eXpressions! Photo and Art Competition is here!

PRIZES WORTH $10,000

Deadline for submissions: October 31st, 2019

Competition ends October 31st, 2019. Enter today!

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INTRODUCTION

The EU Delegation to Trinidad and Tobago in partnership with the Photographers Guild of Trinidad and Tobago presents: ‘eXpressions! Photography and Art Competition’. This competition is in keeping with the EU's objective to put cultural cooperation at the heart of relations with countries around the world. In particular, through art and photography the EU seeking to promote intercultural dialogue
and as well build understanding between societies.

The 2019 competition focuses on two key thematic areas: **Child Rights** and **Environment and Climate Change**

1. **Child Rights:** This year, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child celebrates 30 years since its ratification. This Convention holds the unique position of being the only UN treaty to be ratified by every single country in the world, and yet as we know, children continue to be exploited and abused and for too many, childhood is cut short by the challenges of life. Through this competition, the youth of this nation will be encouraged to celebrate childhood though a reflection on key articles of the Convention and their representation of children’s rights in photos and art.

2. **Environment and Climate Change:** Environmental challenges are global in nature. For good or ill, activities undertaken in one part of the world have a serious impact on other areas. Solving the world's environmental ills therefore requires everyone to play their part; to be aware of the challenge and to come up with innovative solutions. Professional and amateur artists and photographers will be invited to share their views and as well their vision of/for Trinidad and Tobago through a reflection on the environmental challenges we face.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open to nationals of Trinidad and Tobago. Trustees, employees or partners of the EU institutions and the Photographers Guild of Trinidad and Tobago, as well as immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings and children) and household members of those employees are not eligible to participate.

Submitted photos and art work not related to the themes will not be eligible.

**DEFINITIONS**

*Amateur* - For the purposes of this competition, 'amateur' is defined as any individual who does not make a living, full time, as a photographer or artist. Enthusiasts, photography/art students, and part-time freelance photographers/artists are eligible to participate.

*Professional* - For the purposes of this competition, a professional photographer is one who makes a living 100% of the time as a photographer in practice or teaching. For artists, those who work full time as artists in practice or teaching, and/or are recognized by the public or their peers as such; have participated in exhibitions and received compensation from sale of their artwork; have received advanced training and education; hold copyright and receive royalty payments; have a legitimate, fully licensed business related their art.

The Organizers reserve the right to investigate the status of any participant to ensure they meet these eligibility requirements.

**ORGANIZERS**

This competition is organized by the European Union Delegation to Trinidad and Tobago and the Photographers Guild of Trinidad and Tobago

**ENTRY PERIOD**

The competition will begin from 12:00 noon AST of Friday September 6th and end at 11:59 pm AST on October 31st. Entries received after that time will not be eligible unless the Organizers officially
announce an extension of the entry period.

**HOW TO ENTER**

Photos and artwork will address two themes as follows:

1. Environment and Climate Change – *My World, My Responsibility*
2. Child Rights – *For Every Child, Every Right*

There will be two categories of entries - one for adults and one for children:

a. **Adults - 18 years and older**

The theme for the adult category will be: **Environment and Climate Change: My World, My Responsibility.**

b. **Children - under 18 and under 12 categories**

The theme for the Children's category will be: **Child Rights - For Every Child, Every Right**

- 1. Participants are required to submit original photos or works of art based on the above themes
- 2. Art can be paint, crayon, pencil, mixed media, or digital
- 3. Photos can be augmented/edited/touched up
- 4. Both photos and artwork should include brief captions (maximum 250 characters)
- 5. Full contact information - name, age, phone number and email address is to be included with each entry
- 6. Include the hashtags: #EUexpressionsTT and #PhotoGuildTT with your online submissions
- 7. Photos can be submitted via the EU's FB page ( ) and via email to: Karen.sheppard@eeas.europa.eu.
- 8. Artwork can be submitted directly to the EU Delegation at 16 Queens Park West or via email or the Facebook page (through a digital facsimile/photo of the piece[1]). Original artwork submitted must be already mounted for display. Those wishing to submit original pieces must contact the Organizers for consultation on display specifications.
- 9. The EU Delegation will confirm receipt of all entries.[2]
- 10. Entries will be judged based on quality of the work, relevance to the theme and resonance of the message.

One entry per person. Entries not following these guidelines risk disqualification.

**WINNERS**

The winners will be chosen by a panel of judges chosen by the EU Delegation and the Guild of Photographers. The panel will include the EU Ambassador. Winners will be determined based on the quality, creativity and originality of the photo/art and caption.

All judges' decisions are final.

The Organizers will contact those shortlisted for prize consideration using the contact information on their post. The shortlisted persons will then have 48 hours to contact the Organizers before an alternate is selected. NOTE: All shortlisted individuals will be required to provide their printed photo of size 81/2 X 11 or larger to the Organizers (for a photo exhibition of the works). Original art, if not already submitted will be requested. All finalist submissions must be exhibition-ready, that is, framed
and/or mounted.

**PRIZES**

There will be prizes awarded in each category – amateur/professional, adult/children, including an under 12 category as follows:

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These prizes will be awarded at a special ceremony to take place at the conclusion of the competition in November.

**PHOTO/ART EXHIBITION**

The Organizers intend to display for a period of one week after the award of prizes the photography and artwork works of competition finalists. By consenting to participate in this competition and exhibition, participants will have conferred usage rights to the Organizers for the use of these works on display only, in future promotional activities.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS**

In the event that the operation, security, or administration of the Competition is impaired in any way, the Organizers may, in their discretion, either: (a) suspend the Competition to address the impairment and then resume it; or (b) award the prize(s) to one of the selected out of the eligible entries received up to the time of the impairment. The Organizers reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who tampers with the operation of the Competition, violates these Rules, or acts in a disruptive or unsportsmanlike manner. The Organizers’ failure to enforce any term of these Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. In the event of a dispute as to the owner of an online entry, the authorized account holder used to enter will be deemed to be the owner.

**RELEASE AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY**

By entering, the participant agrees to release and will not hold the EU Delegation to Trinidad and
Tobago, The Photographers Guild of Trinidad and Tobago, Facebook, their respective parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents (the “Released Parties”) responsible for and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in the Competition or receipt or use of any prize, including, but not limited to: (a) unauthorized human intervention in the Competition; (b) technical errors; (c) printing errors; (d) late or undelivered mail; and (e) errors in the administration of the Competition. The participant waives the right to claim any attorney’s fees and any damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, punitive, consequential, direct, or indirect damages.

**PRIVACY AND PUBLICITY**

Any information the participant submits, when entering the Competition is provided to the Organizers, not to Facebook. Except where prohibited, the participant consents to the Organizer's use of the participant's name in any list of winners (if applicable) and for promotional purposes in any media without further payment or consideration.

**DISPUTES**

The participant agrees that any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of, or connected with, the Competition or any prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the appropriate court located Trinidad and Tobago. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, the participant's rights and obligations, or the rights and obligations of the Organizers in connection with the Competition, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Trinidad and Tobago, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules (whether of Trinidad and Tobago or any other jurisdiction), which would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than Trinidad and Tobago.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES**

Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of the above rules.

**QUESTIONS**

Any questions and inquiries about the Competition can be emailed to: Karen.sheppard@eeas.europa.eu or photoguildtt@gmail.com.

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[1] Shortlisted finalists' original art entry will need to be submitted.
[2] If you do not receive a confirmation of your entry within 48 hours, please contact the Delegation.

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