

PTCC – Black & White Competition – Jan 17, 2018

Group AAA

29 images from 11 members

01-Accordingly.jpg

Creative, interesting treatment of the subject that takes it beyond what it is. Image could be improved by lightening the whites.

02-Buddha Heads for Sale Cambodia.jpg

Interesting subject matter with well balanced composition. Might be stronger if taken straight on. Nice tonality.

03-Church Steeple.jpg

Excellent composition with outstanding tonality. Strong use of clouds against darkened sky adds to the overall effect.

04-Concours On The Avenue.jpg

The facial expressions and body language make this more than just another car shot. Nicely composed and good tonality.

05-Delicate_Arch_BnW.jpg

Well composed shot with excellent tonality. Strong sky and outstanding depth of field add to the image.

06-Delivery Truck.jpg

Well balanced composition and good tonal range. Outstanding sharpness and depth of field add a lot to the image.

07-Dogwood flower.jpg

No comments due to the fact that it is not a B/W photo.

08-Fashion Style.jpg

Chosen as 1st Place for this group. Very sensitive capture with outstanding tonality. The slightly out-of-focus treatment for the man adds a great deal to the overall impact. Well done.

09-Geothermal Landscape.jpg

Nice composition and tonality. Excellent depth of field creates sharpness throughout the image.

10-Glacier Point.jpg

Stunning capture with excellent tonal range. Contrail (?) at mid-right side could be bit of a distraction. Nice use of wide angle lens.

11-Grand Central-2.JPG

Chosen for honorable mention for this group. Subject at the bottom of the stairs adds mystery to the image. Well composed with good detail throughout.

12-Iceland_Snowscape_BnW.jpg

Chosen as 2nd Place for this group. Very strong technically. Well balanced composition with excellent details throughout.

13-Isolated_Shower.jpg

Creative use of cloud formation to capture dramatic moment. Excellent composition and good tonal range. Perhaps lightening the clouds at the top of the image would result in a pleasing increase of the tonality.

14-Mannequin maiden.jpg

Very dramatic capture with excellent sharpness and good tonality. More light around the eyes might increase the images impact.

15-Mexican Puppy.jpg

The lack of focus in this image adds rather than detracts from its impact. Well composed. Effective use of sepia toning.

16-Mission Bell Shadow9233.jpg

Intriguing image that captures one's imagination. Sharper contrast might increase the image's overall impact.

17-Old Barn Bucket.jpg

The strong graininess in this image adds to the subject matter. Well composed with excellent details.

18-Old House.jpg

Beautiful, inviting image. Excellent tonal range helps bring out the character of the building. Just a bit of darkening of the sky and clouds might be a slight improvement.

19-Oracle 8319.jpg

Not an easy shot—well done. Excellent job of darkening the sky results in strong presentation of the plane's smoke. Great lighting at rear of plane.

20-Perfect End to a Perfect Day.jpg

Beautiful lighting and outstanding starburst effect from the sun. Well done darkening of the sky. Good use of negative space. Some cropping in from the left might improve the image even more.

21-Prasat Nean Khmau Temple Cambodia.jpg

Very rich image with excellent details. Could benefit from just a bit more contrast. Excellent depth of field brings all elements into focus.

22-Rose1.jpg

Gorgeous, rich tonality. Difficult to leave this one out of top ratings. Good use of negative space, but I'm not sure about white area next to the flower—perhaps

image would be enhanced by cropping right side.

23-Santa Monica Pier.jpg

Chosen for honorable mention in this group. The humans in this photo juxtaposed with the pier add to its dimensionality. Excellent tonality and nicely composed.

24-sea otter and ripples.jpg

Interesting use of colorization juxtaposed with B/W water. Outstanding detail, especially on the animal's eyes.

25-Security Guard at Phsar Leu Market Cambodia.jpg.

The subject's facial expression is captured in a very sensitive manner. Excellent tonality and detail. Effective use of shallow depth of field. Nicely done.

26-SFMOMA.JPG

Outstanding "street photo." Great use of contrasting angles and shadows. Person walking adds just the right touch.

27-Stare Down.jpg

Powerful image with excellent tonal range. Good use of narrow depth-of-field.

28-The Light.JPG

Well done "street photo." Outstanding use of natural light on the main subject. Well balanced composition.

29-Tunnel vision.jpg

Interesting composition with stunning tonality. Could be improved by toning down blown-out highs behind the human.

Winning Images:

Honorable Mention: #11—Grand Central

Honorable Mention: #23—Santa Monica Pier

Third Place: #25—Security Guard

Second Place: #12—Iceland Snowscape

First Place: #8—Fashion Style