

2010 ENTRY PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010

The **Banff Mountain Photography Competition** is a program of Mountain Festivals at The Banff Centre, which promotes understanding and appreciation of the world's mountain places by creating opportunities for people to share – and find inspiration in – mountain experiences, ideas and visions.

Other Mountain Festivals activities include:

- Banff Mountain Film Festival
- Banff Mountain Book Festival
- Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour
- Banff Adventure Photography Workshop
- Banff Mountain Writing Program
- Banff Mountain Filmmakers' Workshop

Categories

Mountain Adventure – images depicting any mountain sport such as climbing, kayaking, mountain biking, skiing, snowboarding, mountaineering, etc.

Mountain Culture – images with a cultural theme focusing on indigenous mountain people and their customs, traditions and ways of life as related to their mountain environment.

Mountain Environment – images that communicate an important message about the mountain environment or ecosystems.

Mountain Flora/Fauna – images of plants and animals found in a mountain environment.

Mountain Landscape – images of mountain landscapes and scenery.

Prizes to be awarded

Grand Prize - \$1,000Cdn plus gifts from our sponsors will be awarded to the winner of the best overall photograph, regardless of category.

Category Prizes - \$500Cdn plus gifts from our sponsors will be awarded to the winner in each of the five categories.

Y2Y Prize - \$500Cdn will be awarded to the photographer with the best overall photograph from the Yellowstone to Yukon Region (Y2Y), regardless of category. Please visit www.y2y.net for a complete description of the Y2Y eco-region. Images must be labelled "Y2Y Region" in addition to their category of entry to be considered for this prize.

Entries:

- The competition is open to amateur and professional photographers.
- There is no entry fee.
- Entries will be judged on the basis of composition, technique, content, originality, and effectiveness in conveying a **mountain theme**.
- You may enter up to a maximum of **three (3)** images in each of the five (5) categories for a total of **fifteen (15)** images. The five mountain categories are: **Adventure, Culture, Environment, Flora/Fauna, and Landscape**.

Digital entries must be preceded by the completion of the on-line entry form available at:

<http://www.banffcentre.ca/mountainculture/photo/>

- On submission of the on-line entry form you will receive an auto-response confirmation. Instructions for submitting digital image files will be sent to you in a separate email.
- Prints must be accompanied by a completed and **signed** entry form (see also Deadlines & Shipping).

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Format guidelines:

DIGITAL IMAGES

- 1024 x 768 pixels; 72 ppi
- .JPG image files no larger than 1MB.
- Embedded sRGB colour space.
- No composite images (stitched panoramic images are acceptable).
- No watermarking or digital mattes, frames or borders.
- Photographer's name should **not** be visible on the image (every effort is made to judge entries based solely on the image and without distractions).

PRINTS

- Unmounted, unmatted and unframed.
- The longest dimension of the print must be a minimum of 10 inches (25cm) and a maximum of 15 inches (38cm) not including border (minimal border, if any) .
- Colour or black-and-white, non-gloss or semi-gloss.
- If the proper orientation of the print is not obvious, please have an arrow (↑) on the back to indicate the top of the print.

Please note:

We no longer accept slides

Digital files larger than 1MB will be discarded – hi-res images are not required at this preliminary stage

File-naming & Labelling:

- Digital image file names must follow this format: YOUR LAST NAME_ YOUR FIRST NAME_ CATEGORY_ image number.JPG
- Unidentified files with only Original Camera File Prefix numbers will be rejected.
- Each print **must** be labelled with the photographer's name, phone number, and category of entry on the back only.
- Entries for the Y2Y prize must also be labelled "Y2Y Region".

Copyright & Reproduction:

- You must be the author and sole owner of the copyright for all images you enter.
- Entry in the competition constitutes agreement to allow photographs chosen as special mentions or winners to be reproduced, published and/or exhibited for promotional purposes, only as they pertain to the Banff Mountain Photography Competition and Mountain Festivals at The Banff Centre. The photographer retains copyright, and all images will be credited to the photographer.
- All model releases are the responsibility of the entrant.
- If your image is selected as a winner, we will require a high resolution version for exhibition and printing purposes (up to 14 x 20 inches).

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Deadlines & Shipping:

- Entries must be received at our office in Banff no later than **April 30, 2010**.
- Receipt of photos will **not** be acknowledged.
- Winners will be notified by **June 30, 2010**.
- Digital entries may be submitted on CD (however, electronic file transfers are preferred).
- Hard-copy entries (prints or CDs) will be returned **if** accompanied by a **self-addressed envelope** and sufficient **CANADIAN** postage; **OR** by payment for postage (credit card or cheque). If you are not able to supply sufficient CANADIAN postage, please provide payment of \$20 CDN/US funds for North American entries and \$30 CDN/US funds for overseas entries. Entries will be returned by **July 31, 2010**, in the packaging provided by the entrant. Please do not send postal reply coupons.
- To avoid damage, all shipped or mailed entries should be packaged securely.
- While every care will be taken with material entered, the Banff Mountain Photography Competition cannot be responsible for loss of or damage to entries.

Mail or courier hard-copy entries to:

BANFF MOUNTAIN PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION
Mountain Festivals
The Banff Centre
PO Box 1020, Station 38
107 Tunnel Mountain Drive
Banff Alberta Canada T1L 1H5
Tel: 403 762 6347
Fax: 403 762 6277

Entries from outside Canada must indicate the declared value in Canadian dollars on the outside of the package. Failure to do so may result in the entrant having to pay tax and duty charges levied by Canada Customs. Please note that the declared value should be equivalent to the cost of materials only. (approximately \$0.75^{CDN} per print or \$1.00^{CDN} per CD)

Not adhering to the guidelines may disqualify your entry.

www.banffmountainfestivals.ca/photo

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