



Photo-Harmony Competition - Rules & Guidance

The following is based on guidelines provided by the *Royal Photographic Society AV Group*:

Photo Harmony should demonstrate skill in the production and visual progression of still images linked to sound. No script, words or story with a specific beginning, middle and ending are required but the images must flow well in a pleasing progression, not just in a random manner.

The purpose is to display a set of images which harmonise with each other and with the sound used. The sequence should be constructed so images progress harmoniously in terms of colour or tone and graphic design. The aim is not to display a collection of individually excellent photographs, but instead it should be a sequence of good pictures which blend well with each other and the soundtrack chosen to accompany them. It is recommended the sound and images start and finish together and the original ending of the music is preserved rather than it arbitrarily fading-out.

As with all techniques, digital manipulation can easily be overdone and result in an effect counter-productive to the one intended. Such modifications should be carefully matched to the overall concept being communicated by the images.

Entry Requirements

Entries can be executable files created with software such as [PicturesToExe](#), or other formats that will play on the WPS Windows 10 laptop. Note that entries will need be transferred to the display laptop before being played to ensure best playback performance.

- Sequences will be viewed via digital projector in 4:3 format, 1600 by 1200 pixels.
- The length of sequences should be no longer than 6 minutes.
- All photographs used in a sequence must be the sole work of the entrant.
- The soundtrack must be music and can be instrumental or a song with or without lyrics. You may not add spoken word or sound effects.
- Nothing shown in the sequence should allow the audience to identify the entrant.
- Each entrant may submit a maximum of two sequences.
- Entries must be submitted by the deadline given either on CD or USB memory stick.
- Members attending the competition evening will vote for their choice of winning entry.

Other software is available to create AV presentations such as the [ProShow](#) software and CD burning packages, such as Nero for example, may also include AV creation software. In some cases the facilities offered by software can be far more comprehensive than is actually needed and WPS members have found PicturesToExe to be ideal for their needs.

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