

RULES

Public Establishment of the Museum and National Estate of Versailles Photo Contest

ARTICLE 1 – Contest Organisers

On the occasion of the “Versailles in Photographs” exhibition, the Public Establishment of the Museum and National Estate of Versailles, hereinafter referred to as “EPV”, a public administrative establishment created by modified decree No. 95-463 of 27 April 1995, having its registered head office at the Palace of Versailles, RP 834 – 78008 Versailles cedex France, and FlickrR 17-19 rue Guillaume Tell, 75017 Paris, France, will organise an online photo contest from 26 January 2010 at 10 a.m. to 25 April 2010 at 6 p.m. on the FlickrR website: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/concoursversailles/>.

The photographs posted by the entrants will be displayed, as part of the contest, on the abovementioned FlickrR website which will include a link to the EPV webpage dedicated to the contest. The EPV website, www.chateauversailles.fr, will include a webpage dedicated to the contest outlining the conditions on how to enter and a link to the FlickrR website. Photographs posted to the “Versailles contest” group will be displayed in a mosaic or slide show at www.chateauversailles.fr. Once the winners have been selected, the 11 winning photographs will also be displayed on the website individually throughout 2010.

ARTICLE 2 – Theme

The theme of the contest is “Reflections of Versailles”. Only photographs taken within the museum and the national estate of Versailles may be entered in the photo contest.

The participant’s approach to the theme should be creative, aesthetic and personal. The angle of approach may focus on the architecture, gardens or collections but not on the visitors or agents of the Establishment (unless explicit written authorisation has been granted by the subject of the photograph, in accordance with article 10 below).

ARTICLE 3 – Entry Conditions

No entry fee is required for this contest.

The contest is open to all photographers registered on the <http://www.flickr.com> website (with photo gallery on the site) and members of the “Versailles Contest” group.

Minors must request and obtain parental authorisation prior to entering the Contest. The organisers may require said parental authorisation. Entrants may only submit one entry during the Contest period (same postal address and e-mail address and surname).

Any EPV agents and FlickrR employees involved in organising this contest or members of the panel of judges and their family members are excluded from entering this contest.

In application of this article the organisers reserve the right to carry out verifications.

ARTICLE 4 – Entry Terms: Photos

Entrants wishing to shoot their photo in areas subject to admission fees are required to pay the admission fee in effect on the day they have chosen to take the photo. Entrants must respect the visiting rules and regulations of the museum and estate and in particular those pertaining to taking photos: <http://www.chateauversailles.fr/resources/pdf/fr/preparez-ma-visite/musee.pdf> and http://www.chateauversailles.fr/resources/pdf/fr/preparez-ma-visite/reglement_DMA_40x60_vert.pdf.

ARTICLE 5 – Entry Terms: Validation of entry

For an entry to be validated by the organisers, entrants must complete two steps

1/ Entrants must upload the photographs they wish to enter in the contest to their personal Flickr gallery which is visible to everyone (anyone can see their photos).

2/ To enter the contest, entrants must post a maximum of 5 photographs from their own gallery to the pool of images of the “Versailles Contest” group.

The photographs must include a title (minimum mandatory) and description (not mandatory but highly recommended). They will be numbered according to order of submission in order to facilitate the voting procedure.

The organisers cannot be held liable for the rejection of incomplete or erroneous entries.

The organisers cannot be held liable for the disqualification of entrants who have made any false statements.

ARTICLE 6 – Panel of Judges – Winner selection criteria

The panel of judges comprised of public establishment staff, the “Versailles in Photographs” exhibition organiser and professional photographers will select 11 photographs (by 11 different photographer/entrants) that it will rank in order of preference. The voting will take place in May 2010. The selection criteria of the winners are as follows: appropriateness to the “Reflections of Versailles” theme, technical quality of the photo, originality of the approach and artistic value.

ARTICLE 7 – Prizes

The entrants selected will not receive payment for entering this contest.

The 11 winners will receive the following prize packages:

1st:

- a Tamron 18-270 mm lens (€700 value)
- The possibility of photographing the museum and the national estate of Versailles during a VIP session (on a day when the museum is closed to the public or outside public visiting hours), in the areas that are usually open to the public and accompanied by an agent of the Establishment. (€600 value). The conditions for use of the photos taken on this occasion are outlined in article 10 below.
- 1 “Versailles in Photographs” exhibition catalogue (€29 value).

