

2018 PPANJ IMAGE COMPETITION RULES

Competition Event Date: April 9, 2018

Time: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Location: Unique Photo

<https://www.uniquephoto.com>

123 US Route 46 West

Fairfield, NJ 07004

**Please read this document entirely before making your submissions.
If you have any questions or concerns send them to: jim@jimlasala.com**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FEBRUARY 18, 2018

**WE WILL ONCE AGAIN UTILIZE THE RESOURCES OF
WWW.PRINTCOMPETITION.COM FOR THIS YEARS EVENT.
BELOW IS THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION LINK**

<https://www.printcompetition.com/>

ENTRY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 7, 2018 AT Midnight.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

You must be a member in good standing with PPA NJ or PPA National.

Note that this competition will **NOT** be awarding "PPA's Seal of Approval" for 2018. However, we will be judging images to the same standards and criteria. These rules pertain to images created by traditional photographic processes as well as those captured and/or manipulated electronically with a digital camera or scanner. Be advised that all entries in this competition will be judged using PPA National's "The 12 Elements" criteria.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Entrant must have captured and created the original exposure.
2. If an entry, in the good-faith opinion of the Photographic Exhibition Committee, violates copyright or trademark, that entry shall be disqualified. If it has been reproduced from an existing photograph, portrait, graphic or any other artwork produced by another person will be disqualified and not accepted or displayed.
3. The entrant's name cannot be displayed on the digital entry or on the front of the entry.
4. **NEW FOR 2018** : A maximum of six (6) entries may be submitted per entrant. Your four (4) best scores will be considered your "Print Case" for award & merit purposes.
5. Competition entry must be completed using the PPANJ online entry system prior to the online entry deadline of April 7th, 2018 at Midnight. On-site registration is not available. Print cases must be delivered common carrier or be dropped off in person prior to 5:00PM on April 6th, 2018. Print cases will not be accepted if the online entry was not completed before the registration deadline (see above).
6. No entry will be eligible if it has been made under the supervision of an instructor or as a class assignment.



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7. No two entries may be of the same subject or social event.
8. Entries previously receiving a score of 80 or higher at PPANJ, state level or at PPA National level competition are not eligible, including any image from an album which has scored 80 or higher.
9. Entry media includes mounted prints, digital submissions, physical albums and digital albums.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OPEN COMPETITION CATEGORIES

You must designate one of the below categories for each entry:

1. Portrait: Images containing one or more subjects photographed outside of a Social Event
2. Social/Event: Including Weddings, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, Quinceanera, etc.
3. Social/Event Albums: Including Weddings, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, Quinceanera, etc.
4. Illustrative / Commercial* : Consists of a scenic, pictorials, digital paintings and similar subject matter. Portraits and social events are not appropriate for this category.

*Commercial entries : the submitted images must be done for paying clients.

NOTE A: All images entered in this competition will be judged and scored using PPA's "The 12 Elements" as a standard's reference.

PPANJ Image Competition Committee reserves the right to re-categorize any submissions as they see fit.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

All images and album entries must be submitted using the online registration form by taking the following link:
<https://www.printcompetition.com/>

At the top of the page you have two choices; "Register" or "Log-on". If you are already a member click on "Log-on". If you are not a member then you need to click on "Register".

Also, be sure to select "PPANJ" as the organization. It will then lead you to the upload process.
All Images will be Judged and scored using your submitted (6 maximum) Digital Files.

Optional: As a member of PPANJ, If you wish to have your entry judged for Industry awards such as the Kodak Gallery Award, Fuji Master Piece Award, and possibly others then you MUST also send in a physical print or album for judging.

**** The awards listed above are subject to change by the sponsoring companies****

IMAGE SUBMISSION

Digital Submission are REQUIRED for Judging !

1. Files must be sized so the longest dimension is 4,000 pixels. Each file must contain an embedded color profile of either sRGB or Adobe RGB1998 and be saved at a JPEG quality setting of 10. With these settings, your file size should be 4.0 MB or slightly larger.
2. Name your files as "Last Name_01 .. 06". Example : LaSala_01, LaSala_02 ... LaSala_05, LaSala_06



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PHYSICAL PRINT SUBMISSION (OPTIONAL)

1. Entrants may submit printed images of any shape and size with a minimum of 80 square inches (of the image) to a maximum of 480 square inches, with the largest dimension no longer than 24 inches. Mounted to a minimum board size of 16" (long side) to max of 24" (long side). (Recommended mounting thickness is 1/8" to 3/8".)
2. Print entries must be mounted on standard mount material (double weight mat board, gator board, 1/4" foamboard). "Float" mounting is accepted. Images on metal and mounted to another standard material must have rounded corners and smooth edges. No mount that could potentially damage other entries or pose a danger to print handlers will be accepted.
3. Masonite, glass, stretcher frames or conventional frames are not allowed.

ALBUM SUBMISSION

Multi-Maker album entries are permissible. However, each person involved in the multi-maker album must enter this competition. That is, they will each pay the entry fee, complete the online submission form, and upload the same album file as part of their case submission.

