

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS FESTIVAL 2016

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION

ENTRY RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES - May be dropped off Sat., July 16, 2016 or Sun., July 17, 2016 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the basement of the William King Museum. They may also be mailed to:

Virginia Highlands Festival
Attention: Photography Committee
P.O. Box 801
Abingdon, Virginia 24212

ENTRIES MAY NOT BE DROPPED OFF AT THE OFFICE. Mailed entries must be received no later than July 16, 2016. Please attach an entry form (a page of three is included here) to the UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER on the BACK of each entry.

2. FEES- Make checks payable to the Virginia Highland Festival at the rate of \$5.00 per entry for Youth; \$10.00 per entry for Amateur; \$15.00 per entry for Professional; and \$10.00 per entry for Altered Images.

3. CATEGORY DEFINITIONS - YOUTH is open to photographers who have not reached their 17th birthday by June 1, 2016. **AMATEUR** is defined as anyone 17 years of age (and above) that is not professional. **PROFESSIONAL** is defined as anyone who derives more than 25% of their income from photography. **ALTERED IMAGES** is photographs manipulated for artistic purposes by applying digital and/or traditional special effects (i.e., colorizing, toning, collage, photo composites, HDR, etc.).

4. SIZE AND MOUNTING - Entries must be mounted on **11 x 14 Foam Core Board** (which is no greater than 3/8 inch thick - including matting). Matting is optional. Photos may be any size, but no **greater than 11 x 14**.

5. GENERAL GUIDELINES - Photographs must be acceptable for the exhibit venue - William King Museum of Art. Frames, metal hangers, or clips of any type will not be accepted. Neither signatures nor titles may be on the front of me entry. Entries may be in black and white or color. Any protective covers are to be removed by the photographer when entries are submitted.

6. RETURN PROCEDURE - Entries may be picked up between 4 and 5 p.m. on August 8, 2016 at the William King Museum. If you would like to have your entry mailed back to you, a self-addressed envelope or box with the proper prepaid shipping must be included. Entries received without proper packing materials and labels will not be mailed back to you.

7. **PRIZES** - This year's prize offerings are as follows:

Best of Show - \$300.00
Professional Category - (1st) \$100.00; (2nd) \$50.00; (3rd) \$25.00
Amateur Category - (1st) \$100.00; (2nd) \$50.00; (3rd) \$25.00
Altered Images - (1st) \$100.00; (2nd) \$50.00; (3rd) \$25.00
Youth Category - (1st) \$100.00; (2nd) \$50.00; (3rd) \$25.00
People's Choice - \$150.00

In the event of a tie, the prize money for that category will be split between the winners. All judging will be completed by July 25, 2016. The People's Choice will be awarded on August 8, 2016 and the winner will be notified at that time. The Washington County News and the Bristol Herald Courier will be notified of all winners. Winners from all categories will be posted on the Virginia Highlands Festival's website.

The judge's decisions are final.

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APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Number of Entries _____ **X Appropriate Category Fee** _____ =

Entry Total _____

I understand that as the artist, I must sign this release upon delivery of work/s to be entered into the competition. I also understand that insurance is the sole responsibility of the artist. Neither the Virginia Highlands Festival nor the William King Museum assume any liability for loss, theft, or vandalism. The competition will take every precaution with all work and will handle each in a professional manner. Further, I understand that the decisions of the Judge are final and I agree to accept those decisions. Further, I agree to allow the Festival to display my work entered in the competition until August 7, 2016. I also understand that if my work is not picked up by August 31, 2016, it becomes the property of the Virginia Highlands Festival. I understand that my entry (or entries) will be available for pickup only by myself or the designated representative/s named below.

Artist Signature _____ **Date** _____

Designated Representative/s _____

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This application is available from the VHF website.