

2nd Annual NMU International Photography Competition

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

Deadline for Entries: 4 p.m. EDT, Friday, October 2, 2009

Who can enter this contest?

Entrants must have an official connection with NMU through membership in one or more of the following categories:

- NMU student
- NMU faculty/staff (including retirees)
- NMU alumni and/or Alumni Association members

Entries from professional photographers and individuals involved in planning or judging the contest may be considered for "honorable mention" but are ineligible to win, place or receive major prizes.

What can be entered?

Entries must be accompanied by the [official entry form](#).

Up to 3 photographs per entrant may be entered. Entries must be the original work of the entrant and must be photographs taken outside the United States. Entries may be submitted in either print or digital format. Prints must be no larger than 8½" x 11" in size.

What formats are acceptable?

Photos may be submitted in either print or digital format, with the following restrictions for digital entries:

1. Digital entries must include printed copies of the digital image(s), preferably at a size that will fit on a standard 8½" x 11" sheet of photographic-quality printer paper.
2. Digital entries must also include the original image file on a compact disk (CD).
3. Digital photos must be identified as such, both on the entry form (by checking the appropriate box) and on the back of the print.
4. For best results, we recommend using a camera that is capable of capturing images at 5.0 Megapixels or better. Digital photos must be high enough resolution (at least 1.5 megabytes) to allow us to produce high-quality 16"x20" enlargements for our displays. An image with fewer than 5.0 Megapixels (1.5 mb) may not be suitable for a high-quality enlargement. Please keep that in mind when using a digital camera for the NMU International Photo Competition.

How are my entries judged?

Entries will be judged on artistic expression, interpretation of theme, creativity and quality of the image. Judges also reserve the right to consider entries based on geographic and thematic variety as well as relevance to NMU's international mission. All decisions of the judges are final. The competition organizers reserve the right to disqualify entries that do not conform to the stated contest rules and criteria. Prizes may or may not be awarded in all categories.

Will my photos be returned?

We will return your submissions if and only if the entries are properly labeled and you supply a self-addressed, adequately stamped envelope. We will also contact winners and may require them to supply the original negatives or slides of printed works from which high-quality reproductions will then be made for display. These originals will also be returned as soon as possible. Although we will take great care in handling each entry, we are not responsible for lost or damaged entries.

Do I retain the copyrights to my work?

Rights are retained by the artist. By signing the entry form and submitting it, however, the artist grants Northern Michigan University royalty-free use, including the creation and use of derivative works of the winning (including placing and honorable mention) photograph(s) in displays and in print and electronic publications. When possible and where appropriate, the artist will be credited.

What is the Model Release Policy?

Entrants should always be sensitive to the privacy of human subjects. In general, photos taken in public places are suitable. However, in cases where the privacy of the individuals pictured may appear to have been infringed upon, winning entrants may be asked to provide model release forms. Such cases would include but are not necessarily limited to ones where the artist appears to have intruded without permission on another's seclusion, making private facts public, or making the viewer believe something that isn't true about the subject. In order to facilitate full display options, artists must be prepared to provide release forms upon request.

How do I submit my entries?

Entries must be in either print (8½" x 11" maximum size) and/or digital/print format. Please see notes on "High-Resolution Digital Photos" for rules governing digital entries. All entries must carry on the reverse side (preferably an adhesive label):

1. title of the work
2. when the photograph was taken (month, if known, and year)
3. where the photograph was taken (city or region AND country)
4. proper orientation of the photo (if not obvious)
5. the complete name of the photographer

Entries **MUST** be accompanied by the **OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**, fully completed and signed by the entrant.

Winners may be contacted and asked for more information about the winning entries. Such additional background information may be incorporated into such things as contest displays and publications.

Mail or Hand-Deliver entries to: 2009 International Photo Contest
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