

## Leamington PhotoFest 2023

### RULES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Leamington PhotoFest is a national photography competition and exhibition based in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, United Kingdom. The event includes a juried competition, print exhibition, awards and prizes.

This event is produced by, and is the sole initiative of, Gallery Photiq (the Organiser), a trading name of Nat Coalson Ltd, located at 40 Park Street, Leamington Spa CV32 4QN. All copyrights remain those of their respective holders, with All Rights Reserved.

### COMPETITION RULES

1. ENTRY CRITERIA: We're looking for unique photographs that convey your personal expression and creative style. Show us what inspires you!

For Leamington PhotoFest 2023, your photos may have been taken **anywhere in the world** and can feature **any subject matter**. This year there are **new categories** for your entries.

- People
- Places
- Still Life
- Animals
- Abstract

To be considered for the Exhibition, any photograph submitted to Leamington PhotoFest 2023 **must have been taken since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021**. We want to see recent pictures! Photo dates will be verified.

**You may not submit images that have been entered into any previous Leamington PhotoFest.**

2. COMPETITION DATES: Online entries will be accepted beginning **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

**The closing date for entries is Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 23:59 pm British Summer Time.** Entries received after this date will not be considered.

The Organisers cannot accept any responsibility for any problem with internet service providers, networks or other systems which may result in any entry being delayed or not properly registered. Those who have no access to the internet or those with accessibility questions should contact Gallery Photiq by email at [gallery@photiq.uk](mailto:gallery@photiq.uk). A member of the event team will respond within 48 hours.

3. ELIGIBILITY: Entry to the Leamington PhotoFest 2023 competition and exhibition is **open to all UK residents only**, including residents of the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

Youth entrants under the age of 16 need the verifiable permission of a parent or guardian to enter. Youth entrants will need their parents or guardians to fill out the sections asking for their parent's name, phone number and email address, and to tick the box for permission to their child's participation. All communication will be made through the parent/guardian.

4. ENTRY PROCESS AND FEES: Entrants must complete all sections of the online forms, upload their images and pay the applicable entry fee.

The fee for each photo entered is **£4 GBP per image**.

**Early Bird discounted rate £3 per image. Ends Sunday 16th July 2023.**

**There is no limit to the number of images you may enter.**

5. PHOTO REQUIREMENTS: **All photographs must be the original work of the entrant** and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photographs. Entrants must not have breached any laws when taking their photographs.

You can enter images that have been enhanced or manipulated. Composite images are also allowed.

6. IMAGE FORMAT: All photos must be submitted as **digital images in JPEG format**, using the competition platform only. Entries will not be accepted in any other format or via any other method.

*The recommended minimum image size is 1200 pixels on the shortest dimension. While there are no strict limits to the resolution and pixel dimensions for each submitted image, note that **images which are too small or too low resolution to be printed in good quality will be disqualified from the Exhibition and are not eligible for awards and prizes.***

[You can learn more about digital image sizes and resolution here](#)

7. EXHIBITION: From all the submitted entries, selected images will be printed and displayed in an Exhibition at Gallery Photiq. **The Exhibition will run from 3<sup>rd</sup> October through 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023.** The exhibition will be open to the public with free entry.
8. JUDGING: The photographs to be included in the Exhibition and Awards will be selected by a panel of Jurors, each a professional in their respective practice. Organisers reserve the right to make changes to the judging panel without notice. The judging will take place within four weeks of the competition closing date. **All decisions of the judging panel are final.**

In addition to the juried results, awards will also be given for **Gallery Choice** and **People's Choice** (see below).

9. All photographs will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Overall impact and visual appeal
- Creativity and originality
- Composition
- Technical quality

All photographs received will be judged through the following process:

*Stage One: For Exhibition*

All entries will be assessed by a judging panel comprised of experienced photographers and professional artists, based on the above criteria. From the accepted images, shortlisted photos will be selected to be printed, mounted, and displayed in the Exhibition. Successful entrants will be contacted by a member of the event team within two weeks from the conclusion of judging.

*Stage Two: Awards*

The judges will review the Exhibition selections, and from the final scores, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize and Commended winners will be determined. *(See next section for details.)*

*Stage Three: People's Choice*

During the Exhibition, the viewing public will be invited to vote for their favourite image. The People's Choice winner will be the entry which receives the most public votes. Details of how the public can vote, and the rules of the voting, will be published on the event website.

This is an **in-person vote only**, and participants will need to visit Galley Photiq at 40 Park Street in Leamington Spa. (See website for opening hours.) Photographers may vote for their own pictures.

In the event of a technical problem or evidence of impropriety regarding the public vote, the judges shall have the final decision. If the public vote results in a tie, the judges shall have the casting vote. The judges' decisions will be final.

*Stage Four: Gallery Choice*

The Gallery Choice Award will be made by Photiq owners Nat and Ruth Coalson.

**During all stages, no individual feedback on any entry will be provided.**

10. AWARDS AND PRIZES: From the Exhibition selection, winning photos will be selected for awards in each of the following:

- a. Categories – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50 cash prize; Commended Certificate (category winners may be either Adult or Youth)
  - People
  - Places
  - Still Life
  - Animals
  - Abstract

- b. Youth (in any category) – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £75 Photiq Gift Voucher; Commended Certificate
- c. Best of Leamington Spa – £75 cash prize
- d. People’s Choice (selected by public vote) – Metal print from Photiq, value £185
- e. Gallery Choice (selected by the owners of Photiq) – 2024 exhibition

Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners in all Categories, Youth, Best of Leamington Spa, and People’s Choice. The winner of the Gallery Choice Award will be offered a solo exhibition at Gallery Photiq during 2024.

11. **COPYRIGHT AND USAGE RIGHTS: All entrants will retain full copyright** in the photographs that they submit to the competition. Any submitted photos may be displayed, published and used in the Organiser’s websites, newsletters, email and print marketing, social media, and other promotions related to this and future competitions.

By entering the competition, all entrants grant to the Organiser the right to publish and exhibit submitted photographs across all media worldwide in perpetuity **only for the purposes of Leamington PhotoFest.**

Entrants whose photographs are selected for Exhibition and/or award winners further grant the Organisers the right to publish and exhibit photos of their respective personal likenesses across all media in perpetuity only for the purposes of Leamington PhotoFest.

Entrants whose photographs are among the final selections or Prize winners also agree to take part in event publicity, with arrangements to be made on an individual basis.

No fees or other compensation will be payable for any of the above uses. While we make every effort to credit photographers, we cannot guarantee that every use of the photographs will include the photographers' names.

12. **By entering, all participants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules, terms and conditions.** Organiser reserves the right to exclude any entry from the competition at any time and in its absolute discretion if the Organiser has reason to believe that an entrant has breached these rules, acted fraudulently in any way, or brings the Organisation into disrepute.
13. Organiser reserves the right to cancel this competition or alter any of the rules at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, and if circumstances arise outside of its control.
14. These rules are governed by the laws of England and Wales.