

APPROVED
by the order No. 39 V
of Rokiškis Cultural Centre Director
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ORGANISATIONAL REGULATIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY ART RESIDENCE FOCUS SELECTION – CONTEST

I SECTION GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Regulations of International Photography Art Residence FOCUS (hereinafter referred as "Regulations") set out the objective, timeline, contest organisation rules, evaluation criteria and evaluation process.
2. The contest is only open to professional photographers.
3. Contest theme — **FOREIGN T OWN / OWN TOWN : between copy and original.**
To capture urban spaces highlighting the distinctiveness of urbanism while emphasizing social differences and styles of documentary photography, conveying déjà vu, when it seems that currently felt emotion or visible image was already experienced in the past.
4. The contest begins 27 April 2021, and ends 1 June 2021.
5. The contest is organised by Rokiškis Cultural Centre.

II SECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS SUBMISSION

6. Only digital photo file formats shall be submitted for the Contest.
7. Photo digital files must meet the following requirements:
 - 7.1 . JPG image file format, not less than 3 Mb. Size in pixels is at least 3000 x 2000 for long edge. It is preferable there is a printable file in terms of size and other parameters.
 - 7.2. File name: photo title, author's name and surname.
 - 7.3. Photos can be colour, monochrome or black-and-white. Digital files that do not meet these requirements will not be evaluated.
8. In addition to the photos, send a free-form CV, a motivation letter, and a document certifying professionalism in the field of photography,
9. Send photos via email focusrokiskis@gmail.com no later than 1 June 2021.
10. Along with the pictures, submit a Word format free-form description indicating author's name and surname, contact details (telephone, e-mail); other information (date and time a picture taken, location, what is depicted, other information at the author's discretion). The description of each photo must be at least 3 sentences.
11. Contestants can enter up to 5 images, shots should not be repeated .
12. Contestants submit copyrighted photos, and ensure that a picture of someone was taken with his/her consent and permission.
13. The contest organiser has right to request additional information from an author in case of doubts regarding shooting time, special means used, etc.

III SECTION JUDGING A PHOTO

14. Photos are judged by the contest photo evaluation experts (hereinafter referred as "Experts").
15. Composition of experts is approved by the order of Rokiškis Cultural Centre.
16. Photos submitted later than the deadline (point 9 of Regulations) will not be judged.
17. Experts rate photos anonymously. Each expert judges a photo and gives an evaluation score. Evaluation scores are summed up and a photo with the highest score wins.
18. The main evaluation criteria:
 - 18.1. Presentation of the contest theme;
 - 18.2. Image emotional impression;
 - 18.3. The lasting value of a photo;
 - 18.4. Photo description;
 - 18.5. Image quality including harmonization of technology and aesthetics;
 - 18.6. Non-standard approach, original interpretation.
19. Images are evaluated on a 10 - point scale (10 - completely meets the criteria, 1 - generally does not meet the criteria).
20. Photos that do not meet the Contest Regulations or do not reflect the Contest theme will not be evaluated.
21. The authors of three highest-rated photos are invited to the residence.
22. The Contest winners will be announced on 15 June 2021.

IV SECTION FINAL REGULATIONS

23. Rokiškis Cultural Centre reserves the right to use printed and digital photos indicating their authorship for organisation exhibitions, publications, posters, updating website content, etc.).
24. By submitting photos to the Contest, an author agrees that Rokiškis Cultural Centre may use the photos for its own purposes.
25. Royalty is free for the use of images.
26. Photo submission to the contest is considered the agreement between an author and Rokiškis Cultural Centre on the basis of compliance with the requirements set out in the current regulations.
27. More information is available on focusrokiskis@gmail.com or tel. +370 627 32 561. The organiser reserves the right to amend the Contest Regulations.