

Doors Open 2008 "Art of Architecture" Photo Contest

For amateur and professional photographers. 18yrs+, prizes and 2009 exhibit.

September 1 - October 19, 2008

****Please note that there is a separate category for Adult Amateur Photographers & Adult Professional Photographers**

Photography buffs of every level of expertise are invited to share their favorite architectural images this fall. Submit images of your favorite 2008 Binational Doors Open Niagara sites - if selected, your winning photo could be posted on the official Doors Open Niagara website and exhibited at the new Burchfield-Penney Art Gallery, in Buffalo, New York during 2009. Additional prizes will be awarded in three categories plus Best of Show.

"The Art of Architecture" Photo Contest Rules & Prizes

1. The purpose of the **Art of Architecture Photography Contest** is to showcase the artistic beauty and distinctiveness of sites participating in Binational Doors Open Niagara, taking place October 18 and 19, 2008 throughout Erie, Niagara and Orleans Counties and the Niagara region of Southern Ontario. All submissions must have been taken at a Doors Open Niagara participating site between September 1, 2008 and October 19, 2008. A list of those sites can be found at the Doors Open Niagara website at: www.doorsopenniagara.com.

Photos will be judged in three main categories: **Exterior Views, Interior Views and Architectural Elements.**

2. The competition is open to U.S. and Canadian amateur and professional photographers, 18 years of age or older.

3. Entries may be color or black and white images, but must be submitted on a photo CD. Please do not send prints, slides or slideshows. No allowances will be made for poor-quality images.

4. You must be the sole author and owner of the copyright in all photos entered. Images must not have been digitally altered in any way other than necessary burning, dodging and cropping.

5. Your full name, phone number (both day & evening), address and e-mail address must be included with each entry for the purpose of notifying you of the judges' decisions.

6. The deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 7, 2008, delivered to the Binational Tourism Alliance office or postmarked on the same date.

How and Where to Submit Images:

Images are to be submitted on Photo CDs only. No e-mailed images will be accepted. Photo CDs are to be mailed or delivered to **The Binational Tourism Alliance** at either of the following addresses, and all envelopes clearly marked "**2008 Art of Architecture Photography Contest, ATTN: Helga Honey**".

In Canada:
5400 Robinson St.,
2nd Floor
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 2A6

In the U.S.:
70 West Chippewa St.
Suite 607
Buffalo, New York 14202

A maximum of 5 images may be entered by each photographer.

Images must be a minimum resolution of 300 dpi and at least 1632 x 1224 pixels.

Please include the following details with your submission(s):

- a title for the photo (should include name of the site or building)
- where the photo was taken and when it was taken (ex. Front Door, Willowbank, Niagara-on-the-Lake, October 13, 2008). Please note that no logos, names, emblems or signage other than the name of the building itself, can be visible in submissions.
- if you are submitting more than one image, please submit a covering letter with a list of printed images, numbered and labeled by location.

A binational panel of judges who are accomplished in the field of photography will select the award winners. The judges' decision on all matters relating to the competition is final, and no correspondence will be entered into concerning the competition's judging and any individual or organization associated with this contest. Immediate families of the judges are not eligible to enter this contest.

Judging will take place by December 31, 2008 and winners will be notified by January 16, 2009.

The identification of photo location as a Doors Open Niagara participating site will be considered to be accurate and truthful; in the event this can not be determined because of the composition of the photo, the Judging Panel reserves the right to verify that the image is of the location as stated before any prize is awarded.

Releases: Any images including recognizable people must be accompanied by a standard photographer's release form (see below), waiving rights to the image and its future use. Individual photographers retain all copyrights to their work.

Binational Doors Open Niagara Photo Release: (for any images including recognizable people)

I, (please print your name) _____, give the photographer (print name) _____,

Binational Doors Open Niagara and the Binational Tourism Alliance, the absolute right and permission to use my photograph in its promotional materials and publicity efforts without payment or any other consideration. All images become the property of the Binational Tourism Alliance.

I understand that the photographs may be used in a publication, print ad, direct-mail piece, electronic media (e.g. video, CD-ROM, Internet/www), or other form of promotion. I release the photographer, Binational Doors Open Niagara, the Binational Tourism Alliance, their offices, employees, agents, and designees from liability for any violation of any personal or proprietary right I may have in connection with such use.

I am 18 years of age or older.

Signature _____ Print

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Prov _____

PC/Zip _____

Phone(_____) _____

Date _____

7. Your photo submission is your agreement that photos can be used on the Doors Open Niagara website or placed at any gallery or on any website or in any publication without notification with proper credit to you as the photographer. The Doors Open Niagara Steering Committee also reserves the right to reproduce any winning or submitted photo, at its own expense, for the legitimate use of promoting future Doors Open Niagara events including posters that may be sold to produce revenues for the Doors Open Niagara project. All submissions become the property of the Binational Tourism Alliance.

8. The Judging Panel reserves the right to change the contest rules without prior notification.

9. For the exhibition, the photographer is responsible for the costs and preparation of the following:

- Photographs should be 11" x 14" or full frame of the image (larger prints are the option of the photographer)
- Photographs should be matted on a 16" x 20" archival matt board with a foam core backing; larger prints should also be matted.
- Each matted work must be framed and ready for gallery hanging.
- All photographs must be ready to hang. Each photograph must be framed with a rigid frame of either metal or wood. We will not accept plastic frames or metal clips systems.
- For a wooden frame, the best hardware is the "D-Ring Hanger" or "Strap Hanger" (see website: http://www.govart.com/hardware_hangers_hvy_B.html). D-Ring or Strap Hangers can be affixed to the frame on either side with light screws. They should be positioned equally on either side of the frame (approx. 4" from the top of the frame.) Also acceptable is eyelet screws in a solid frame with a wire.
- No colored matts or double matts. Matts should be white or off-white. Photographers not meeting these requirements cannot have their work(s) exhibited.

10. Binational Doors Open Niagara is a project of the Binational Tourism Alliance, Inc. a non-profit, US & Canadian tourism trade organization focused on tourism and cultural development in cross border regions.

11. Questions and contacts:

Helga Honey: helga.honey@btapartners.com or 716-849-5834 or 905-354-5100

Doors Open 2008 "Art of Architecture" Photo Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State/Prov:** _____ **Zip/PC:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am an amateur photographer _____. I am a professional photographer _____.

Signature: _____

Photo 1:
Title: _____

Where photo taken _____

Date: _____

Photo 2:
Title: _____

Where photo taken _____

Date: _____

Photo 3:
Title: _____

Where photo taken _____

Date: _____

Photo 4:
Title: _____

Where photo taken _____

Date: _____

Photo 5:
Title: _____

Where photo taken _____

Date: _____