

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

4th GCPA International Photography Exhibition 2023



PSA 2023-13



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CAPA 2023

ORGANIZER

The 4th GCPA International Exhibition of Photography is organized by Global Chinese Photography Association (Canada)

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Submission of Entries

All entries must be submitted via the online entry form linked at <http://www.gcpa.club>

SECTIONS

There are total 10 digital sections.

Nine sections are recognized by appropriate PSA Divisions. Section 10 is not recognized by PSA.

1.	Color Open	PSA PIDC *Color only
2.	Monochrome Open	PSA PIDM *Mono only
3.	Nature	PSA ND
4.	Nature-Birds theme	PSA ND
5.	Photojournalism	PSA PJD
6.	Landscape "General"	PSA PIDC *Color only
7.	Landscape "Drone"	PSA PIDC *Color only
8.	Landscape "Astrophotography"	PSA PIDC *Color only
9.	Portrait	PSA PIDC *Color only
10.	SIGMA open digital	Not recognized by PSA

Only color images are allowed in PIDC sections.

Each entrant may submit a maximum of four images in each of the ten sections.

Each photo can be presented in only one section.

Accepted images or similar from previous GCPA salon cannot be entered in any of the sections of the salon.

ENTRY FEE AND ENTRIES

USD20.00 (CNY150.00) for any number of sections entered.

The entry fees for entries are to be paid by following the instructions on the website when filling out the entry form.

Entries for which the appropriate fee has not been received, will not be judged.

Group Discount of 10% is available for groups of 5 or more entrants.

CALENDAR

Closing Date(Pacific time) :	12 th February 2023
Judging dates:	21 st February -5 th March 2023
Result Notification:	19 th March 2023
PSA Report sent by:	3 rd April 2023
E-Catalogue:	3 rd May 2023
On-line Gallery :	3 rd May 2023
Awards mailed :	3 rd May 2023

PANEL OF JUDGES

Color Open (PID-C)	
J.R.Schnelzer, U.S.A.	FPSA,MPSA2,EFIAP
Jian Xu, China	PPSA
Hongjun Yue,China	MPSA,FRPS

Monochrome Open (PID-M)	
Agatha Anne Bunanta, Indonesia	FPSA, GMPSA, GPSA, EFIAP/p,ARPS
David Poey Cher Tay, Singapore	MFIAP, HonEFIAP, FRPS, APSA, GMPSA/b
Danlei Ye, Canada	GMPSA/b,GPSA,ARPS,EFIAP

Nature (ND)	
Lung-Tsai Wang, Taiwan	GMPSA, GPSA, EFIAP,FRPS, FFAPA, F.P.S.T.C, F.P.S.T
Jing Guo, China	EFIAP,EPSA,LRPS,GPU CR-3,GPU Hermes
Danlei Ye, Canada	GMPSA/b,GPSA,ARPS,EFIAP

Nature-Birds theme (ND)	
Lung-Tsai Wang, Taiwan	GMPSA, GPSA, EFIAP,FRPS, FFAPA, F.P.S.T.C, F.P.S.T
Hongjun Yue,China	MPSA,FRPS
Danlei Ye, Canada	GMPSA/b,GPSA,ARPS,EFIAP

Photojournalism (PJD)	
Jing Guo, China	EFIAP,EPSA,LRPS,GPU CR-3,GPU Hermes

Jian Xu, China	PPSA
Hongjun Yue, China	MPSA, FRPS

Landscape General (PIDC)	
Chengyi Sun, China	
Larry Breitzkreutz, Canada	FCAPA
Henry Liu, Canada	

Landscape Drone (PIDC)	
Jian Xu, China	PPSA
Chengyi Sun, China	
Henry Liu, Canada	

Landscape Astrophotography (PIDC)	
Chengyi Sun, China	
Henry Liu, Canada	
Danlei Ye, Canada	GMPSA/b, GPSA, ARPS, EFIAP

Portrait (PIDC)	
Lung-Tsai Wang, Taiwan	GMPSA, GPSA, EFIAP, FRPS, FFAPA, F.P.S.T.C, F.P.S.T
David Poey Cher Tay, Singapore	MFIAP, HonEFIAP, FRPS, APSA, GMPSA/b
Larry Breitzkreutz, Canada	FCAPA

AWARDS

✘The entrants with the highest overall acceptance and awards total will receive cash prizes respectively of **GCPA Best Awards 2023** including Gold, Silver, Bronze Awards and Award Certificates.

