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Presents Joshua Galicki Oct 13, 2026 8:00

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Contest Photography: What to Submit and What Judges Look For



Topic

Josh will share insights from his experience judging international photography competitions and discuss what truly makes an image stand out in a contest environment. While technical quality is important, judges are often drawn to photographs that combine strong composition, compelling light, and a clear visual story. Images that feel original or show a fresh perspective tend to rise above the thousands of submissions that judges review. He will also discuss common pitfalls that can hurt otherwise strong photographs such as excessive saturation or over-processing that make an image feel artificial, following trends seen repeatedly on social media, or failing to meet the specific rules and theme of a competition. Ultimately, the photographs that score highest are those that feel intentional, authentic, and visually memorable, while connecting emotionally with the viewer.

Bio

Josh Galicki is a published, award-winning wildlife and fine art photographer, business owner, and camera gear brand ambassador based on Maryland's Eastern Shore. His portfolio spans the rich coastal habitats surrounding his home along the Chesapeake Bay as well as remote and untamed landscapes around the world. As a seasoned judge for international photography competitions, Josh brings together technical expertise and artistic vision, with a strong emphasis on storytelling, conservation, and creative expression. He is also co-host of the Wildlife Photography Podcast, where he engages photographers and nature enthusiasts in thoughtful conversations about craft, ethics, and the evolving role of wildlife imagery as fine art. Josh's work reflects a lifelong passion for the natural world, rooted in early birdwatching adventures in rural Pennsylvania and developed into a body of photography that seeks to inspire curiosity, respect, and a deeper connection to wildlife and the landscapes they inhabit.

Westchester Photographic Society is proud to invite the public to see Joshua Galicki, Tuesday October 13, 2026 – 8:00 (Eastern time). Frequent guests are invited to become members of WPS: <https://www.wpsphoto.org/join-us>. To Register email Meetings@wpsphoto.org