

41st annual 5 state photography

nov 8
entry form, fees
& photographs due
at the gallery

nov 16-19
selection & judging
nov 21
notification mailed

dec 7
exhibition opens
feb 12
exhibition concludes

2024-2025 competition & exhibition

Eligibility

The Hays Arts Council Five State Photography Competition & Exhibition is a regional fine art photography competition open to any photographer living in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma and Colorado. Any photographic process and subject are eligible as long as it is original work created during the last three years and has NOT been previously included in a Five State Photography Exhibition.

Specifications

Interested photographers are to submit **8x10 photographs** (vertical **or** horizontal) – **without** frame or mat (8x10 photograph only). Following the judge's decision, the 125 accepted photographs will be mounted in 11x14 black wood frames with white mats (cut for 8x10 photographs, again horizontal or vertical). Those are the 125 photographs that will be installed for exhibition this year.

Categories

When filling out the entry form, the artist must choose in which of the three categories each photograph is to be entered and ultimately judged: **1. Nature; 2. People; 3. Open.** Any process is eligible in any category. Please be sure all information, including category, is affixed to the back of each photograph.

Juror

Dan White is an internationally published and Pulitzer-Prize winning photographer with a photojournalistic perspective that permeates his commercial, editorial, and artistic images. It was while working at the Kansas City Star that he was part of the Pulitzer Prize-winning staff recognized for its coverage of the collapse of the Hyatt Hotel skywalks. Dan continues his thirty-year career as a commercial fine art photographer based in Kansas City and was recently inducted into the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame.

Entry form and fees

*** Online fillable & printable entry form available as a separate document on this Five State webpage ***

A fee of \$20 will allow the entry of two works. Two additional works may be entered for a fee of \$5 each. Entry fees are non-refundable. Checks are to be made payable to Hays Arts Council.

Provide all information (print or type) on the entry form, notification card, and identification tags (which are to be lightly affixed to the back of each photograph). If you wish to have your 8x10 photographs returned (whether accepted or not), include a postage paid envelope/mailed with your entry. **Entry forms, fees and 8x10 photographs are to be received at the Hays Arts Center by November 8, 2024.**

Delivery

If mailing, we recommend including adequate rigid support to protect your photographs from damage (bending) as the photographs selected will be the actual photographs that will be matted, framed and exhibited. Allow ample time for entries to reach us. Hand-delivered photographs will be accepted Monday through Friday, 10am to 4pm. If you will be delivering them on a Saturday, please call first to confirm the gallery is open. **Entries must arrive no later than 4pm on Friday, November 8.**

Return

If a postage paid envelope or mailer is included with the entry, photographs will be returned following judging if none are accepted – or at the conclusion of the exhibition if any of the works are selected. Photographs may also be picked up at the Hays Arts Center Monday through Friday, 10am to 4pm. If no return envelope is included, photographs will be held for collection until March 15, 2024. **The HAC will not be responsible for photographs after March 15, 2025.**

Sales

With the uniformity of size and presentation, (and framing being provided by the Hays Arts Council), all exhibited photographs (with frame/mat) will be priced at \$100. Should a photograph sell, the artist will receive \$60, with \$40 retained by the Hays Arts Council as commission and for framing expenses (again, work will be sold with our frame & mat).

If you do not wish to sell your 8x10 photograph (or have it sold at the \$100 sale price), simply note NFS on the entry card and the photograph ID tag. Payment for sold work will be made at the conclusion of the exhibition.

Liability

The Hays Arts Council shall assume the right to reproduce any entry for catalog or publicity purposes related to this exhibition or future exhibitions. The return of the entry form constitutes the artist's agreement with conditions set forth in this prospectus.

Catalog

A catalog listing all accepted works, and reproductions of those winning cash awards, will be published. Each accepted entrant will receive a copy of the catalog when the works are returned or collected. An online album of *all* of accepted photographs will be available on our website and Facebook page.

Opening reception

The Five State Photography Exhibition will open as the anchor of the Hays Arts Council Winter Art Walk on **Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 10am to 4pm** at the Hays Arts Center Gallery. The exhibition will run through February 12, 2025.

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