

Sirmione Award for the Photography, 14th Edition, 2023

LAKE GARDA BLOCK NOTES PHOTO CONTEST

10 April – 7 May 2023

Art. 1

Sirmione Award for the Photography

The District of Sirmione promotes the Sirmione Award for the Photography, 14th Edition, dedicated to Sirmione and the Garda Lake and organizes the:

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Art. 2

Participation

The contest is open to everyone, except for the Administrators, the employees of the Municipality of Sirmione, the members of the jury and their relatives.

Art. 3

Modality of registration and execution

The registration and the participation at the Award can be only executed following the modalities on the websites visitsirmione.com and sirmionefotografia.it

Art. 4

Registration costs

Registration is free

Art. 5

Procedures

Block Notes Photo Contest is a contest for digital photos which will take place in 4 weekly sessions, for 4 weeks starting from 10th April, 2023

week from 10th to 16th April 2023

week from 17th to 23th April 2023

week from 24th April to 30th April 2023

week from 1st to 7th May 2023

Images taken with digital devices (reflex, compact and cellular cameras) are admitted to the Block Notes Photo Contest.

Art. 6

Themes

The themes of the four weeks of the 2023 edition of Block Notes Photo Contest will be published before 2nd April 2023 on visitsirmione.com and sirmionefotografia.it

Photos can be taken everywhere (it is not necessary for them to refer to Garda Lake or Sirmione).

Art. 7

Technical features of the photos

Digital photos sent must be exclusively in JPEG format, with not excessive compression (from average to minimum) and 300 dpi resolution, in the size (number of pixels on both sides) not reduced or scaled compared to those of the camera used and complete with all the original EXIF data of the shot, under penalty of exclusion from the competition.

The images must not contain white borders, signatures or recognizable logos, name of the participant written in digital watermark, signature on the photo or any other univocal sign of identifications. In no case will be accepted images in which have been added or removed key elements of the composition or obtained from cuts consisting of larger frames, such as photocomposition, photomontages, double exposures or anyway elaborations heavily influential on the aspect and the content of the pictures. The clipping of the images, also known as "crop", is not allowed, but for the little necessary size in case of straightening of the horizon of the images, as above written. Specifically, are allowed:

- Conversion from colour to black-and-white;
- Regulation of the tones (high lights and shades, hardness and softness);
- Regulation of the clearness, brilliance, contrast and saturation;
- Regulation of the colour profile used;
- Straightening of the horizon;
- Filters, which are physically placed on the camera (polarizers, cross-screen, soft focus and similar);
- Digital filters included in the most common software of elaboration of the images which are available to the public to modify the chromatic tones of the images, to lend dominants of colour, effects of imitation of the chemical images or others
- Particular techniques, such as Tilt&Shift, Dragan effect, HDR, Focus Stacking etc.

Each participant must conserve the originals in Raw or JPG, of which the Jury can request the vision; failure to display the original will result in exclusion from the competition.

The Jury will have the right to reject any image that has been too much retouched at the expense of the integrity of the contents and meaning of the original image.

Art. 8

Photographies' delivery

For each of the 4 weeks of the competition, participants must deliver, by 11.59 pm on Sunday, only one photograph related to the week's theme.

The delivery of the photographs must be made in digital format in the manner indicated on the websites visitsirmione.com and sirmionefotografia.it

Art. 9

Copyright

For each work sent for the participation at the Award, the candidate must declare under his own responsibility:

- that he/she is the real author of the work and that he has all the rights relating to it.
- that the work doesn't betray any right of a third party and doesn't violate any current regulation.
- moreover, he/she declares and guarantees that he/she is the holder of each moral and patrimonial right relating to the work.
- In any case the author relieves the organization from all the responsibilities, costs or burden of any nature, that might be supported due to the content of the work.
- that he grants to the District of Sirmione a full-use license, not exclusive, irrevocable, permanent and totally free. In any case the name of the author will be specified.

