



# NEW JERSEY PHOTOGRAPHY FORUM

## International Photography Exhibit November 1 – December 3, 2023 at the Watchung Arts Center, Watchung, NJ

Since 1994, the New Jersey Photography Forum has grown to be one of the largest groups of exhibiting fine art photographers in the New York area. We have successfully run an annual juried exhibit through the Watchung Arts Center since our founding that has developed into one of the most important photography exhibits in the metropolitan area. [www.njphotoforum.com](http://www.njphotoforum.com)

- There will be an in-person exhibit at the Watchung Arts Center, November 1-December 3, 2023.
- 65 images will be chosen from the total submissions received by July 14, 2023 at midnight EST.
- Those images will be included in a virtual exhibit featured on the NJ Photography Forum website.
- Cash awards for Excellence and Merit will be presented at the opening reception on November 5.
- There will be 3 experienced jurors from the international art community.
- An Opening Reception and Holiday Art Fair, open to the public, will be held on Sunday, November 5 from 1-4pm at the Watchung Arts Center. Wine and snacks will be served.
- We will conduct a Zoom conference on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm (EST) moderated by Nancy Ori, Curator, who will review the exhibit as well as coordinate interviews with several of the artists.
- There will be lots of press.

**EXHIBIT TITLE:** *Our Best*

**ELIGIBILITY** Open to all photographers who can submit their images online for jurying. If accepted, you agree to ship or hand-deliver your printed works for the exhibition. Images must be photo-based and family friendly, no nudes or scary images.

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:** There is no theme. You decide what is your best work and submit those. You may submit as many images as you want. Submit through: <https://njpfsubmissions.com/> Submissions are by jpeg uploaded directly to this website. Uploaded images should be sized to 1280 pixels on the longest side or they will be automatically resized when uploaded. NJ Photography Forum is not responsible for images that are altered during automatic resizing. Submission info is easy to follow and fill in. Print out this prospectus form as well as your website submission page for your records.

### IMAGE and ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- All works must have contact information and wire on the back for hanging. Black frames are preferred, but you should do what looks best for your image. Any size frame is ok up to 22x28. Smaller sized pieces are encouraged for easier sale. For regular framed works that are mounted and matted with white over-mattes, they must have glass or plexi. No colored mattes. We recommend that any flush-printed image have a frame. Canvas wraps for example, look so much better more saleable with a float frame to complement your image.

- **Image Creation:** Entries must originate as photographs (image-captures of objects via light sensitivity) made by the entrant, acquired, and printed from emulsion-based material or digital capture. Alternative process, mixed media, composites, and collage work are welcome from original images created by the entrant.
- **Alterations:** By virtue of submitting an image, the entrant certifies the work as their own. Images may be altered, either electronically with image software or apps, or by hand with art materials by the entrant. Images may not incorporate elements produced by anyone else (for example: clip art, or art by others downloaded from the Internet). Images may not be constructed entirely by a computer, or by the spoken word, such as with Artificial Intelligence-generated images. Adjustments to enhance or creatively modify images are allowed. The entrant may use image processing software and apps (like Photoshop, Snapseed, Topaz, NIK, etc.) to employ filters, overlays, adjustments, textures, or other manipulations to enhance or modify their original image.
- We suggest you apply early to avoid possible delays from straining the submission site with a profusion of last-minute submissions.
- All the submission info will be easy to follow and fill in. Be sure to be accurate when filling in your information since the show labels are created from the information you provide. We suggest that you print out this prospectus form as well as your website submission page for your records.
- All works **MUST** have artist name, all contact info, price & title of work on the back of each piece and remain on the walls until the end of the exhibit.
- Neither the Watchung Arts Center nor the New Jersey Photography Forum will be responsible for any works that are damaged or lost. All professional care will be taken but artists should insure their work if this is an issue.
- The jury, gallery and curator reserve the right to decline any piece that was not represented well through the submission process, not presented properly for hanging, or is inappropriate for a mixed audience.

**FEE** \$20 for every 2 pieces submitted. If you submit 3 pieces, the price is \$40. If you submit 5 pieces the price is \$60. To be cost effective, it would be best to submit in groups of two. Be prepared to pay via PayPal in US dollars. You will use your credit card.

**AWARDS** Awards of Excellence (\$100 each) and awards of Merit (\$50) are determined by your score from the jurors.

**SALES** All work must be for sale at a fair market value. The Watchung Arts Center will handle sales and will require a 30% commission. Any sales from the online exhibit will be directed to the artist. A 30% donation to the arts center would be expected.

**JURORS** **Margarita Mavromichalis:** award-winning Greek photojournalist and street photographer currently living in Japan, international fine art photography exhibitor.

**Nancy Ori:** exhibitor, curator, author, photographer & educator; director of NJ Photography Forum and Digital Arts Group; owner of NJ Media Center in Berkeley Hts.

**Simon R. Leach:** UK lifestyle and environment photographer, juror of international photographic competitions, assessor and chair for the Royal Photographic Society Distinctions, member and past president of the Association of Photographers.

**CURATOR** Nancy Ori, co-founder & director of the NJ Photography Forum & Digital Arts Group.  
Any Questions: [nancyori@comcast.net](mailto:nancyori@comcast.net); [www.nancyoriworkshops.com](http://www.nancyoriworkshops.com)

## **DELIVERY**

**Hand-delivered works:** Local artists will be required to hand-deliver their work on **Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 10am** (Eastern Standard Time) to the Watchung Arts Center, 18 Stirling Road in Watchung, New Jersey.

**Shipping your work:** Those who are shipping their work can choose to self-insure as well as add return postage if you want your piece back. They should be mailed to Nancy Ori 124 Diamond Hill Road in Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922. 908-790-8820 No items should be mailed to the arts center. Whatever you send your work in is what it will be returned in. If there is no return postage or not enough, you will be notified for further instructions, or the piece will not be returned.

All shipped works must be received by **October 20, 2023, by midnight** (Eastern Standard Time) or they cannot be included in the exhibit. We would encourage you to think about sending smaller pieces or canvas wrap works to keep the shipping cost down. Neither the NJPF nor the Watchung Art Center are responsible for breakage.

Another option for those people who are shipping your work: To keep the cost of shipping down, you may choose to ship your work that is mounted and matted to 16x20 size on the outside dimensions. We will frame it for you in a 16x20 black frame with glass for an additional \$15 each. This frame will be on loan to you for the duration of the exhibit. Please notify Nancy Ori if you are choosing to do this or have any questions. 908-790-8820 or [nancyori@comcast.net](mailto:nancyori@comcast.net).

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Submission Deadline** July 14, 2023 at midnight (EST)

**Notification of acceptance:** August 15, 2023

**Receiving day for hand-delivered work:** Saturday, October 28, 10am (EST)

**Receiving deadline for shipped work:** Friday, October 20 at midnight (EST)

**Exhibit online:** September 1, 2023 to January 15, 2024

**Exhibit in-person:** November 1 – December 3, 2023

**Opening Reception and Holiday Art Fair:** Sunday, November 5, 2023, 1-4pm (EST) at the Watchung Arts Center, Watchung, NJ on the circle.

**ZOOM Conference:** November 18, 2023, 3-5pm. (EST)

**Pick up of work:** pick up at WAC on December 4, 2023 at 10am

(EST), or by apt, left overs will be stored in the attic, call for pick up time

**Return shipping** begins on January 15, 2024