

2024 MCAC Juried Photography Show Rules & Release with Conditions of Entry

- All photos must be original work, taken by the entrants. No third party may own or control any materials the photo contains, and the photo must not infringe upon the trademark, copyright, moral rights, intellectual rights, or rights of privacy of any entity or person.
- Entries will not be accepted unless submitted via the official contest channel and submissions will not be accepted once the deadline lapses.
- All entries will be on display at The Common Ground for the entire month of July. Once the exhibit has concluded, Medina County Arts Council (MCAC) will coordinate with entries to arrange for pick up before August 31, 2024 and will become property of MCAC if not picked-up by August 31, 2024
- All entries will be judged blindly. All decisions are final.
- MCAC and/or Judges reserve the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed inappropriate or does not conform to stated contest rules.
- People's Choice winner: The public will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite display. People's Choice voting is open to the public and only one vote per person is allowed. If a duplication of voting occurs, the first vote will be counted and the others will be removed. **People's Choice voting will take place online from July 5th through July 31st.** The entry that receives the most public votes will be determined the winner. The People's Choice winner will be announced the first week of August.
- The winner will be contacted via the email address provided during entry. If no response is received after 30 business days, the winner will forfeit all rights to the prize.
- Participants retain the rights to their photograph. However, by entering the contest, participants grant the MCAC 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. MCAC is not required to pay additional consideration or seek approval in connection with such uses. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer's credit, as feasible.
- For photographs that include a recognizable person under 18 years of age, the photographer must provide written permission from a parent/guardian before the entry deadline.
- Objectionable or inappropriate content is ineligible for this contest and will be discarded.
- Application Images are limited to .jpeg files only and file name must include photographer's name and subject (e.g., JohnDoe_DrippingSprings.jpg). DO NOT embed any information in the image area itself, such as name, copyright, logo, etc., to keep judging anonymous
- Accepted pieces that will be on display are limited to matted prints at least 4" x 6" with 12" x 9" max with photographer's name and subject (e.g., JohnDoe_DrippingSprings.jpg) on the back of mat. (DO NOT embed any information in the image area itself, such as name, copyright, logo, etc., to keep judging anonymous) *** Mat boards must be either white or back & is required.
- By submitting an entry, each contestant agrees to the rules of the contest and confirms he or she is at least 18 years old at the time of their entry's submission or have parental/guardian permission if under 18 years of age.

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All entrants hold the Medina County Arts Council and their respective regents, directors, officers, former and current employees, emeriti, fellows, interns, suppliers, 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 the 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 and MCAC is not responsible for lost or damage prints.

Entrants may not submit materials that 1) introduce any software viruses, worms, or other programs designed to damage software, hardware or telecommunications equipment or 2) are off-topic, partisan-political, contain advertising, nudity, personal attacks, or expletives, or 3) are otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, sexually explicit, or 4) that infringes on the rights of any third party.

The contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law.

MCAC reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at its discretion. In the event of a dispute regarding the winners, MCAC reserves the right to award or not award the prize(s) in its sole discretion. MCAC reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whose entry or conduct appears in any way to: 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.

Agreement to Rules: By entering the contest, you agree to comply with and abide by these rules and the decisions of MCAC, and you represent and warrant that you meet the eligibility requirements. In addition, you agree to accept the decisions of MCAC as final and binding as it relates to the content of this campaign.

You shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless MCAC from and against any suit, proceeding, claims, liability, loss, damage, costs, or expense, which MCAC may incur, suffer, or be required to pay, arising out of such infringement or suspected infringement of any third party's right.

If you have any questions about the contest, please email MedinaCoArtsCouncil@gmail.com.