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MATRIX Circuit 2024

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SECTIONS

Open Colour	: Only Colour Images
People	: Only Colour Images
Open Monochrome	: Only Monochrome Images
Nature	: Only Colour/Greyscale Monochrome Images

FEES

Any 2 Sections	: \$25 USD / INR 1950
All 4 Sections	: \$32 USD / INR 2500
GROUP DISCOUNT	: for 10 + participants \$25 USD / INR 1950
EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT	: \$25 USD / INR 1950 for all Sections till April 15, 2024

PAYMENT DETAILS

For Indian Entrants only

Account Holder's Name	: Santosh Bajarang Kale
Bank Name	: IDBI Bank
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IFS Code	: IBKL0002046

For Overseas Entrants

Paypal address	: matrix.circuit1@gmail.com
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CALENDAR

Closing Date	: May 27, 2024
Start Judging	: June 01, 2024

End Judging	: June 10, 2024
Notification	: June 15, 2024
EDAS Submission	: July 10, 2024
Awards/Galleries	: Aug 09, 2024
E-Catalogue	: Aug 09, 2024

JUDGES

SALON 1 (All Sections)	SALON 2 (All Sections)	SALON 3 (All Sections)	SALON 4 (All Sections)
Suniel Marathe (India) APSA, GMPSA, EFIAP/d2	Pandula Bandara (Sri Lanka) GMPSA, SPSA, EFIAP/b	Raj Kumar Jain (India) MPSA, EFIAP, EFIP	Angela Poggioni (USA) GMPSA, EFIAP/s
Umberto D'Eramo (Italy) EFIAP/s, MPSA	Minh Nguyen (USA) MPSA, EFIAP/b	Paolo Stuppazzoni (Italy) EFIAP/b, PPSA, EFIAF	Florentino M Gutierrez (Spain) GMPSA/b, EFIAP/s, GPU CR5
Ana Joveva (North Macedonia) AFIAP	Bhaskar Athavale (India) MPSA, EFIAP/b, GPU CR3	Adela-Lia Rusu (Romania) EFIAP/d1, EPSA	Tripti Roy (India) EFIAP

AWARDS

- 4 Best Entrant Award: **FIAP Blue PIN**
- Best Club/Group: **Plaque**

Open Colour (PIDC)	People (PIDC)	Open Monochrome (PIDM)	Nature (ND)
4 FIAP Gold	4 FIAP Gold	4 FIAP Gold	4 FIAP Gold
4 FIP Gold	4 FIP Gold	4 FIP Gold	4 FIP Gold
4 MATRIX Medal	4 MATRIX Medal	4 MATRIX Medal	4 MATRIX Medal
8 FIAP HM	8 FIAP HM	8 FIAP HM	8 FIAP HM
20 FIP HM	20 FIP HM	20 FIP HM	20 FIP HM
12 MATRIX e-CM (PDF)	12 MATRIX e-CM (PDF)	12 MATRIX e-CM (PDF)	12 MATRIX e-CM (PDF)

- Certificates (e-CM) will be sent to the entrants through email.

CATALOG

PDF catalog will be available for download from the website on the schedule date.

RESULT

Result can be downloaded from the website and individual scorecards will be emailed.

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 ES-COE. Membership in any photographic organization is not required.

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

IMAGE CREATION AND OWNERSHIP: In all sections of the exhibition, images must originate as photographs made by the entrant. They may not incorporate identifiable images produced by anyone else (for example: clip art, replacement skies, or stock images). *Images created in whole or in part by image creation software (frequently called 'AI' images) are not allowed.* Editing or alteration of images is permitted within the limits specified in the relevant section definitions that are available here <https://psa-photo.org/page/division-definitions>

Any person submitting or attempting to submit a totally AI generated image that does not begin with a light capture from the maker, from any Photographic Society of America exhibition, social media, event, or publication, other than for editorial purposes, shall be prohibited from PSA for a period of from 3 years to life.

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.

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

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. Similar is defined as almost identical in subject, composition, props, lighting, or technique so that a reasonable person viewing the entries together would decide the entrant has duplicated the previous image except for minor changes.

TITLES: Each image must have a unique title that relates to the content 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.

ENTRY DETAILS:

- a) Photos must be submitted online in JPEG file format following instructions. Title of each image cannot exceed 35 characters. Titles do not need to be translated to English but must be given in English characters.
- b) Maximum Horizontal length is 1920 pixels Maximum Vertical length is 1080 pixels at 300 dpi. Compression 7-12, maximum 2MB.
- c) The exhibition software shall not resize images.