Digital Album Entry

1. All page/spread files must have the longest file dimension at 4,000 pixels have an embedded color profile of either sRGB or Adobe RGB1998 and be saved at a JPEG quality setting of 10.
2. Each page/spread file may contain as many images as you desire.
3. An entry may contain up to 14 dual page (left/right) spread files. Note: the total number of pages including the 1st and last page is 30.
4. Makers should create a ZIP file of all pages including the cover.
5. Makers should name their spreads with leading zeros so pages sort correctly.

Example:

spread_01.jpg	spread_06.jpg
spread_02.jpg	spread_07.jpg
spread_03.jpg	spread_08.jpg
spread_04.jpg	spread_09.jpg
spread_05.jpg	spread_10.jpg

6. The ZIP file must be named: Album Title.zip
7. Studio identification or entrant's name cannot appear on any file within the album entry.

There will be a place on www.printcompetition.com to upload your album zip file. The "COVER SLOT" section on the zip upload page is for a thumbnail representation of the album in the ***www.printcompetition.com system only*** and will not be judged.

DEADLINES & FEES

Competition registration opens on February 18th, 2018. The fee is \$60.00 for PPA or PPA NJ Members and \$100.00 for Non or "out of state" Members. Your submission must have been paid and your files uploaded by April 7th, 2018 at Midnight. ***There will absolutely not be any exceptions to the registration deadline.***



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There will be two payments when you upload your files:

Members : One for \$8.00 to www.printcompetition.com and the second one will be for \$52.00 to PPANJ. The total for members will be \$60.00.

Non Members : One for \$8.00 to www.printcompetition.com and the second one will be for \$92.00 to PPANJ. The total for non-members will be \$100.00.

Do NOT send payment with your case. Doing so will disqualify your registration.

www.ppanj.com will also have a Print Comp Registration link for your convenience. Payment, registration and file upload's are all handled by the online registration form.

SHIPPING & DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

For **optional** print case and albums only. The Case must be received at the address below April 6th, 2018". Please ship or hand carry to:

Jim LaSala
422 Hawthorne Court
Flemington, NJ 08822

Entries must be shipped in an approved, secure, reusable shipping container commonly known as a "Print Case." A cardboard box is not acceptable. Hand deliveries must be received by the registration deadline (see page 1) to the same address (Above).

Print Cases will be available for pick up at end of Convention. Or return shipping fee is \$25 per case. You may also enclose a fully prepaid FedEx or UPS shipping document or label.

Note: Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification of entry. The decisions of the PPANJ Print Competition Committee are final.

JUDGING AND AWARDS

Open Judging

1. A three-person jury will judge entries by category.
2. Entries will be judged based on PPA National Rules and Standards in all regards, including lighting, and scoring.
3. Entries will be presented electronically.
4. Each image will be judged separately on a scale 100 to 0. Ribbons will be awarded as follows:
5. Entries scoring either 78 or 79, will be considered deserving of a review using a "Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down" Process.

Exceptional	100 – 95	Blue Ribbon
Superior	94 – 90	Blue Ribbon
Excellent	89 – 85	Blue Ribbon
Deserving of a Merit	84 - 80	Blue Ribbon



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Above Average	79 - 76	Red Ribbon
Average	75 - 74	Red Ribbon
Acceptable	73 - 70	White Ribbon
Unacceptable	69 - 0	Non Awarded

CLOSED JUDGING

1. During this portion of the competition conducted by the PPANJ Print Chairman and the Jury Chairman, the judges will be instructed to select from all Blue Ribbon images in each category for a PPANJ Court of Honor Awards.
2. If you are a member of PPANJ, and your entry scores an 80 or above and you have also submitted it in physical form you will be eligible to receive a ASP Award, CPP Award, Fuji Award, Kodak Award and Lexjet Sunset Award from your state.
 - Portrait Print
 - Wedding Print
 - Illustrative / Commercial, Electronic Imaging Print
 - Printed Album (All albums scoring 80 or higher will be moved to the appropriate category For the purpose of awarding a Kodak Masterpiece, Lexjet Sunset Award or Fuji award)

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Note: Additional awards will be selected for presentation to the members of PPANJ as are made available by the respective state associations. Please review on Page 4. **ALTHOUGH THE UTMOST CARE WILL BE TAKEN, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT PPANJ ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF PRINTS SUBMITTED FOR COMPETITION.**

PPANJ AWARDS

Court of Honor : All images receiving a score of 80 or more from this state are eligible. A predetermined ratio from each category will receive this award. Rookie of the year (first time entering your state's Image Comp. This award is the highest cumulative score of the 4 images entered).

Zeltsmen Award : Highest cumulative score of the 4 images entered (320 Club pin).

Mallis Award : Best Landscape

Fassbender Award : NJ Best in Show, is determined by the judges and is not necessarily the highest scoring image.

INDUSTRY AWARDS : Print Only

CPP Award (Must be a Certified Pro Photographer from PPA) (1 awarded)

ASP Award (America Society of Photographers (ASP Members Only)) (1 awarded)

Lexjet Sunset Award, Fuji and Kodak Award's (Labels and rules will be provided if these awards are available).



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