



**PSA 2023-578**

**NOVEMBER CIRCUIT** is organised in accordance with the recommended practices of PSA and all acceptances will count for PSA Star ratings & for inclusion in the annual PSA "Who's Who" of Photography.

This circuit is organized and sponsored by Peerless Photo Club, a group of photo-enthusiasts.

### **Exhibition Chair**

**Rohit Das**

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Exhibition Website: <https://www.novembersalon.com>

### **Sections:**

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#### **DIGITAL (4 Sections):**

- A) Open Color – **PIDC** (color images only)
  - B) People & Street – **PIDC** (color images only)
  - C) Open Monochrome – **PIDM** (Monochrome images only)
  - D) Nature – **ND** (Color and Greyscale monochrome images only)
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### **Entry Fees**

**US \$ 35 or equivalent** for any one section, **US \$ 5 or equivalent** for each additional section

#### **EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT:**

**USD \$35** for all sections' participation up to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or first 30 paid participants, whichever is earlier. Participants can upload or change photos till the closing date.

#### **Group Discount:**

**25% discount** for group of 6 - 11 members for participation in all sections  
**50% discount** for group of 12+ members for participation in all sections

**PAYPAL ID: november.salon@gmail.com**

All domestic entrants must send entry fee by IMPS/NEFT transfer to the following account:

Bank Account number: **6241101003639**

Beneficiary name: **ROHIT DAS**

Bank: **CANARA BANK**

Branch name: **PANIHATI SODEPUR; IFSC Code: CNRB0006241**

**Entry fee payment details must be informed by mail. Cash deposit by hand is available subject to availability of collector**

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### **Circuit Calendar:**

<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
<b>All Judging Completed by</b>	<b>09<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>
<b>Notification email sent</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023</b>
<b>EDAS</b>	<b>08<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>
<b>Awards &amp; Digital Catalog</b>	<b>07<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>
<b>Online Gallery Posted</b>	<b>07<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>

### **Jury List:**

#### **Salon 1:**

**Elena McTighe, HonPSA, MPSA (USA)**

**Paul Speaker, PPSA, BPSA (USA)**

**Bob Benson, FPSA, EPSA, AFIAP (USA)**

#### **Salon 2:**

**David Stout, EPSA, EFIAP (England)**

**Barbara Jenkin, GMPSA/P, EFIAP/d3, ARPS (England)**

**Francis Nicoll, GMPSA, MFIAP, ESFIAP, EFIAP/d1, GPU Cr4 (Belgium)**

#### **Salon 3:**

**Tapas Kumar Paul, GMPSA, EFIAP/s, GPU Cr4 (India)**

**Abhijit Sarkar, EPSA, EFIAP (India)**

**Soham Sarkar, EPSA, EFIAP (India)**

#### **Salon 4:**

**Avik Sett, MPSA, EFIAP (India)**

**Piyali Mitra, GMPSA/S, EFIAP/G (India)**

**Koshal Basu, EPSA, EFIAP/b (India)**

**Salon 5:**

**Robert Lie**, PPSA, EFIAP/b, GPU Hermes (*Indonesia*)

**Mery Binglie**, EPSA, EFIAP/b (*Indonesia*)

**Thigh Wanna**, MPSA, GPSA, MFIAP, FRPS (*Myanmar*)

**Salon 6:**

**Mustafa Evirgen**, EPSA, EFIAP/d1 (*Cyprus*)

**Paolo Stuppazzoni**, QPSA, EFIAP (*Italy*)

**Dirk Van Weert**, FPSA, MPSA, EFIAP (*Belgium*)

**AWARDS FOR EACH SALON**

<b>Open Color (PIDC)</b>	<b>People &amp; Street (PIDC)</b>	<b>Open Monochrome (PIDM)</b>	<b>Nature (ND)</b>
<b>1 PSA GOLD</b>	<b>1 PSA GOLD</b>	<b>1 PSA GOLD</b>	<b>1 PSA GOLD</b>
<b>1 SALON GOLD</b>	<b>1 SALON GOLD</b>	<b>1 SALON GOLD</b>	<b>1 SALON GOLD</b>
<b>1 SALON SILVER</b>	<b>1 SALON SILVER</b>	<b>1 SALON SILVER</b>	<b>1 SALON SILVER</b>
<b>1 SALON BRONZE</b>	<b>1 SALON BRONZE</b>	<b>1 SALON BRONZE</b>	<b>1 SALON BRONZE</b>
<b>3 Jury Choice</b>	<b>3 Jury Choice</b>	<b>3 Jury Choice</b>	<b>3 Jury Choice</b>