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.

JUDGING METHOD:

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 their own Color calibrated equipment capable of displaying submitted images at 100% of their resolution.

ACCEPTANCE: Maximum up to 30%.

DATA PROTECTION:

Protection of Entrants' Personal information: 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 non-compliance to the rules of 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- do not comply, will be disqualified so the entrant may be aware of the problem when considering entry into other exhibitions with PSA recognition.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: PICTURES CREATED BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THIS SALON! It is reminded that all parts of the image must be photographed by the author who is holding the copyright of all works submitted. Offenders will be sanctioned for life!

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.

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

Monochrome images may not be entered in color sections of PPD or PID.

FIAP DEFINITION OF MONOCHROME: A black and white work fitting from the very dark grey (black) to the very clear grey (white) is a monochrome work with the various shades of grey. A black and white work toned entirely in a single colour will remain a monochrome work able to stand in the black and white category; such a work can be reproduced in black and white in the

catalogue of a salon under FIAP Patronage. On the other hand a black and white work modified by a partial toning or by the addition of one colour becomes a colour work (polychrome) to stand in the colour category; such a work requires colour reproduction in the catalogue of a salon under FIAP Patronage.

PSA/FIAP NATURE DEFINITION:

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, anesthetic or any other method of restricting natural movement for the purpose of a photograph is not allowed.

PEOPLE SECTION DEFINITION:

It focuses on capturing the likeness, personality, and emotions of individuals or groups of people. The primary objective of people photography is to portray the subjects in a visually appealing and authentic manner, often emphasizing their facial expressions, body language, and overall demeanour. It can encompass a wide range of styles and approaches, including formal studio portraits, candid shots, environmental portraits (where subjects are photographed in their natural surroundings), and lifestyle portraits (capturing people in everyday activities). The photographer aims to convey the subject's character, mood, and narrative through careful composition, lighting, and posing. It involves a strong connection between the photographer and the subjects, as the photographer strives to elicit genuine expressions and emotions, creating images that tell a story or evoke an emotional response from viewers.

EDITING GUIDELINES FOR NATURE, PHOTOJOURNALISM AND PHOTO TRAVEL

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

PSA statement of subject matter applies to all sections.

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

PSA RULES

NON-COMPLIANCE:

See the PSA Ethics Policy at <https://psa-photo.org/page/ethical-practices>.

See the PSA statement on Subject Matter at <https://psa-photo.org/page/division-definitions>

If, in the discretion of the exhibition organizer or the judges, an entrant has submitted that may fail to comply with these Conditions of Entry, they are allowed to request unedited or raw files of the submitted image.

For composite images all files are required.

Exhibition organizers may verify that:

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

Such entries may be referred to PSA for further investigation of possible ethics violations.

PSA retains the right to investigate all complaints, 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 processing and/or submitting images on the entrant's behalf, the entrant will still be held responsible for adhering to the entry rules **and will be**

subject to penalties for any violations to these Conditions of Entry or to PSA's Statement of Ethics.

PSA 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* and *understood* and *agree* to the Conditions of Entry of this exhibition. I have read and understood the PSA document to be found at <https://psa-photo.org/resource/resmgr/pdf/exhibitions/exhibition-entrants-agreemen.pdf>. I am aware that PSA may apply penalties for non-compliance to these Conditions of Entry"

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

FIAP NOTICE: "I hereby expressly agree to FIAP document 018/2017 « Conditions and regulations for FIAP Patronage » and FIAP document 033_2021 « Sanctions for breaching FIAP regulations and the red list ». I am particularly aware of chapter II « Regulations for International photographic events under FIAP patronage » of FIAP document 018/2017, dealing under Section II.2 and II.3 with the FIAP participation rules, the sanctions for breaching FIAP regulations and the red list." Failure to agree will mean that the application will not proceed.

The sponsors of this International Exhibition of Photography have been awarded Recognition by PSA, the world's largest patron of international photographic exhibitions. PSA, although it has provided recognition, is neither a sponsor nor directly involved in the operation of this exhibition.



Valid acceptances received by PSA Members in recognized sections of this exhibition are eligible for PSA Star Ratings, listing in the world-wide PSA Who's Who of Photography and credited towards the PSA Distinctions of QPSA, PPSA, EPSA, MPSA, MPSA2, GMPSA, GMPSA/B, GMPSA/S, GMPSA/G, and GMPSA/P.

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