

2009 Canon Amateur Photo Contest

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Theme: A Perfect Day in Hawaii

You dream of that perfect day: kicking back under the breezy shade of a tree, drinking with friends as the pipikaula and portuguese sausage sizzle on the hibachi; or catching the perfect wave in the warm waters off Ala Moana; or simply finding a soft rainbow in the mist of a dewy morning rain. Here in Hawaii, we are blessed to have flawless days and Canon USA Hawaii wants you to capture it! Be creative and original in your pursuit of that perfect image!

Criteria

Each amateur entry will be reviewed and judged by a panel of photographic authorities in March 2009. The top 25 entries that best combine visual impact and technical photographic skill while representing the theme will be selected for awards. Award winning photographs will be featured in the 2009 Canon Amateur Photo contest exhibit displayed at the Canon U.S.A., Inc. Hawaii Photo Gallery during the month of April 2009. Photo entries may be taken using any type of photographic equipment (e.g. 35mm, APS or Digital). Under no circumstances will professional photographer entries be accepted. Canon has the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed offensive or inappropriate in nature.

If contestants have any questions, please contact Media Etc. at 808-922-8974.

Panel of Judges

Jeff Fukui, Canon U.S.A., Inc.
Ric Noyle, Commercial Photographer
David Franzen, Commercial Photographer
Chihiro Lykes, Media Professional/Art Director
Kim Gennaula of Kapiolani Medical Center
Wayne Maria of KRATER 96
Pali Tuan W. Ka`aihue of LavaNet
Kalani Kea of Pictures Plus

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How to Enter

Entries are to be submitted in a single envelope. The envelope will include a completed and signed application, self-addressed, stamped return envelope and the photo entries. Entries via e-mail will not be considered.

Please send to:

2009 Canon Amateur Photo Contest
Canon U.S.A., Inc.
210 Ward Avenue, Suite 200
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Contest Dates

The contest begins on December 1, 2008 and will continue through February 28, 2009.

No entries will be accepted before December 1, 2008 or after February 28, 2009.

Entry Rules

1. Each contestant may submit a maximum of three (3) photographs in the form of photographic prints only.
2. Prints may be of any film format (35mm, APS, digital, etc.). The maximum size of each entry must be 5"x 8". Any print larger will be disqualified.
3. Each photo should be accompanied by a completed "title sheet" stating the photographer's name and the title of the picture. The title label must be securely attached to the back of the print using adhesive tape or other means which will not damage the print.
4. Excluded from participation are: employees of Canon U.S.A., Inc., Media Company, Inc. or any other official organizers, sponsors, judging panel members or administrators of this photo contest.
5. All entries must be suitable to the theme of the contest and must be the original photograph taken by the contestant. Entries must be submitted as a print.
6. The entrant must be the owner of the copyright of each photograph submitted.
7. The copyright of winning photographs will be assigned to Canon U.S.A., Inc.
8. The organizers will not be responsible for any claims or complaints from any persons depicted in entered photographs, should these photographs be published or exhibited. Such responsibility will remain with the contestant. If necessary, the organizers may request the contestant concerned to submit a model-release statement before a prize is awarded.

9. While all possible care will be taken in handling all entries the organizers will not assume any responsibility for loss or damage to the photographs.
10. Failure to comply with any of the preceding rules or the conditions stated in the Declaration of Entry on the Application Form will disqualify a contestant regardless whether the contestant is a winner or otherwise. The organizers will not be responsible for any claims or damages arising from any violation of the rules. Should any rules be violated or if any information on the application form be false, Canon U.S.A., Inc. reserves the right to take any action deemed necessary including the withdrawal of prizes and/or the public nullification of the result.
11. The decision of the judges will be final.

Contestants desiring the return of photos after the contest must provide a self-address stamped envelope that is appropriately sized for the photos.

If no envelope is provided, photographs will not be returned. Photos that are not returned may be picked up at the Canon U.S.A. Inc. Hawaii office.

Photos will be held for a year from the contest start date and any photos left after that will be discarded.

Announcement of Winners

The winners, including Honorable Mentions, will be contacted directly by Canon U.S.A., Inc. in March 2009. LavaNet will also display winners on website at www.lava.net

Prizes To Be Awarded

Canon products will be presented as prizes to all three top winners. Payment of subsequent taxation of prizes is not the responsibility of contest organizers.

First Place Prize: Canon EOS Digital Rebel XS Kit (\$1200.00 value)

Second Place Prize: Canon PowerShot G10 Camera (\$599.00 value)

Third Place Prize: Canon PowerShot SD1100 Camera (\$299.00 value)

Award Ceremony and Exhibition

The winning photographs will be displayed during the month of April 2009 at the Canon Photo Gallery in Honolulu.

Canon will frame the top 25 photos. After the April 2009 exhibition these framed photos will be given back to the contestant who submitted them.

**2009 Canon Amateur Photo Contest
Official Application Form**

1. Contestant Data (please print legibly in dark ink or type)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

Email Address: _____

2. Number of Entries Submitted (please circle one): 1 2 3

3. Declaration of Entry

A. I declare that each photograph I submit for entry in this contest is an original photo taken by me and that:

- (1) I am the owner of all rights to the image/photo according to U.S. Copyright laws.
- (2) No other person has any rights to, or in respect to, the photograph or has any interest in it.
- (3) Until the announcement of the contest results, I undertake not to publish or authorize any publication of submitted photograph(s).
- (4) I agree that the copyright to my photograph will be assigned to Canon U.S.A., Inc. in the event it is selected as a prizewinner in this contest.

B. I understand that the organizers of this contest cannot return any prints submitted, unless a suitably sized self-address envelope with adequate postage is included with the entry.

C. Contestant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

4. Photo Title Labels. Please cut out and attach a label to each entry submitted.

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Entry Number (Circle One. Up to 3 may be submitted)		
1	2	3
Your Name: _____		
Photo Title: _____		

5. Please use the following check list to be sure that you have completed and included all of the necessary items in your packet to be sent to Canon U.S.A., Inc.

- ____ Photo Prints
- ____ Title labels completed and affixed to the back of each photo
- ____ Application form, completed and signed
- ____ Return envelopes, self-addressed and stamped

Where did you pick up the entry form?

Canon U.S.A., Inc. Lava.net Krater96 Pictures Plus Others _____

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