**1 Best Group Trophy**

- Salon Gold, Silver, Bronze and Jury Choice shall be soft awards and must be downloaded by winning authors from their account in our exhibition website with valid username and password.
- Minimum 08 participants must participate and pay their due entry fee for all sections to be eligible for Best Group Trophy. Best Group shall be decided on the total number of acceptances. In case of a tie, number of awards shall be taken into consideration. In case of a tie, again, number of entrants of the group shall be the deciding factor.

**JUDGING PROCESS, RESULT & CATALOG**

Judging is to take place remotely (online) by each jury member. Distribution of images shall be in the same round order as submitted by the entrant, but they shall not appear to the judges' consecutively. Remote judging will take place and all judges shall use Color calibrated equipment capable of displaying submitted images at exactly 100% of the image resolution.

Score card sent to entrants shall reflect total obtained score of first round judging only.

Result and digital catalog shall be published at website or sent via email or both.

## **PSA Conditions of Entry**

**IMAGE AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS** This exhibition is open to anyone; however, an entry may be rejected when the Sponsor or the Exhibition Organizers, in their reasonable discretion, believes the entry does not conform to exhibition rules and these Conditions of Entry. Membership in any photographic organization is not required.

**Penalties:** Entries will not be accepted from any entrant who has put on the **PSA Penalties List for Ethics Violation**. Entry fees are not refundable in these circumstances

### **PSA Star Ratings**

To receive proper Star ratings credit from PSA, entrants must provide their names and country exactly the same way in each exhibition. Aliases are not permitted. Please contact PSA in the event of name changes or relocating to another country. Using one's name differently in different exhibition exposes the entrant to the risk that many of their acceptances may not be recognized by PSA Star Ratings.

### **Image Creation**

Entries must originate as photographs (image-captures of objects via light sensitivity) made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally.

### **Certification:**

By virtue of submitting an image, the entrant certifies the work as his or her own. Images may not incorporate elements produced by anyone else (for example: clip art, images or art by others downloaded from the Internet). Aliases are not allowed.

### **Reproduction**

The entrant permits the sponsors to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication and/or display in media related to the exhibition. This may include low resolution posting on a website. The Photographic Society of America (PSA) may request specific permission from entrants to reproduce entered images in its educational materials. The terms of that permission will be mutually agreed between the entrant and PSA **except in the circumstances where the entered image is found to breach the PSA Ethics Policy. In those circumstances the image may be reproduced by PSA, without the entrant's further permission, for educational purposes to illustrate serious exhibition rule violations. For those reproductions, the entrant's name will be withheld .**

Entries will not be accepted from entrants who indicate that their images may not be reproduced in materials related to the exhibition." The exhibition assumes no liability of any misuse of copyright

**Alteration and Computer Generation** Subject to Divisional restrictions (particularly Nature, Photo Travel, and Photojournalism) images may be altered, either electronically or otherwise, by the entrant; adjustments to enhance images or creatively modify images are allowed providing the underlying photograph is retained in a way that is obvious to the viewer. Images may not be constructed entirely with a computer, and must be the sole work of the entrant

**Re-use of accepted images:** Any image that has been accepted in this exhibition, past or present, may not be entered again in the same Division Star Ratings Class in any future instances of this exhibition. It may, of course, be entered in any other PSA recognised exhibitions but **must always have the same**

**title. Re-titling in another language is not allowed.**

**Entry:** An Entry consists of, up to and including, four (4) images entered by a single entrant into the same Section. An entrant may only enter a specific Section once. Entrants may not enter identical or similar images into the same section or different sections of the same exhibition.

