

FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

2021



FOCUS is an open-theme competition & exhibition. It is open to all residents of the greater St. Louis area, ages 5 & up.

PLEASE NOTE: Ages 21 & up have a \$5 entry fee per image. Entries for those under 21 are free. Limit of 2 images per person.

All Ages & Skill Levels Welcome!

Photos will be judged within five age categories:

5-13 14-20 21-49 50-64 65+

This year all images will be submitted electronically and our exhibition will be held outside. More information can be found on the next page.

Guest Judge: Robyn Stellhorn

Robyn Stellhorn enjoyed a 30-year career as a high school teacher in the Rockwood School District. She began in the field of Journalism and English, wrote the first curriculum to introduce Film Photography in 1991, and then taught both Film and Digital Photography until 2020. Stellhorn won Teacher of the Year in 2017. One of her passions was to offer free senior portrait packages to students who would not otherwise receive one. Now, she enjoys doing philanthropic photography and writing for churches and schools to assist with marketing as well as teaching education classes at Central Methodist University.

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Call for Entry Electronic Submission

May 17 - May 24

FOCUS Exhibition

June 25 - July 5

Outside at Paul Schroeder Park

Daily Viewing Hours Sunrise to Sunset

Reception Event June 25, 6pm-8pm

General Information

- A. Photos will be judged within 5 age categories. Choose your age category based upon your age as of May, 17 2021.
- B. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each of the 5 age categories. A 'Best of Show' prize will also be awarded, chosen from all entries. Winners will receive a prize check, and award certificate. Winners will be notified during the week prior to the opening.
- C. Judging will be based on strength of subject and message, creativity, originality, and overall excellence. All decisions of the judge are final.
- D. At least 1 photo entry from each participant will be displayed at FOCUS 2021. Winners' names and photographs will be featured on the Manchester Arts website, Facebook, and Instagram.
- E. Manchester Arts encourages the sale of your artwork, but no sales will be made on-site at either exhibit. Please determine the value of your work or mark them 'Not For Sale' (NFS.) Purchase requests will be forwarded privately to the photographer. No art commission will be collected.

Manchester Arts reserves the right to reject any photo entry that does not meet the criteria set forth in this Call For Entries.

Entry Requirements

- A. Each photographer may submit a maximum of two photo entries, either color or black-and-white, created during the past two calendar years (beginning January, 2019) created in camera either on film or with any digital device (including phones, tablets, etc.)
- B. Images MUST be 'family-friendly,' meet acceptable standards, and may not contain objectionable or inappropriate content, as determined by the final and binding discretion of the exhibit sponsor, Manchester Arts.
- C. All entries must be submitted electronically - let us know if you need help.
- D. Printing of photos will be the responsibility of Manchester Arts. Prints will be 8x10 (some winning photos may be printed in a larger format).
- E. If over the age of 21, entry fee must be paid for your photo to be submitted to the judge and hung in the exhibition. **Any submissions not paid for will be considered incomplete.**
- F. Images must be primarily photographic in origin, and may be enhanced via darkroom or digital post-processing and editing. All unique artistic styles and techniques used to create or process the final images will be allowed.
- G. Images must be the original work of, and created solely by, the entrant. No straight reproductions of other artwork are allowed.
- H. Photographers may not submit work that was entered in a previous Manchester Arts photo exhibit.
- I. Please do not submit photos with photographer's name digitally added to the photo (like an artist signature). This is a 'blind' judging process — your identity must remain unknown.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION FORM AVAILBLE MAY 17TH, AT MANCHESTERMO.GOV/FOCUS