**Rules for participating in the Visual Arts International Festival “Photo Trends Festival” – PHOTO**

**2 Mai, August 19-27, 2023**

**ORGANIZERS:**

The Festival " VSLO" is organized by the association "VISUAL ART" in collaboration with NEW AD ZONE, hereinafter called "Organizers".

**DATES AND VENUE**: August 19 to 27, 2023, 2 Mai, Constanta, Romania

**A. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:**

1. The participants must be at least 18 years-old. Participants between 14-18 must have the written consent of the parents or legal guardian.

2. All courses, workshops, hands-on sessions and other activities within thefestival **are free of charge** (except the **master classes**) Transport costs, accommodation, food and drinks are borne by the Participants.

3. The Participants must have their own equipment (indicative list: camera - preferably DSLR -, lenses, tripod, external flash, memory card, battery, charger, connection cables, camera's user manual, laptop).

4. Participants give to the Organizers the right to use the photos taken during the courses by written agreement signed by both parties. The organizers have the right to use the photos for advertising, specifying the name of the author.

5. Participants in the workshops that include models can publish the photographs taken during the Festival only with **the written agreement of the models**. No photo involving a model can be used in financially rewarded activities without the written permission of the model (s) that appear in the photos.

6. When publishing online photographs taken during the courses and workshops of the festival or using them in contests and exhibitions, the participants will specify the name of the festival, the name of the workshop, the name of the lecturer and the year they were taken.

**B. REGISTRATION FOR THEORY COURSES AND HANDS-ON SESSIONS:**

1. Theory and Hands-On courses are taught by experienced lecturers. There will be presentations, seminars and communications by other photographers (See the schedule published on the official festival page during the week 1 to 8 August 2023).

2. Theory, practice and competitions are open to all who wish to attend. Registration is based on the "Registration Form", on a "Letter of intent/motivation" which is part of the regulation as well as on a portfolio of 10 images (800 pixels on the long side, 72 dpi). It is not necessary to send a portfolio if you have already participated in other editions of the festival. All information will be submitted through the online form on www.en.vslo.ro.

**3. The "Letter of intent/motivation" should include the reason for which you want to join this festival. It may be in the form of written text or a video.**

4. The hands-on sessions with limited openings will take into account the registration order and the order specified in the application form. The participants who own a VSLO card will have priority.

5. The period for sending in the application forms **is April 3, 2023 – July 15, 2023.** Provisional lists with accepted participants will be announced periodically (weekly) until August 10, 2023.

6. On Sunday the 19st of August (in 2 Mai) the lists with the accepted participants will be checked and the participation agreements will be signed – with the acknowledgement of the present regulations and obligation of abiding by them.

7. For further details please contact andreea@vslo.ro, catalin@vslo.ro

**C. PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTESTS:**

1. All theoretical courses and hands-on sessions will be followed by a CONTEST.

2. Participation in all contests is open to all participants.

3. Upon completion of the hands-on session, the participants will have a couple of hours available to select their images and download them to a laptop provided by the organizers and sponsors. The maximum number of pictures that CAN be submitted to the contests is established by the lecturer of the respective course.

4. Three winning photos will be chosen: First Place, Second Place, Third Place.

5. The members of the jury will be the respective course lecturers, a representative of the organizers and a representative of the sponsors or partners.

6. The prizes will be offered by the organizers, the sponsors and the partners.

7. At the end of the festival, one of the participants will receive the Trophy "PTF" in the category PHOTOGRAPHY.

8. In order to be eligible for the Trophy "PTF" in the category PHOTOGRAPHY, the participants must have participated in at least 4 different courses and contests.

9. The Trophy "PTF” in the category PHOTOGRAPHY will be awarded after a selection by a jury composed of the lecturers of the festival, along with the representatives of the organizers.

10. All photographs that will win a First, Second and Third place in any of the contests will be featured in a photo exhibition during the “After PTF” events that will be organized in September – November in Bucharest.

Available spots: 150

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