Pursuant to current legislation on the subject, each participant has the full right of ownership and use of the images created during the competition.

The photographs, at the discretion of the Jury, may be exhibited in an exhibition and published on the institutional website of the Municipality of Sirmione and on the Facebook page of the Municipality of Sirmione.

Art. 10

Exclusions

Any omissions or inaccuracies in the data on the registration form, or in any other form of documentation required to complete the registration process, may lead to the cancellation of participation in the event.

The photographs in the competition must not be published online (on forums, personal websites or social networks) before the award ceremony. Any publication will result in the exclusion of the photo(s) from the competition.

Photographs that have already participated in previous editions of the Award cannot be submitted

Art. 11**Responsibilities**

The author of the photographs is the only person responsible of the content of them.

Photos, which could damage the personal dignity or in any way the image and the name of the Organizer, of the sponsors, of the Public Administration and of any other subject (natural or legal person), are not allowed.

In case of sending images, which damage the law regulations, the third party's right or even only inopportune, the author of these images will totally relieve the organization and he will keep it unharmed from any claim, economic or not, of a third party.

The organization is not responsible of the behaviour and of the acts of the participants.

Participants must behave prudently and responsibly, in order to respect the social regulations and to avoid any damage for the practicability and the citizenry.

Art. 12**Jury**

The Award's Panel is presided by the Mayor of Sirmione and is thus composed:

Mayor or his delegate

Municipal Councilor of Culture or his delegate

Representatives of the Bodies for Tourism promotion of Sirmione: Municipal Library of Sirmione, Pro Loco of Sirmione, Consortium Hoteliers Restaurateurs Sirmione, Association of Traders Sirmione.

3 Photography experts:

Roberto Bellini

Luigi Brozzi

Antonello Perin

4 photography enthusiasts from Sirmione:

Fabio Barelli

Fabrizio Biolchi

Federica Mometto

Marco Negri

The Mayor President of the Jury has the discretion of nominating other members of the Panel chosen between the institutional delegates of the Body for Tourism promotion of the Garda Lake and the recognized photography experts.

In any case the definitive composition of the Jury will be officially published on the websites: visitsirmione.com and sirmionefotografia.it

Art. 13**Judgement of the images**

The Jury's evaluation will take into account the consistency of the photographs with the assigned themes.

For the assignation of the final award (to which will be admitted only those who participated in all 4 weeks of competition) the jury will also evaluate the stylistic and narrative consistency of the 4 photographs presented.

Art. 14**Awards****WEEKLY AWARD**

For each of the 4 weeks of the competition the Jury will choose a winner.

The winner will win a guided tour "Discovering the secrets and secret places of the Grottoes of Catullus".

The guided tour is reserved exclusively for two people: the winner and a companion of his choice. The date of the guided tour will be agreed between the winners and the Organizer and can be carried out within one year of the end of the Block Notes Photo Contest.

The winning photograph of the week will be published on the website and on the Facebook and Instagram channels of the Municipality of Sirmione

FINAL AWARD

A long stay in Sirmione for 2 people (2 nights and 1 breakfast).

Only who participated to the 4 weeks of the award can participate to the award assignation.

The Jury reserves the right to assign further prizes or, if it deems it appropriate, not to award all the prizes provided. Additional prizes will be announced on the websites visitsirmione.com and sirmionefotografia.it.

All prizes are personal and non-transferable and, where applicable, must be collected personally by the winners during the award ceremony.

The prizes are not cumulative.

Art. 15

Communications

The Award's Organization will communicate with the candidates only via the websites visitsirmione.com and sirmionefotografia.it and via e-mail. Therefore, it is obligatory the supply of both contacts.

Any changes will be promptly communicated on the websites visitsirmione.com and sirmionefotografia.it and directly to subscribers.

Art. 16

Acceptance of the Guidelines

The participation in the contest implicates the total acceptance of these Guidelines.

Art. 17

Headquarter and contacts of the Award

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