration and Computer Generation

Subject to Divisional restrictions (particularly Nature, Photo Travel, and Photojournalism) images may be altered, either electronically or otherwise, by the maker. Adjustments to enhance images or creatively modify images are allowed providing the underlying photograph is retained in a way that is obvious to the viewer. Images may not be constructed entirely with a computer, and must be the sole work of the author.

Re-use of accepted images

Once an image has been accepted in this exhibition it may not be entered again in any future instances of this exhibition. It may, of course, be entered in any other PSA/FIAP recognized exhibitions but **must always have the same title**. It is not allowed to submit the same images in different sections. This is also valid for images that show only minimal differences.

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.

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 maker. 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.

The Exhibition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the PSA and FIAP. 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. An image may be entered in only one section.

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 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 and accept that entering this exhibition means that the status and results of your entry may be made public.

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 FIAP patronage or 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 FIAP patronage or 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. This rule applies regardless of whether or not the creature being killed, injured or stressed is visible in the captured image.

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.

Entry in this exhibition is conditional on accepting these policies. The content of images must comply with these 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 FIAP patronage/PSA recognition.

Further details on the PSA's drone policy may be found at <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?psa-policies#drone>

FIAP Definition monochrome

A black and white image that passes from a very dark shade of grey (black) to a very light shade of grey (white) is a monochrome work consisting of different shades of grey. A black and white image that is completely toned in one color remains a monochrome work and belongs to the category black and white. A black and white image that is partly toned or that is changed by adding a color becomes a color image and belongs to the category color (polychrome) and is not admitted to judgment.

PSA Definition Monochrome

An image is only named „monochrome“ if it does not show any kind of color (e.g. if it only contains shades of grey that pass from pure white to pure black) or if it is kept in different shades of lightness of a single toning color that extends over the complete image (e.g. sepia, gold, red etc). An image that is only partly modified by toning or an image with several colors of toning or an image that shows only in parts color toning does not comply with the definition of the PSA and cannot be judged.

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. Toned images are allowed.

Breaches of Rules

FIAP:

The mention that by the sole act of submitting his/her images or files to a salon under FIAP Patronage, the entrant accepts without exception and with no objection the following terms: - that the submitted images can be investigated by FIAP to establish if these obey to FIAP regulations and definitions even if the entrant is not a member of FIAP, - that FIAP will use any means at its disposal for this undertaking, - that any refusal to cooperate with FIAP or any refusal to submit the original files as captured by the camera, or failure to provide sufficient evidence, will be sanctioned by FIAP, - that in case of sanctions following the non compliance with FIAP regulations, the name of the entrant will be released in any form useful to inform the breaches of the rules. It is recommended to leave the EXIF data in the submitted files intact in order to ease eventual investigations. If, at any time, it is determined in the reasonable discretion of the exhibition organizer or the judges before, during, or after the judging of an exhibition that an entrant has submitted entries where one or more images may fail to comply with these Conditions of Entry, including the stated definitions, the exhibition organizers reserve the right to delete the entry from the exhibition and void any or all acceptances or awards in connection with the exhibition.

Fees may be forfeited or refunded in these circumstances. The entrant acknowledges that the decision of the exhibition organizers or the judges is final

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In order to ensure that images comply with the Conditions of Entry and definitions, the exhibition organizers may carry out reasonable measures to verify that:

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

These steps include, but are not limited to, questioning any entrant, requiring the submission of RAW files or other digital files representing the original capture of the submitted image(s), confronting the entrant with evidence that one or more submitted images fails to comply with the Conditions of Entry (also known as Entry Rules), and offering the entrant a reasonable opportunity to provide counter evidence to refute the exhibition organizer's evidence by a set deadline. Such entries that are not cleared or are still questionable after the entrant has presented evidence may be considered in breach of these Conditions of Entry, and declined. Such entries may be referred to PSA for further investigation of possible ethics violations

PSA retains the right to investigate in any way all complaints/suspensions of breaches of entry conditions, impose sanctions 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 submitting images on the entrant's behalf, the entrant will still be held responsible for adhering to these Conditions of Entry (Entry Rules) **and will be subject to sanction for any violations** to these Conditions of Entry and PSA's Statement of Ethics that may result. If another party is processing images for an entrant or submitting images on the entrant's behalf, the entrant will still be held responsible for adhering to all Conditions of Entry including the specific conditions in the relevant definitions.

