

The Mobile Photo Awards have announced that the awards have become the largest paid open-call/competition in the short history of mobile photography and art. With over 100,000 page views and 20,000 unique website visitors from 114 countries the awards received over 2000 paid image entries during the 9 week submission period. The competition was designed to celebrate and focus attention on the explosive growth of mobile-phone photography and art. The winning 25 entries, as well as selected images from the jury members, are part of a traveling gallery exhibit coming to OCCCA in April, 2012.

"Thanks to the advancements in lenses and image sensors for mobile phones, and the ecosystem of developers who have created photo processing applications, the creativity of mobile photography knows no bounds," said Daniel Berman, founder of the Mobile Photo Awards and a noted mobile photographer known as Reservoir_Dan. "With this competition and open gallery call we now give mobile photographers and artists the chance to take that creativity even further and show the art world and public just how inspiring these images can be. We're excited to share the unique opportunity and exposure that this contest will give to the participants."

The awards are partnered with Fotomoto, CanvasPop, and 500px.com as well as 10 of the most popular iPhone photo applications including Filterstorm, FX PhotoStudio, CrossProcess, ShakeItPhoto, ScratchCam, and Juxtaposer.

Entries were judged based on originality, creativity, and adherence to the contest theme. The jury is comprised of 15 of today's most celebrated mobile photographers and includes such widely published and award winning mobile photographers as Aik Beng Chia, Alan Kastner, Robert-Paul Jansen, and Carlein van der Beek. For a complete list of the jury please visit www.mobilephotoawards.com/categories/index.php

The categories for the competition include such traditional photographic genres as Landscapes, Self-Portraits, and Street Photography as well as uniquely modern areas such as Digital Art and software enhanced Abstractions.

Countries represented by the winning artists include the United States, Canada, Italy, the United Kingdom, Malawi, Japan, Hungary, Singapore and Australia, among others.

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The Mobile Photo Awards were founded to promote the global phenomenon of mobile, or cell-phone, photography and art and are designed to celebrate the creatives working in the medium. With world-class exhibits, competitions and open gallery calls, the MPA is the world's largest event of it's kind.