

Photo Contest “*Midway: between past and future*”

The theme of the first edition of Fiumefreddo Photo Festival is *Midway: between past and future*.

We want to face the inevitability of time by trying to bind it, as far as possible, to lasting solid points. Traits of discontinuity that tell current moment by inserting it in a frame of perspective, that renew the attention on what is still too precious to be lost, that trace profiles of possible futures by updating their suggestion.

The last two terrible, unpredictable and intense years clearly reflect the measure of turbulence: the only graft of unpredictability capable to ripple the linear flow of conventional time. The profound social, political and economic mutations call into question what until recently was the established theorem.

In this context, the photographer's critical, creative and sensitive gaze must propose original and stimulating furtherances through stories that can provide unknown interpretations of the aforementioned epochal changes.

Therefore we are looking for stories of the past, present and future with a strongly emotional cut.

PREMIUM AND BENEFITS

All projects will be viewed and selected by the jury of experts, formed by: Emanuela Mirabelli, Elena Vaninetti, Francesco Merlini, Alberto Prina, Teodora Malavenda, Anna Catalano

The first 5 finalists will have their works published on the “Fiumefreddo Photo Festival” website and social channels and will be showed during the opening weekend of the festival.

The winner will have:

- **500 euros** in cash
- **Printing** of the exhibition
- **Publication in the annual catalog** of the Festival edition 2022
- **Display of the exhibition** in the show space set up in external area of Castello della Valle
- Presentation of the work during the inauguration ceremony and during the guided tours that will take place on 30 and 31 July.
- Visibility **through Festival's online and offline communication actions**
- Publication in a **permanent** section of the site: www.fiumefreddophotofestival.it

Second place:

- Special Award "Fotografare": publication in “Fotografare” magazine and on the website fotografaremag.it

- Visibility through Festival's online and offline communication actions
- Publication in a permanent section of the site www.fiumefreddophotofestival.it

Third, fourth and fifth:

- Visibility through Festival's online and offline communication actions
- Publication in a permanent section of the site www.fiumefreddophotofestival.it

COMPETITION RULES

The competition is open to everyone, without age limits, whether they are simple enthusiasts, professionals already active in the photographic market or students enrolled in photography schools. The submitted work must consist of a minimum of 20 to a maximum of 30 photos, in analogical or digital format.

Deadlines: The works can be sent until 13:00 on **22 May 2022**

Registration fee: 20 € / single project; 30 € / two projects

Image size: maximum 2000 pixel long side

The post-production is allowed.

Method of sending

The participation to the photo contest takes place by sending a WeTransfer package to info@fiumefreddophotofestival.it containing:

- The photo project consist of a minimum of 20 to a maximum of 30 photos (2000 px long side)
- texts (bio, synopsis and captions)
- The payment's receipt of the registration fee

Pay the registration fee

Go to the page Open Call on the website www.fiumefreddophotofestival.it, choose how many projects you want to participate with, make the payment and download the receipt to be included in the WeTransfer package.

Captions and texts

The photographers will have to accompany the photographs with a short bio (max 1500 characters including spaces), work's title, introductory text and captions of each image. It is important that the texts are as explanatory as possible. The author of the images releases the Festival's organization from any responsibility related to the possession of the releases of portrayed subjects. **The participation to the contest implies that the announcement's conditions have been fully read and accepted.**

Verification process

The selected finalist, for can be proclaimed the winner, on the jury's request, will have send original files no later than June 26, 2022, in order to carry out the verification process.

The winner will be asked for the availability of the high-resolution images, for the printing of the exhibition that must be received no later than June 30, 2022. The winning photographer undertakes to ensure his presence during the inaugural weekend, 29-31 July 2022.

The copyright and the ownership of the photographs always remain with the photographers.

The 5 finalists and the winner accept to grant Fiumefreddo Photo Festival, the permission to use the images submitted for communication's actions (online and offline material, social networks, newsletters, etc.). Fiumefreddo Photo Festival will always report the photographer's credits on each photograph.

The competition rules may change for reasons not foreseeable by the organization.

You can opt out of participation in the competition at any time by e-mail to info@fiumefreddophotofestival.it, but there is no refund of the participation fee.

For technical needs and information write to: info@fiumefreddophotofestival.it.