



## Photo-Harmony Competition - Rules & Guidance

Photo Harmony is intended to demonstrate skill in the production and visual progression of still images linked to sound. No words or story with a specific beginning, middle and ending are required. The emphasis is on matching the images with appropriate transitions and harmonising them with the sound. Video clips are not allowed in the sequence.

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 that images progress harmoniously in terms of colour or tone and graphic design. The aim is not to display images which may be excellent when considered individually but which fail to harmonise with each other and with the sound chosen. It is recommended the sound and images start and finish together and that the original ending of the music is preserved rather than an arbitrary fade-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.

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

- Sequences will be viewed via digital projector at 1400 by 1050 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 some 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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