Total of 471 medals and Honorable Mentions includes:

1 PSA Gold, 1 PSA Silver, 1 PSA Bronze and 2 PSA Ribbons for each of sections 1 through 9

1 CAPA Gold ,1 CAPA Silver , 1 CAPA Bronze and 2 CAPA Ribbons for each of sections 1 through 9

1 GPU Gold, 1 GPU Silver, 1 GPU Bronze and 6 GPU Ribbons for each of sections 1 through 9

1 GCPA Gold, 2 GCPA Silver, 3 GCPA Bronze and 20 GCPA Ribbons for each of sections 1 through 10

1 Chairman's Choice (GCPA Gold) for each of sections 1 through 10

3 Judge's Choice (GCPA Silver) for each of sections 1 through 10

The organizer reserves the right to change the number of awards depending on the total number of entrants.

NOTIFICATION & CATALOGUE

The results and online PDF Catalog will be published and downloadable from the result page of this exhibition website <http://www.gcpa.club>

Notification of results will be sent by email. Entrants must ensure that they provide an active email address and that spam filters are set to accept emails from contest2020@gcpa.photo. Notifications will not be sent by post.

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.

Image Information:

All images are to be submitted in JPEG format using sRGB colour space.

The maximum dimensions including any borders are:

1920 pixels (horizontal width) and 1080 pixels (vertical height), file size maximum 4 MB
Images smaller than 1920x1080 pixels are acceptable but will appear smaller when projected.

Oversized images will be rejected and the entrant will be required to resubmit their entry with properly sized images.

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.

Judging method:

The judging is to take place by remote on-line judging. Judges will be required to use color-calibrated monitors

All judging computer's display resolution set on 1920x1080 pixels. Judges' computer monitors are required to be capable of displaying images at 100% of the image resolution and images will be displayed at exactly 100% of their resolution (that is, the images will not be enlarged beyond their native resolution).

Acceptances:

The target range for acceptances is 28% - 34%.

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

GCPA Section Definitions

Nature-Birds theme:

The Nature definition applies to Birds theme section in this exhibition.

All submitted photos must depict birdlife (i.e. contain at least one bird or bird part) and accurately reflect the subject matter.

*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***

“Landscapes General”: Images in this section include Landscapes, Seascapes and Cityscapes. Images in this section explore the landscapes of our planet. This includes the Human-made, naturally sculpted or a combination of the two. We accept images from all viewpoints, in all locations, taken on both wide and telephoto lenses and taken at any time of day. Images may include people and/or animals BUT these must NOT be the main object of the image - the image must be about the environment.

Entrants are instructed that images taken from a drone should be entered into the **“Landscapes Drone”** section.

“Landscapes Drone”: The only proviso with this section is that the images submitted must have been taken from a drone in flight. They may be a frame taken from a videoclip sequence, or a meticulously planned still photograph.

Images in this section featuring environment and landscapes, urban and architecture, captured from the sky, showing scenes in nature and urban through the creative eye of the photographer. Images may include people and/or animals BUT they must NOT be the main object of the image.

Landscapes Astrophotography:

Images in this section should feature what a camera can capture on a tripod with a wide angle lens and proper exposure, combining landscapes with wide field astrophotography for a compelling image that has a strong composition with interesting foreground elements and a dramatic view of the sky, particularly the Milky Way, Aurora, etc.

Portrait: Images of a person or group of people capturing the personality of the subject.

This section always encourages submission of a broad spectrum of artistic, innovative and refreshing takes on human portraiture. We accept work taken both inside and outside the studio.

SIGMA open digital :

All entries taken with SIGMA cameras or lenses will be eligible.

Photo Submissions may reflect any topic or subject matter, but must be the original work of the entrant, and must depict the original photographic creation of the entrant.

Only photographs taken with a SIGMA camera or lens are eligible to enter the SIGMA category. Proof will need to be provided should an entry be shortlisted.

It is important to note that ALL work should be that of the author and not copied or derived from elsewhere.

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.

For the purpose of this exhibition, only greyscale images are allowed in monochrome sections. Toned images are not allowed

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

Border

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.

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Photojournalism Definition

Photojournalism entries are images with informative content and emotional impact, reflecting the human presence in our world.

Content Guidelines

- The journalistic (story-telling) value of the image should receive priority over pictorial quality.
- Images that misrepresent the truth, such as those from events or activities arranged specifically for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography, are not eligible.
- A number (typically 2-6) of images may be combined into a single image that depicts a progression of events. The individual images should be surrounded by 5 pixel or smaller white borders/. The arrangement of the images should assist the sense of progression.
- Human Interest images depict a person or persons in an interactive, emotional or unusual situation, excluding competitive sports action.

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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/suspicions 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.

If another party is processing images for an entrant or submitting images on the entrant's behalf, the entrant will still be held responsible for adhering to all Conditions of Entry including the specific conditions in the relevant definitions.

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.



Valid acceptances received by PSA Members in recognized sections of this exhibition are eligible for PSA Star Ratings, listing in the world-wide PSA Who's Who of Photography and credited towards the PSA Distinctions of QPSA, PPSA, EPSA, MPSA, MPSA2, GMPSA, GMPSA/B, GMPSA/S, GMPSA/G, and GMPSA/P.

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