

See your photo on the MysticIrishParade.org website!

Whether photography is your passion, your hobby, or just an occasional pastime, we invite you to participate in our MysticIrishParade.org photo contest, celebrating the beauty and unique character of the Mystic Irish Parade.

Winning photos will be displayed on the MysticIrishParade.org home page on a rotating basis. They may also be used marketing next year's parade! Both amateur and professional photographers are welcome to participate. Photos are to be submitted in digital format; see contest rules for details.

No purchase or payment necessary to enter or win

Photo Eligibility

To enter, you must be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident (green card). Mystic Irish Parade Foundation(MIPF) volunteers and Board members and their immediate family members are not eligible. Immediate family includes only spouses, parents and children. All photos must be in color and taken at this year's Mystic Irish Parade. The photo subject must be relevant to the Mystic Irish Parade.

Photo Formats

Entries must be digital images. Please read the specific guidelines for submitting digital images.

Photographer/Copyright

Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than yourself. You must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo and entry form is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.

Number of Entries

An individual may submit up to 5 photos.

Photo Subject Restrictions

Photos must be appropriate for posting on a public website. Obscene, provocative or otherwise questionable content will not be considered. The MIPF retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content.

Return of Photos

Photos will not be returned. Please do not send your only copy of a photo.

Ownership/Use Rights

Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs. By entering the contest, photographers agree to have their submitted photograph displayed on the MysticIrishParade.org website without any fee or other form of compensation, and agree that the MIPF may display winning photos in a "past winners" photo gallery and may make and retain copies of the photograph for archival purposes. Posted photos will

be subject to the MysticIrishParade.org website photo use policy. Photos will be credited to the photographer. Entries (including non-winning entries) may be selected for display or use in other MIPF web pages or publications. In the event that ownership of any photograph submitted to the MIPF is contested in any manner, the MIPF retains the discretion to disqualify that photograph and discontinue use of the photograph.

How to Enter

Digital photos may be submitted using the online entry form. Each image must be named as follows: "Last name First name 1 of x phone email.jpg". For example, "Tazzini George 1 of 5 8605728881 george@coastallifephotography dot come.jpg"

Entries must be received by Friday, April 3, 2009, at 11:59 p.m. EST. Email your image(s) to:

george@coastallifephotography.com

Judging

Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or unique character of the Mystic Irish Parade. A MIPF panel, along with local photographer George Tazzini of Coastal Life Photography will judge the entries and all contest decisions are final.

Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.

Winners

Judges will select a first, second, and third place winning photo. (Prizes TBD) If fewer than ten eligible photographers enter, the MIPF may choose to name only a first place winner, or may cancel the contest. In addition, one or more honorable mention winners may be selected in the event especially large numbers of entries are received, at the discretion of the judging panel.

Winners will be announced at the Parade Awards event on April 5, 2009 at the Harp and Hound in downtown Mystic and will be notified by phone and email using the information on the image. Winning photographs, along with the photographer's name, email address (optional) and information about the photo, will be displayed on the MysticIrishParade.org website during 2009. No financial compensation is provided to winners.

Submitting Digital Images

Digital images should be submitted using the email address above. Images should be formatted to 72 dpi, no larger than 800 pixels and no smaller than 450 pixels on the longest edge. Images should be submitted in JPG (at high quality) format.

Image Modifications:

Minor digital enhancement is permitted, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural will be disqualified.

Not Permitted:

- * No borders or frames may be added to images.
- * No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images. All winning images will be displayed with the photographer's name.
- * Adding or replacing elements in an image is not permitted.
- * Artistic filters are not permitted.(except Sepia or B&W)

Permitted Modifications:

- * Images may be cropped and rotated as necessary as long as the rectangular format is maintained and the size is within the specifications above.
- * Images may be resized as long as the aspect ratio is maintained
- * Red-eye removal and spot editing
- * One-step enhancement (such as "AutoFix", "QuickFix", "Auto Levels", etc.)
- * Use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, despeckle, or remove noise.
- * Use of corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone, hue, saturation, lightness, value, color balance, and tint.

Additional Terms and Conditions

The MIPF is not responsible for computer system, hardware, software, or program malfunctions or other errors, failures, or delayed computer transactions or network connections that are human or technical in nature. Furthermore, the MIPF is not responsible for: (i) lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete, or late entries or (ii) any act, failure to act, or delay regarding the transmitting or processing of entries. The MIPF reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend all or any portion of this contest without notice if factors beyond the MIPF's control, including technical difficulties, disrupt or corrupt the fair or secure administration or operation of the contest. Void where prohibited. The MIPF is entitled to interpret these rules as needed and its decisions are final. The MIPF reserves the right to disqualify any entrant that the MIPF has reason to believe is not the original work of entrant, or does not otherwise meet the contest rules. If a winner is disqualified or determined to be ineligible, an alternate winner will be selected using the same judging process/criteria described above. Alternate winners are subject to all requirements set forth in these Official Rules.

By participating in the contest, you agree to release and hold harmless the MIPF and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind resulting from your participation in this contest, including infringement of intellectual property rights. The MIPF and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies assume no responsibility or liability for any damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind arising in whole or in part from this contest. Photos used in print materials may require a signed release form the photographer, by entering the contest you agree to sign this release without question or compensation. Full photo credit will be given to the photographer where applicable.