2025 - 2026 Contest Year Topics

	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February
Projected	Open	Golden Hour: Dusk or Dawn	Open	Music	Open	View Through a Portal	Open	Bird's Eye View	Open	Shallow Depth of Field
Color Prints	Open	Golden Hour: Dusk or Dawn	Open	Open	Open	View Through a Portal	Open	Open	Open	Open
Monochrome Prints	Open	Open	Open	Music	Open	Open	Open	Bird's Eye View	Open	Open

Golden Hour: Dawn or Dusk: An hour before sunset and the hour after sunrise.

Music: Performance, such as a concert or festival; musical instruments, musicians

View Through a Portal: looking through a window, doorway, tunnel, entrance. Should include the area in front of, passageway, destination. Portal acts as a framing element.

Birds Eye View: point of view in which the image is photographed from the top, high above the subject.

Shallow Depth of Field: A shallow depth of field means only a small portion of the image is in focus while the rest of the image turns to blur. Usually an f-stop of 1.4 to 5.6.