**Titles:**

Each image must have a unique title **that is a description of the image**. That unique title must be used for entry of that image or of an identical Image into any and all PSA-Recognized exhibitions. Titles must be 35 characters or fewer. No titles may be visible to the judges, and nothing in the image may identify the entrant. Titles may not include file extensions such as .jpg or .jpeg (or any other camera capture filenames such as IMG 471). Titles may not consist of personal identifiers possibly augmented by a number; or include words such as “untitled” or “no title”. Titles may not consist solely of numbers unless those numbers are prominently contained within the image, such as a contestant number in a race.

**Color and Monochrome:**

Color and Monochrome images from the same capture that share substantial pictorial content in common will be considered the same image and must be given the same title.

**About Online Entry:**

- Maximum size of any image 1920 pixels on the horizontal side 1080 pixels vertical side at a resolution of 300 dpi, (Maximum Size 2 MB), 8 bit, sRGB and saved as a large jpeg file. Files of larger size shall be rejected by the system.
- No RENAMING is needed. Your Image caption/title shall be your file name. **Titles do not need to be translated to English but must be given in English characters and must be within 35 characters**
- All entries to be made via our electronic entry system accessible at [www.novembersalon.com](http://www.novembersalon.com)
- For any questions, please email [november.salon@gmail.com](mailto:november.salon@gmail.com)

The Exhibition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the PSA

An entrant's images will not be presented to the judges consecutively. An entrant's four images will be distributed throughout four rounds of judging in that section. Distribution of images will be in the same round order as submitted by the entrant. At no stage will a judge be able to view all the entrant's images together.

**Target Acceptance Percentage: 29% to 35%**

## DATA PROTECTION

By entering this exhibition, you are explicitly consenting to the personal details you have supplied, including physical addresses, email addresses, being held, processed and used by the exhibition organizers for purposes associated with this exhibition. You also explicitly consent to such information being sent to organizations that have accorded official recognition, patronage or accreditation to this exhibition. You acknowledge, agree and accept that by entering this exhibition, your participation status which includes your first and last name, name of the country used during registration at the exhibition, number of sections entered and number of photos entered in those sections will be made public in a published status list and that the results of your entry shall be made public in exhibition gallery, exhibition catalog. You also agree and accept the policy regarding Breaches of Rules of the PSA.

## SUBJECT MATTER AND SECTION DEFINITIONS

### Statement on Subject Matter - applicable to all sections

The fundamental rule that must be observed at all times and **applies to all sections** offered in exhibitions with PSA recognition is that **the welfare of living creatures is more important than any photograph**. This means that practices such as baiting of subjects with a living creature and removal of birds from nests, for the purpose of obtaining a photograph, are highly unethical, and such photographs are not allowed in any exhibition with PSA recognition. Under no circumstances may a living creature be placed in a situation where it will be killed, injured or stressed for the purpose of obtaining a photograph. Images that show live creatures being fed to captive animals, birds or reptiles are not permitted under any circumstances.

There are also concerns about the use of aerial photography, drones, helicopters, low flying aircraft. These should not cause any interference with other individuals or animals which causes a disturbance in their normal activity or disrupt the way any individuals or animals interact with their environment. **Entrants in PSA recognized exhibitions should comply with all relevant laws and regulations, associated with aerial photography, in the country in which the image was taken.**

Entry into PSA recognized exhibitions is conditional on accepting these policies. The content of images must comply with the General Conditions and with the Division and Section definitions listed in these conditions. Images that - in the sole opinion of the judges or the Exhibition Organizers - do not comply, will be disqualified so the entrant may be aware of the problem when considering entry into other exhibitions with PSA recognition

## Definitions

### PSA Monochrome Definition

An image is considered to be Monochrome only if it gives the impression of having no color (i.e. contains only shades of grey which can include pure black and pure white) OR it gives the impression

of being a greyscale image that has been toned in one color across the entire image. (For example by Sepia, red, gold, etc.) A greyscale or multi-colored image modified or giving the impression of having been modified by partial toning, multi-toning or by the inclusion of spot coloring does not meet the definition of monochrome and shall be classified as a Color Work.

