

2012 WESTERN PHOTO COMPETITION - RULES & REGULATIONS

The Western Photo Gallery Committee (WPGC) of the Calgary Stampede (CS) showcases Western heritage through photography. As part of the WPGC, we are presenting the Competition for 2012. The WPGC will select winning photographs through a jury process, and invites photographers to submit images for this competition.

Additional information about the Western Photo Competition may be obtained by contacting westernphoto@westernshowcase.com.

Eligibility

The Western Photo Competition 2012 (WPC 2012) is open to photographers from around the world. By submitting an entry, each contestant agrees to the rules of the contest and states that they are 18 years old and older.

Volunteers of the Western Photo Gallery Committee and their immediate families are not eligible to submit an entry or entries to the Western Photo Competition.

General

The WPGC and the CS reserve the right to reject any entry that does not conform to the rules and regulations outlined or, in the opinion and at the discretion of the WPGC and CS, are not deemed to be appropriate for the intended viewing audience. The decision of the WPGC and CS is final.

By submitting an entry or entries implies that the entrant accepts all the conditions, rules and regulations of the WPC and CS.

Themes

The WPGC and CS are proud to promote and showcase Western heritage in keeping with the rich history of Alberta and CS. The four (4) Themes of the WPC reflect this heritage. They are Western Landscape & Architecture, Western Lifestyle, Rodeo and First Nations.

Submission of Photographs

All entries must be submitted in a digital format in a manner outlined below.

Images or any part of the final image may be created and/or modified digitally. Further to that, images or any part of the final image may be originally in a traditional film or slide format and then scanned into a digital format. Digitally enhanced or modified images ARE allowed. If an image is heavily modified, it should still be recognizable as fitting one of the four Themes.

Ensure that you submit your entry in the most appropriate category; it will not be transferred to a category that is, in the opinion of the judges, more appropriate.

Entries must be received by 11:59 P.M. Mountain Standard Time on March 31st, 2012 to be eligible for the Western Photo Competition. **No entries will be accepted after that time.** All entries must be submitted in a digital format as outlined below.

Images must be in a **JPEG (JPG) format** only. Images should be submitted in the best resolution possible, with the overall file submission no greater than 2MB in file size. The photographer's signature or any identifying marks must not be visible on the digital images submitted to the jury.

Any entry deviating from this format will not be accepted.

An entry fee of \$20.00 (Canadian Dollars) per entrant, regardless of the number of submissions, must accompany registration. The entrant may submit a maximum of five (5) entries in total.

Neither the WPGC nor the CS are responsible for lost entries, misdirected entries, unreadable entries or entries that have digital artifacts or defects.

Images not adhering to the submission guidelines will not be accepted.

Judging

Entries will be judged on image quality, technical ability, composition, and adherence to the category in which the entry has been submitted. Entries will be displayed and judged in the condition they are submitted.

Entries will be pre-judged on quality and adherence to the themes and rules. Any entries not meeting these standards will not be accepted for showing or eligible for prizes.

By entering the WPC, the entrant agrees and understands that photography is subjective. Due to that subjectivity, winning entries will be determined by the judges and all decisions pertaining to the winning entries are final.

There will be two winners per category (theme) and one Best of Competition winner.

Only one prize per entrant will be awarded.

Winning Entries

Winners will be notified after May 1st, 2012 by email.

Digital Show

The winning, runner-up and honourable mention entries will be compiled into a digital slide show. This show will be on display during the Calgary Stampede from July 6th to 15th, 2012 in the Western Photo Gallery display area of the Western Oasis located in the BMO Centre. Photographers of displayed images will be notified by email prior to Stampede 2012.

Legal Information relating to the Western Photo Competition

By submitting an entry or entries implies that the entrant accepts all the conditions, rules and regulations of the WPC and Calgary Stampede.

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The entrant warrants that the images submitted are the original work of the Photographer and that the Photographer holds copyright and must retain all rights as required by the Calgary Stampede. By submitting an entry or entries, the entrant accepts that his or her work can be reproduced with no further compensation in promotional media that is associated with the WPC and the Calgary Stampede. This includes, but is exclusive to, being put on a website or in a brochure. All other rights remain with the entrant.

The entrant is responsible for obtaining a model release, where necessary, from any identifiable person or persons featured in any entry. The model release should be made available on request to WPC should the need arise. A signed model release gives consent from the identifiable person or persons to the photographer for public display and other uses. Any identifiable persons under 18 years of age must have a model release signed for them by a parent or legal guardian. Failure to make a model release available on request may result in the entrant's image or images being removed from the competition.

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Privacy of information

Personal and demographic information provided will not be used for the purpose other than those related to Calgary Stampede operated programs or business purposes. Your information will be handled with respect and will not be sold, given away, or provided to parties outside the Calgary Stampede without your consent, unless the law requires that it be shared. By entering, the entrant agrees that pictures of his/her entry may be used by the Calgary Stampede in promotional material.