

TEJASWANI CIRCUIT 2023



PSA 2023-609

TEJASWANI CIRCUIT 2023 shall be conducted in accordance with PSA Exhibition Standards 2023. This circuit will be conducted in accordance with the requirements and practices of The Photographic Society of America (PSA).

Acceptances received in approved sections of this exhibition are eligible for PSA Star Ratings, listing in the worldwide PSA Who's Who of photography, and credited toward the PSA Distinctions.

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SECTIONS:

Open Color – PIDC

Open Monochrome– PIDM

Nature– ND

People– PIDC

Entry Fee:

- USD **35** or equivalent for participation in any one section, USD **8** or equivalent for each additional section
- USD **35** or equivalent for group of 6 – 8 entrants for participation in all sections
- USD **30** or equivalent for group of 9 or more entrants for participation in all sections

➤ Early Bird Discount- USD 40 for participation in one or all sections till 20th October 2023

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Unpaid entries shall be removed before commencement of judging

Circuit Calendar:

Closing Date: 21st December 2023

Start Judging Date: 04th January 2024

Last Judging Date: 11th January 2024

Notification Date: 25th January 2024

EDAS Submission Date: 10th February 2024

Online Gallery Date: 11th March 2024

Catalog Publish Date: 11th March 2024

Awards Dispatch Date: 11th March 2024

Selectors:

	NAME	DISTINCTIONS/HONORS	SECTIONS	COUNTRY
Judging 1	Lewis Ka Yin Choi <i>Membership- Vice President - Photographic Society of America</i>	FPSA, GMPSA, EFIAP/s, ESFIAP	All sections	HONG KONG
	Rajdeep Biswas <i>Co-Chair, PSA Exhibition Standards Committee</i>	APSA, GMPSA, EFIAP	All sections	INDIA
	Pandula Bandara <i>Regional Exhibition Standards Director- Photographic Society of America</i>	GMPSA, BPSA, LRPS	All sections	SRILANKA
Judging 2	Subrata Bysack <i>Liaison Officer for India Photographic Society of America</i>	APSA, GMPSA/P, EFIAP/d2	All sections	INDIA

	Suvojit Biswas <i>Star Ratings Director-PTD, Star Ratings Coordinator- PIDC Photographic Society of America</i>	MPSA, EFIAP, GPU CR-1, FFIP	All sections	INDIA
	Piyali Mitra	GMPSA/S, EFIAP/g, EFIP	All sections	INDIA
Judging 3	Buket Ozatay <i>Regional Exhibition Standards Director 2nd Vice Chair - Projected Image Division Photographic Society of America (PSA)</i>	EPSA, EFIAP/d2	All sections	CYPRUS
	Avik Sett <i>Regional Exhibition Standards Director- Photographic Society of America</i>	MPSA, EFIAP, FFIP	All sections	INDIA
	Adela Lia Rusu	EFIAP/G, EPSA, MAAFR	All sections	ROMANIA
Judging 4	Mr. Steven Yee Pui Chung <i>Star Ratings Coordinator – PTD Photographic Society of America</i>	EPSA, GPSA, FRPS, ESFIAP	All sections	SINGAPORE
	Mr. Kwok Kei Daniel Tse <i>Regional Exhibition Standards Director- Photographic Society of America</i>	MPSA2	All sections	HONG KONG
	Yeokkian Jenn Koh <i>Star Ratings Director – PTD Photographic Society of America</i>	GMPSA, SPSA	All sections	Malaysia
Judging 5	Partha Sarathi Sarkar	EPSA, EFIAP, ARPS	All sections	INDIA
	Tuhin kanti Das <i>Regional Exhibition Standards Director- Photographic Society of America</i>	MPSA, EFIAP, FFIP,	All sections	INDIA
	Pinku Dey	MPSA, MFIP, EFIAP/b	All sections	INDIA
Judging 6	Snigdha Kar	MPSA, EFIAP	All sections	INDIA
	Kalyan Bhattacharyya <i>Regional Exhibition Standards Director- Photographic Society of America</i>	MPSA, EFIAP	All sections	INDIA
	Subhasis Sarkar	EFIAP	All sections	INDIA

Awards: -

PSA Gold, Circuit Gold (1 in each section)

3Jury Choice, 3 Honor Mention,1 Chairperson Choice in each section (electronic award to be downloaded from exhibition website using a valid username and password by award winners)

Best Group of the Circuit (1, minimum 8 paid members must)

Result Notification:

Results shall be published in website. Score cards can be accessed by logging in to exhibition website.

Circuit Catalog:

Circuit Catalog in PDF version shall be available for download from exhibition website.

Circuit Conditions, Image submission& Judging:

- A. Images must be 1920 pixels (maximum) on the Horizontal Side and 1080 pixels (maximum) on the Vertical Side. Oversized images will be rejected by submission system. No changes will be done to submitted images. Images to be submitted online via exhibition website <https://www.photoartexhibitions.com>
- B. Each photo can be presented in only one section, altered or unaltered.
- C. Monochrome images cannot be entered in Open Color (PIDC)
- D. Entrant must have unedited jpeg or raw file of all components of submitted images. Organizer is not responsible for any misuse of copyright. Unedited jpeg/ raw file is requested must be submitted within 3 days.
- E. Permission to reproduce images in the catalogue or for publicity is assumed.
- F. Submitted images shall be judged online. Salon Chairperson shall ensure judging is done as per PSA Exhibition Standards 2023.
- G. Jury Decision is final. No correspondence shall be entertained in this regard.
- H. To be eligible for Best Group, minimum 8 participants must participate and pay their due entry fee.
- I. Submission of Entries to the Circuit implies acceptance of the above regulations.

Judging method:

An entrant's four images will be distributed throughout four rounds of judging for that section. Each round of judging will not contain more than one image from each entrant. Judging is to take place remotely (online) by each jury member using their own equipments. Distribution of images shall be in the same round order as submitted by the entrant. Remote judging will take place and all judges shall use color-calibrated equipment capable of displaying submitted images at 100% of their resolution.

The target range for acceptances shall be between 29% to 35%

PSA Conditions of Entry:

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

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.

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

Alteration and Computer Generation Subject to Divisional restrictions (particularly Nature, Photo Travel, and Photojournalism) images may be altered, either electronically or otherwise, by the entrant; 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 entrant

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.

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.

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 Breaches of Rules of the 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 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 PSA recognition

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 PID Color Section.

Editing Guidelines for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel

If offering any of these sections then add the following text

Editing Guidelines for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel

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

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

For the purpose of this exhibition any border added to a digital file must be a single border of white or grey, no greater than 3-5 pixels in width.

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, anaesthetic or any other method of restricting natural movement for the purpose of a photograph is not allowed.

*Attention is drawn to the **PSA Statement on Subject Matter** which applies to **all** sections and to the **Editing Guidelines for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel***

Breaches of Rules

Entrants are strongly advised to look at the PSA Ethics Policy which can be found at <https://psa-photo.org/page/ethical-practices>.

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, exhibitions, on behalf of the judges, are allowed to request unedited or raw files of the submitted image

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, on receiving reports from exhibitions of possible breaches, retains the right to investigate in any way all complaints/suspicious of breaches of entry conditions, 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 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 penalties for any violations** to these Conditions of Entry and PSA's Statement of Ethics that may result.

NOTICE: When entrants fill 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, understood* and *agree to* the Conditions of Entry of this exhibition. I have read 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 breaches of these Conditions of Entry"

Failure to agree will mean that the application will not proceed.

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.



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