Monochrome images may not be entered in Pictorial Prints or **PID Color Sections**

**Greyscale Monochrome** images may be entered for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel but toned images are not permitted for these sections.

**People & Street (PIDC)- Definition** [*Monochrome images are NOT allowed in this section*]

Photos of People of all colors, race, gender, outdoor or indoor are allowed. Photos of street from all corners of the world are allowed. Street may/may not have people/person/animal in it. There are no restrictions in editing of photos.

*Attention is drawn to the PSA Statement on Subject Matter which applies to all sections*

## Editing Guidelines for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel

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These sections require images to be truthful records, so there are limits on the amount of manipulation allowed.

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### **Editing Guidelines**

Processing or editing must be limited to making the image look as close to the original scene as possible, except that conversion to grayscale monochrome is allowed.

### **Allowed editing techniques:**

- Cropping, straightening and perspective correction.
- Removal or correction of elements added by the camera or lens, such as dust spots, noise, chromatic aberration and lens distortion.
- Global and selective adjustments such as brightness, hue, saturation and contrast to restore the appearance of the original scene.
- Complete conversion of color images to grayscale monochrome.
- Blending of multiple images of the same subject and combining them in camera or with software (exposure blending or focus stacking);
- Image stitching – combining multiple images with overlapping fields of view that are taken consecutively (panoramas);

### **Editing techniques that are not allowed:**

- Removing, adding to, moving or changing any part of an image, except for cropping and straightening.
- Adding a vignette during processing.
- Blurring parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene.

- Darkening parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene.
- All conversions other than to complete grayscale monochrome.
- Conversion of parts of an image to monochrome, or partial toning, desaturation or over-saturation of color

For the purpose of this exhibition any border added to a digital file must be a single border of white or grey, no greater than 3-5 pixels in width.

## **PSA/FIAP Nature Definition**

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#### **Content Guidelines**

- Nature photography records all branches of natural history except anthropology and archaeology. This includes all aspects of the physical world, both animate and inanimate, that have not been made or modified by humans.
- Nature images must convey the truth of the scene that was photographed. A well-informed person should be able to identify the subject of the image and be satisfied that it has been presented honestly and that no unethical practices have been used to control the subject or capture the image. Images that directly or indirectly show any human activity that threatens the life or welfare of a living organism are not allowed.
- The most important part of a Nature image is the nature story it tells. High technical standards are expected and the image must look natural.
- Objects created by humans, and evidence of human activity, are allowed in Nature images only when they are a necessary part of the Nature story.
- Photographs of human-created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domesticated animals, human-created hybrid animals and mounted or preserved zoological specimens are not allowed.
- Images taken with subjects under controlled conditions, such as zoos, are allowed.
- Controlling live subjects by chilling, anaesthetic or any other method of restricting natural movement for the purpose of a photograph is not allowed.

*Attention is drawn to the **PSA Statement on Subject Matter** which applies to **all** sections and to the **Editing Guidelines for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel***

#### **Borders**

**For the purpose of this exhibition any border added to a Nature digital file must be a single border of white or grey, no greater than 3 -5 pixels in width.**

#### **Circuit Conditions of Entry**

1. Exhibition promotion emails will only be sent from [rohit@novembersalon.com](mailto:rohit@novembersalon.com)
2. All Acceptances are eligible for statistics applicable to **PSA**.
3. Entry is open to all photographers, amateur and professional, worldwide.



