



## JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

### INDIANA STATE FAIR 2023 PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION NEWS Fair is open JULY 28 through AUG 20, 2023 (closed on Mondays and Tuesdays)

After the success of the Indiana Online Image Competition last April, we are now at the midpoint of Spring. It's time to turn our attention to the Indiana State Fair and the Fair's annual Photography Competition and Exhibition, which IPPG will once again help to administer. We encourage all Indiana photographers to participate. Each year has been a resounding success and we are looking forward to another group of very talented photographers, both amateur and professional, student and adult, to participate in displaying their photography skills and images.

This year will be very exciting with several improvements to guide both the professional and amateur photographer. There are many photographic categories to enter in each division including this year's theme of **"BASKETBALL."**

#### PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

**NEW:** In the Professional Division, we have added the new category **"PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTIST."** Here a conceptual image is altered or manipulated from its original condition. Creations can be a subtle application using post-processing techniques or a dramatic combination of details to suggest a larger story. The purpose of this competition is to allow the entrant to demonstrate their art skills and expertise in photography.

#### **Links & Important Dates**

IPPG website-<https://ippgonline.org/State-Fair>

#### **Professional Division**

#### **Amateur Division**

**Preparing Your Images for Competition  
Helpful for All Individuals Entering**

<https://ippgonline.org/State-Fair>

#### **Exhibitors Corner**

<https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/>

#### **Photography Division Rules & Guidelines**

<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/indiana-arts-entry-information>

#### **Photographic Artist**

**Competition (digital matting and mounting  
of prints) instructions**

**Live Streaming of Judging**

**Critiques**

<https://ippgonline.org/State-Fair>

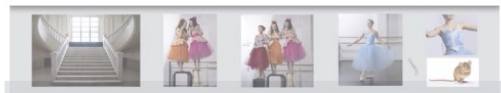


#### **Volunteers Needed**

Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/430BT89>



A “Photographic Artist” image can be created using digital or traditional art (such as painting and airbrush) or a combination of both. It may also be a composite photograph made up of more than one to many different photographs. In either case, the finished print must include small thumbnails (to the bottom or side) of the original image along with any other added images. Judging includes the skill in which the photographer manipulates the printed image. A full explanation and description may be found In the Indiana Arts Open Book and our website, with a sample image. Please see the link and sample image below:



(Sample Photographic Artist photograph provided by Master Photographer Tami Mohs)

<https://ippgonline.org/State-Fair>



## AMATEUR DIVISION

**NEW:** For Amateurs, we have increased the number of entries allowed from 2 to **3 prints plus 1 State Fair Theme print** for a maximum total of 4 print entries. It is our hope to give amateurs greater exposure and chances to enter.

**NEW:** Helpful Instructions in **Preparing Your Images for Competition** (digital mattes and mounting for exhibition) may be found In the Indiana Arts Open Book. It is also on our website (including a video <https://ippgonline.org/State-Fair>)



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 16-July 1, 2023 **EARLY REGISTRATION:** \$30** with an additional \$0.50 for each print entered.

**July 2-July 21, 2023 **LATE REGISTRATION:** \$50** with an additional \$1.00 per print entered

**July 21, 2023 Friday **CHECK IN 12:00pm-6:00pm****

**July 22, 2023 Saturday **CHECK IN 9:00am-5:00pm****

**July 23, 2023 Sunday **JUDGING 9:00am-5:00pm****

**July 28 – Aug 20, 2023 **STATE FAIR OPEN** (closed Mondays and Tuesdays)**

**Aug 4, 2023 Friday **PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS 6:00pm-7:30pm****

**Aug 21, 2023 Monday **RELEASE OF PRINTS 9:00pm-7:00pm****

**Aug 22, 2023 Tuesday **RELEASE OF PRINTS 9:00am-3:00pm****

### Some important DATES for volunteering:

**Thursday July 20, 2023: Setup of Space 1:00pm-3:30pm (**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**)**

**Friday July 21, 2023: Check in of prints 12:00pm-6:00pm 3rd Floor Indiana Arts Building (**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**)**

**Saturday July 22, 2023: Check in of prints: 12:00pm-5:00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Indiana Arts Building (**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**)**

**Sunday July 23, 2023: Judging and hanging of prints 8:00am-5:00pm (**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**)**

**Monday, July 24, 2023: Final hanging of prints 9:30am-1:30pm (**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**)**

**Indiana State Fair July 28-August 20, 2023: Fair opens (closed Mondays & Tuesdays) **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to host the exhibit in 4-hour shifts.**

**Monday, August 21, 2023 9:00am-7:00pm: Release of Prints (**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**)**

**Tuesday, August 22, 2023 9:00am-3:00pm: Release of Prints (**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**)**



## HELPFUL FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS ENTERING

Once again, IPPG is offering each entrant the opportunity to select the Live Stream of Judging on Sunday July 23, 2023 for \$10. <https://ippgonline.org/State-Fair>

Each entrant will also have the opportunity to have their print(s) critiqued by a local Master of Photography degree member of the Professional Photographers of America. Prints will be critiqued for an additional \$15 each. <https://ippgonline.org/State-Fair>

In the Professional Division, the **PET POR-TRAIT** category will be offered for the second year. We hope that many will decide to enter this category and share their work on the beauty of domestic pets. This is not the animal category. It is intended for **family pets** that we all love to see.

An **AWARD CEREMONY** for all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbon winners in each category plus the Best of Shows will be held on Friday August 4, 2023 from 6:00-7:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Indiana Arts Building.

In addition to entering, each entrant will receive 6 complementary "Exhibitor Tickets" to the fair. To enter go to Exhibitors Corner: <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/>

**IMPORTANT:** To find the entire Photography Division rules and guidelines please see the Indiana Arts Open Entry Book (Photography Division pp. 57-61):

<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/indiana-arts-entry-information>

**REMEMBER** (The Photography Division allows entrants only a limited number of prints)

**Professional Photographers:** maximum of 3 prints, 1 Fair Theme print, and 1 album allowed (for a total maximum of 5).

**Amateur Photographers:** maximum of 3 prints plus 1 Fair Theme print allowed (for a total maximum of 4).

For information on **Photographic Artist, Competition (digital matting and mounting of prints) instructions, Live Streaming of Judging,** and **Critiques** go to the following link: <https://ippgonline.org/State-Fair>

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For the past several years, we have had more than 750 prints entered in the Photography Competition and Exhibition. Needless to say, it is a very, very large undertaking. All this can only be accomplished with the help of members of the photography community to step up and volunteer some time. You need not be an IPPG member. Everyone with an interest in photography is invited to be a part of this Indiana State Fair tradition. We have a number of dates, times and assignments which are in need of people to help out. If you are interested, please go to the below link and sign up for a time slot. Any time you volunteer, you will receive a free parking pass for the next time you come to the State Fair. IPPG members may also earn a credit towards the IPPG Fellowship.

It is the Indianapolis Professional Photographers Guild goal this year to help clarify some of the guidelines and rules to enable a better understanding of how the Photography Competition and Exhibition is organized and run. We want to take the stress out of entering and bring joy in seeing each photographer's work exhibited.

Kip Shawger  
IPPG Membership Director

## Upcoming Summer Events

Tuesday June 6 - Intro to Pet Photography with Ellie Brown - BEHN Gallery, Carmel, IN

Tuesday July 11 - Annual IPPG Family Picnic - Location TBA

Saturday August 26 - Pinup Photography with Chris Wooley (All-day Program) Location TBA

Tuesday September 5 - SEO (Search Engine Optimization) with Henry Freeman - Library Restaurant and Pub, Indianapolis