



Virginia Highlands Festival Photography Juried Exhibit Rules & Entry Form

The Virginia Highlands Festival Juried Photography Exhibition aims to nurture creativity and artistic expression in photography. When submitting your images, prioritize those that go beyond mere representation. Ensure that your images capture not only the subject but also its quality of light and composition. Authenticity often leads to more compelling photographs.

To enter your artwork for consideration in the Juried Photography Exhibit:

1. Fill out Artist Entry Form & Submit Payment:

- \$10 for each artwork (adult, non-refundable entry fee)
- \$5 (youth--age 8-16 as of 7/20/26, non-refundable entry fee)

Checks should be made payable to: Virginia Highlands Festival

Online pre-registration available at VaHighlandsFestival.com

2. Send PAYMENT and ENTRY FORMS to:

Virginia Highlands Festival, PO Box 801, Abingdon, VA 24212

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3. Fill out Art Identification Forms (3 submission limit)

- Please print clearly. Illegible forms will not be accepted.
- Cut the forms apart.
- Attach to the rear upper right-hand corner of your artwork(s) for identification.
- Artwork without identification will not be accepted.

4. Deliver your artwork Saturday or Sunday, July 19 or 20 from 2pm-5pm to:

Abingdon Train Station

306 Depot Square

Abingdon, VA 24210

Pre-register and pre-pay to avoid delayed processing time

Juried Photography Awards:

First Place: \$300, Second Place: \$200, Third Place: \$100,

Honorable Mention: \$50, People's Choice: \$200

Youth awards are First Place (\$100), Second Place (\$50), Third Place (\$25)

INFORMATION & GUIDELINES:

- ONLY those submissions selected by the juror will be hung in the gallery. Exhibit selections will be made from all works submitted.
- All work will be accepted at the committee's discretion.
- Submissions must be priced by the photographer (see forms). If not for sale, mark "NFS" on the Art Identification Form and on the Artist Entry Form.
- Virginia Highlands Festival commission on sales through the Juried Photography Exhibition is 30%.
- Entries are limited to three per artist. (Diptychs, in two separate frames, will be counted as one entry. Triptychs, in three separate frames, will be counted as one entry.) Maximum size of 20" applies to the works as a group.
- No artwork will be received or returned by mail.
- Every care will be taken by the committee and the festival, but neither can assume liability for loss or damage, whatever the cause. Submission of a work to the exhibition shall constitute an agreement to comply with all conditions set forth in this prospectus. It is suggested that artists wishing additional protection would ensure their works independently.

ENTRY CRITERIA:

- All photographs must be artist's originals - taken by the artist within the most recent two years and not previously submitted to the Highlands Festival.
- Photos generated by AI are prohibited.
- As a condition of entry, the entrant is responsible for obtaining the prior consent of any persons depicted in the work and any other steps necessary to ensure that infringement of rights related to such depiction does not occur.
- Photographs can be color, black and white, and shot with film or digital.
- All works must be entered by the artist or designated agent.
- Provided identification forms must be on the back of each work.

PRESENTATION CRITERIA:

- Matted, Framed, and Wired is preferred; however, if framing is not possible, we will accept photographs mounted on a Matt board or Foam board (no poster board) backing and over mat.
- Maximum size: 16 inches by 20 inches including mat.
- No tape, glue, or markings should be visible on the front of the mat or print
- Artwork not meeting the above criteria will not be accepted or judged.

Artwork not included in the Juried Show can be picked up during the exhibition at the Abingdon Train Station, July 25 - August 2 – Monday through Saturday, 10am-5pm – Sundays, 1-5pm

Photograph ID Forms

Entry #1

Artist: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____

Price: _____ (or NFS)

(Cut out and place on upper-right back of piece #1)

Entry #2

Artist: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____

Price: _____ (or NFS)

(Cut out and place on upper-right back of piece #2)

Entry #3

Artist: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____

Price: _____ (or NFS)

(Cut out and place on upper-right back of piece #3)

Juried Photography Entry Form
Adult: \$10 per entry ~ Youth \$5 per entry

Photographer: _____

Adult / Youth (circle one)

Address: _____

City/ St/ Zip: _____

Medium: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Entry #1

Artist: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____

Price: _____

Entry #2

Artist: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____

Artist: _____

Title: _____

Entry #3

Artist: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____

Price: _____

- Exhibited work may not be removed from the exhibition until Sunday, August 2 from 4-6pm.
(FINE FOR EARLY REMOVAL: \$20.00)
- All Juried Work must be picked up Sunday, August 2 between 4-6pm. **After 6pm, all works will be transferred to The Arts Depot.**
- Neither the Virginia Highlands Festival, Abingdon Train Station, or The Arts Depot are responsible for work not picked up by August 6, 2025 and will become the property of the Virginia Highlands Festival unless other arrangements have been made with the Arts Depot.
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