4. **Monochrome images may not be entered in PID Color sections.**
5. **Color images are NOT allowed in Monochrome (PIDM) Section**
6. The maximum entry in each section per author is 4 (four).
7. Same image must NOT be entered in more than one sections - This includes altered and unaltered images.
8. Entries must originate as photographs, (image captured of objects via light sensitivity), made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally.
9. All final work must be digital file (.jpeg ONLY)
10. By virtue of submitting and entry, the entrant certifies the work as his/her own and permits the sponsors to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication and/or display in media related to the exhibition. This may include low resolution posting on a website.
11. The exhibition assumes no liability of any misuse of copyright.
12. **Please limit titles to 35 characters and English language only.**
13. All imagery **MUST** be the total and exclusive work of the submitting author and may not include any element that was originated by or is the copyright of other photographers.
14. **For awarded photos, RAW file/unprocessed jpeg file may be requested. Non-production of unedited file/raw file may lead to disqualification of submitted photo/removal of award. Decision of jury will be final.**
15. The right of reproduction in relation to the exhibition, including digital representation, will be assumed upon entering.
16. Salon Gold, Silver, Bronze and Jury Choice will be in the form of electronic pdf/jpeg to be downloaded from exhibition website. Salon Gold/Silver/Bronze will be marked as 'M' in EDAS and Jury Choice will be marked as 'H'.
17. The exhibition is open to anyone; however, an entry may be rejected when the sponsoring organization or its agent, in its reasonable discretion, believes the entry does not conform to the exhibition rules and conditions.
18. **ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FEES WITHIN SPECIFIED DATE WILL NOT BE JUDGED. NO CORRESPONDENCE SHALL BE ENTERTAINED IN THIS REGARD.**
19. Images submitted in all sections must adhere to PSA's Subject Welfare policy.
20. An author may win only one award in each section.
21. THE SUBMISSION OF AN ENTRY SIGNIFIES ACCEPTANCE OF THESE RULES & CONDITIONS.

## **BREACH OF CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

### **Breaches of Rules**

Entrants are strongly advised to look at the PSA Ethics Policy which can be found at <https://psa-photo.org/page/ethical-practices>.

If, at any time, it is determined in the reasonable discretion of the exhibition organizer or the judges before, during, or after the judging of an exhibition that an entrant has submitted entries where one or more images may fail to comply with these Conditions of Entry, including the stated definitions, exhibitions, on behalf of the judges, are allowed to request unedited or raw files of the submitted image

In order to ensure that images comply with the Conditions of Entry and definitions, the exhibition organizers may carry out reasonable measures to verify that:

- a) the images are the original work of the entrant and
- b) the images comply with the rules and definitions as set out in these Conditions of Entry

These steps include, but are not limited to, questioning any entrant, requiring the submission of RAW files or other digital files representing the original capture of the submitted image(s), confronting the entrant with evidence that one or more submitted images fails to comply with the Conditions of Entry (also known as Entry Rules), and offering the entrant a reasonable opportunity to provide counter evidence to refute the exhibition organizer's evidence by a set deadline. Such entries that are not cleared or are still questionable after the entrant has presented evidence may be considered in breach of these Conditions of Entry, and declined. Such entries may be referred to PSA for further investigation of possible ethics violations

PSA, on receiving reports from exhibitions of possible breaches, retains the right to investigate in any way all complaints/suspensions of breaches of entry conditions, impose penalties if deemed necessary, void the acceptances of any image found to violate the PSA rules, include the entrant's name on the list of sanctions provided to Exhibitions, and share such investigations with FIAP. Entrants automatically agree to these terms by the act of entering the Exhibition and agree to cooperate with any investigation.

If another party is submitting images on the entrant's behalf, the entrant will still be held responsible for adhering to these Conditions of Entry (Entry Rules) **and will be subject to penalties for any violations** to these Conditions of Entry and PSA's Statement of Ethics that may result.

If another party is processing images for an entrant or submitting images on the entrant's behalf, the entrant will still be held responsible for adhering to all Conditions of Entry including the specific conditions in the relevant definitions.

**NOTICE:** When entrants fill in the Entry Form to submit an entry they will see the following feature to affirm they have read these Conditions of Entry

"I hereby confirm that I have *read, understood* and *agree to* the Conditions of Entry of this exhibition. I have read the PSA document to be found at [https://psa-photo.org/resource/resmgr/pdf/exhibitions\\_/exhibition-entrants-agreemen.pdf](https://psa-photo.org/resource/resmgr/pdf/exhibitions_/exhibition-entrants-agreemen.pdf) . I am aware that PSA may apply penalties for breaches of these Conditions of Entry"

Failure to agree will mean that the application will not proceed.

