

SNAPSHOTS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB CONTEST 2021

Term:

Rise Up Arts Alliance Snapshots Photography Club 2nd Annual Photo Contest begins October 11, 2021, and ends December 31, 2021, at 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time. By submitting an entry, each contestant agrees to the rules of the contest and states that he or she is 18 years old or older for the adult division and 17 and younger for the Juvenile Division.

Who may enter:

The Grand Prize, Readers' Choice prize, Natural World, Travel, People, The American Experience, Altered Images and Mobile category prizes are open to photographers who are 18 years old or older. Individuals affiliated with Rise Up Arts, including employees, emeriti, Regents, trustees, interns, volunteers, fellows, research associates and their immediate families (children, parents, siblings and spouses) and others living in their households are not eligible for any prize. Rise Up Arts will determine winners' eligibility in its sole discretion.

What to enter:

The following six contest categories are drawn from subjects of special interest to *Rise Up Arts Alliance*:

- 1. Natural World:** Animals, plants and landscapes; geological or climatological features; and scientific processes and endeavors.
- 2. Travel:** Locales, peoples or activities in the United States and abroad that convey a sense of place.
- 3. People:** Portraits and photos of groups or individuals.
- 4. The American Experience:** Events, objects or activities connecting the American people to their history or their cultural heritage; photographs that tell us what it means to be an American and provide a sense of what it is like to live in this country.
- 5. Altered Images:** Photographs manipulated for artistic purposes by applying digital and/or traditional special effects.
- 6. Mobile:** Any photograph taken with a mobile device (phone or tablet).

To be eligible for any category, a photograph must have been shot by the entrant. The contestant certifies that he/she is the sole creator and copyright owner of the submitted photograph.

Cropped photos are eligible in all categories. We do not accept digitally or otherwise enhanced or altered photos, except for those entered in the Altered Images category. Minor adjustments, including the removal of sensor dust or scratches on scans of negatives, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast, toning, slight color adjustment and conversion to grayscale are acceptable for all categories. The addition and subtraction of objects is not permitted except in the Altered

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Images category. If the judges determine that a photographer has altered his or her photo, they reserve the right to move the photo to Altered Images or to disqualify it. Image composites including HDR and stitched panoramas will be judged as Altered Images.

For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must be prepared to provide a model release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian, to Rise Up Arts upon request.

Similarly, entrants whose photos depict other people's work (such as sculptures, statues, paintings, and other copyrightable works) must be prepared to provide a release from the rights holder to Rise Up Arts upon request. When photographing the work of others, it must be as an object in its environment and not a full-frame close-up of another person's creation.

If the entrant is unable to provide all required releases, Rise Up Arts in its sole discretion reserves the right to disqualify the submission, seek to secure the required releases, or permit the submission to remain in the contest.

Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright, are not eligible.

Photos that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content, as determined by Rise Up Arts in its sole discretion, are ineligible for all categories of this contest.

Ethics

Entrants must disclose the circumstances under which an image was captured as well as any instructions given to a subject.

The welfare of a subject and its environment must be placed ahead of the desire to capture a photograph. Upon entering the contest, entrants certify that subjects were treated with respect and dignity, and that no people, wildlife or the environment were harmed in creating a photograph.

If baiting was used to attract wildlife, or special equipment such as camera traps and drones used to capture the photograph, this must be disclosed. Live baiting of wildlife is not permitted.

How to Enter:

Please submit photographs and requested information online via email to photography@riseupartsalliance.org. You may submit up to 15 photographs per category for a contest total of 90 submissions. In order to be displayed in our online gallery without being stretched or distorted, photographs must be submitted in .jpeg, .jpg or .gif format, edited for web in sRGB color space, at least 2,000 pixels wide and no larger than 10 MB. You must complete a separate form for each photo submitted.

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We do not accept photographs submitted through the mail and do not accept more than one contestant per e-mail address. High-quality scans of non-digital photographs are acceptable. Digital photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.

Finalists must be prepared to submit an original, unedited digital file or an original negative, print or slide. Original negatives, prints or slides will be returned to finalists. Rise Up Arts Alliance reserves the right to disqualify incomplete entries and/or contestants who are unable to submit, upon request, a high-resolution photograph of at least 300 dpi at 3,000 pixels on the longest side or an original photo negative, print or slide. Mobile photographs are exempt from this size requirement, but must be submitted at their highest resolution upon request.

The Rise Up Arts may collect a photograph's metadata upon entry.

You retain your rights to your photograph; however, by entering the contest, you grant the Rise Up Arts Alliance (and those authorized by the Rise Up Arts) a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or later developed, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotion on its website, exhibition, and commercial products, including but not limited to Rise Up Arts Alliance publications. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible. The Rise Up Arts Alliance will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

Entry deadline:

The contest begins on October 11, 2021. All entries must be received through photography@riseupartsalliance.org by 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on December 31, 2021.

Judging

Photo entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, originality, responsiveness to the prompt and overall impact.

The Rise Up Arts will select a winner(s) for each category, and a Grand Prize winner from the finalists. The finalists will be notified of their status and appear on our website. In addition, the public can vote on our website for the Readers' Choice winner. The Readers' Choice winner, Grand Prize winner and category winners will be revealed online in winter 2022.

Rise Up Arts will notify winners via the contact information provided at the time of entry; Rise Up Arts may disqualify anyone who fails to respond to the notification within five business days.

Please do not contact us about the status of entries or judging.

Prizes:

One prize per person; winners may receive additional non-cash prizes. Winners must sign a release and license, as well as a declaration of eligibility. All prizes are awarded "as is" and

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non-transferable. In case applicable law prohibits Rise Up Arts from awarding a photographer the cash prize and/or any non-cash prize, Rise Up Arts may award the prize in name only.

Online Features:

The Rise Up Arts may select photos for highlight on its website or display in a publicly accessible contest archive. Such selections will be made at Rise Up Arts's sole discretion.

Conditions of Entry:

All entrants hold the Sponsors and their respective regents, directors, officers, employees, emeriti, fellows, interns, research associates, and volunteers (the "Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against all claims of any nature arising in connection with entrant's participation in the contest and acceptance or use of a prize. The Indemnified Parties are not liable for any costs, damages, injuries, or other claims incurred as a result of entrants' participation in the contest or winner's acceptance and usage of a prize. The Indemnified Parties are not responsible for incomplete or misdirected entries, technical or network malfunctions or failures, or causes beyond their control. Entrants are solely responsible for their entries. Entrants may not submit materials that introduce any software viruses, worms or other programs designed to damage software, hardware or telecommunications equipment or are off-topic, partisan-political, contain advertising, nudity, personal attacks or expletives, or is otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, sexually explicit, or that infringes on the rights of any third party.

The contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law. Rise Up Arts reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at its discretion. In the event of a dispute regarding the winners, Rise Up Arts reserves the right to award or not award the prizes in its sole discretion. Rise Up Arts reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whose entry or conduct appears in any way to: inhibit the enjoyment of others; tamper with the competition; violate these rules or other applicable law or regulation; infringe on the rights of third parties; or act in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. **Decisions of the Rise Up Arts are final and binding.**