FIAP Notice

In order to have legal authority on those who do not respect the rules of FIAP, the organiser must make sure that all participants of an online event under FIAP Patronage tick a box next to which the following text is stated:

“I hereby expressly agree to [FIAP document 018/2017](#) « Conditions and regulations for FIAP Patronage » and [FIAP document 033/2021](#)« Sanctions for breaching FIAP regulations and the red list ». I am particularly aware of chapter II « Regulations for International photographic events under FIAP patronage » of FIAP document 018/2017, dealing under Section II.2 and II.3 with the FIAP participation rules, the sanctions for breaching FIAP regulations and the red list.”

PSA Notice

When an entrant fills in the Entry Form to submit an entry the entrant will see a feature to affirm he or she has read these Conditions of Entry when he or she fills out the entry form. If the entrant does not so affirm the entry will not be submitted

Competition groups

Accepted images count for the PSA Star Rating and the Who's Who in the section PID monochrome (Projected Image Division)

All acceptances count for the FIAP to achieve Honorable Titles. The Youth is not judged separately.

Sections:

There are two sections:

free topic, monochrome

Transport and traffic, monochrome (everything that moves or can be moved)

Submission of images:

The file format is jpeg, 8 bit/sRGB (maximum horizontal width 2500 pixels, vertical height 1400 pixels and a maximum of 3 MB per image) 4 pictures can be submitted at most in each section.

Image Size

The maximum horizontal width is 2500 pixels and the maximum vertical height is 1400 pixels.

Bigger sizes cannot be uploaded in the system.

Smaller sizes are accepted, but they will not be projected in full screen mode. We use color-calibrated 27" monitors (2560px*1440px).

Files should not exceed 3MB per Image.

Upload:

The images can exclusively be submitted by upload online. The file has to be named while uploading for this purpose. After uploading you receive a confirmation mail in which you can see the titles of the images and the images themselves.

Upload portal:

<http://wettbewerb.lichtmaler-niederrhein.de/>

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Please enter the name of the participant and the country under „Verwendungszweck“ (usage) e.g. „Michael Mustermann – Germany- participation photo contest“

In case of lacking payment the participation is excluded.

Checks are not accepted.

Payment in cash is not possible.

Judgment:

The Exhibition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the PSA and FIAP
Images are judged as submitted in accordance with the pixel dimensions stated on the entry form.

Images submitted smaller than the specified pixel dimensions are not being resized to the specified pixel dimensions.

During the judging all images are displayed successively on identical and color-calibrated 27" monitors (2560*1440) with one monitor for each judge placed side by side, showing the same image at the same time.

All images will be proofed due to the rules of the „monochrome definitions“ by FIAP and PSA - see paragraph „definitions“. No image will be deleted before the judging even if it doesn't follow the rules of entry. The judges then will disqualify the image when it is showing up on the screens. 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.

An image may be entered in only one section.

The judges will determine the acceptances among the submitted images in the round-system. In addition medals and certificates will be chosen by the judges.

The rating of authors (best author Blue Pin) is calculated from the total score of the achieved points from both sections. All acceptances are validated with one point, all certificates with an additional point and all medals with two additional points. In case of identical scores, all judges will make a final decision. The decision of the jury is final and cannot be contested.

List of acceptances and results:

Each participant receives a list with the results of all accepted images. Images that do not receive acceptances are not published in the list. All participants receive a download link.

Catalogue:

Each participant will receive a link to download the catalogue on our website www.lichtmaler-niederrhein.de

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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