2nd:

- a Tamron 17-50 mm lens (€500 value)
- two “1-Day Passports” allowing the holder to access to the entire museum and national estate of Versailles for an entire day and, depending to the date of the visit, attend, on that same day, the Grandes Eaux Musicales or Jardins Musicaux events (dates of these events available on the Palace of Versailles website) (€50 value).
- 1 “Versailles in Photographs” exhibition catalogue (€29 value).

3rd:

- a Tamron 18-200 mm lens (€300 value)
- two “1-Day Passports” allowing the holder to access to the entire museum and national estate of Versailles for an entire day and, depending to the date of the visit, attend, on that same day, the Grandes Eaux Musicales or Jardins Musicaux events (dates of these events available on the Palace of Versailles website) (€50 value).
- 1 “Versailles in Photographs” exhibition catalogue (€29 value).

4th to 11th:

- two “1-Day Passports” allowing the holder to access to the entire museum and national estate of Versailles for an entire day and, depending to the date of the visit, attend, on that same day, the Grandes Eaux Musicales or Jardins Musicaux events (dates of these events available on the Palace of Versailles website) (€50 value).
- 1 “Versailles in Photographs” exhibition catalogue (€29 value).

Prizes are not exchangeable.

All prizes must be accepted as rewarded, they cannot be redeemed for their value in cash or any other form, nor can they be replaced or exchanged.

In the future, any of the 11 prize-winners may be contacted by EPV if the establishment wishes to use a winning photograph for a purpose that is not in connection with the contest.

ARTICLE 8 – Announcement of Results

The organisers will inform the 11 contest winners by sending them a personal message via FlickrR. At that time they will be asked to send their postal address and e-mail address to EPV so that the prizes may be sent to them. The list of winners will be published on the contest page of each of the organisers’ websites, within 20 days of the contest closing date. The identities of the prize-winners will be published unless the entrant specifically expressed their wishes to be identified by a nickname when they entered the contest. The 1st prize winner will then have to contact the EPV’s information and communication – new media service department directly to organise the VIP session.

Entrants who cannot be informed of their winnings as a result of the information they provided will be disqualified without the possibility of lodging a complaint.

ARTICLE 9 – Personal Information

Any information collected will be processed exclusively by FlickrR. In accordance with the French law on data protection of 6 January 1978 modified by the law of 6 August 2004, entrants have a right to access, rectify and, if need be, to oppose the use of their personal information: <http://info.yahoo.com/privacy/fr/yahoo/>

The information collected by EPV for the purposes of awarding the prizes is also processed exclusively by the Establishment. In accordance with the French law on data protection of 6 January 1978 modified by the law of 6 August 2004, entrants have a right to access, rectify and, if need be, to oppose the use of their personal information. An entrant may at any time object to having their information shared with a third party. Any requests to access, rectify or oppose must be sent to: Etablissement Public du muse et du domaine national de Versailles – Direction de l’information et de la communication-service des nouveaux medias – Château de Versailles, RP 834 – 78008 Versailles cedex – France

ARTICLE 10 – Rights

Entrants must confirm they are the author of the works submitted and guarantee that they are original, unpublished (existing works may not be reproduced unless they are displayed in the Public Establishment, excluding works displayed in the “Louis XIV, the Man and the King” and “Versailles in Photographs” exhibitions) and that they are the sole owner of the exploitation rights connected to said works.

As such, Entrants are responsible for obtaining any required authorisations from any third party directly or indirectly involved in the photograph and/or who might consider themselves to have some claim to rights on the photograph, particularly in the case of photos of visitors or EPV agents (cf article 2). Entrants accept the responsibility of any resulting payments. Generally speaking, the Entrants guarantee the organisers of this contest against any appeals, lawsuits or complaints lodged on any grounds, by a third party, during the exercise

of the authorisations granted herein and more generally under the guarantees and agreements agreed to under these rules. Entrants agree to release organisers of any liability for complaints lodged by third parties on account of an infringement of copyright or violation of exploitation or property rights, regardless of their nature.

Entrants expressly authorize organisers to reproduce and display their photograph, free of charge, within the context of the contest, on the Flickr website with a link to the EPV website. Photographs posted on the "Versailles contest" group will be included in a mosaic or slide show at www.chateauversailles.fr. In accordance with moral rights, each time a photograph is displayed, the name of the author will be mentioned.

Winning entrants also authorise EPV to display the winning photographs individually on the Palace of Versailles website throughout 2010. For any other uses, EPV will contact the entrants in order to agree on terms of use of the photographs.

The organisers reserve the right to remove any unacceptable photographs (infringement of moral rights, off subject) from the pool and discussion thread and are not required to state the motives behind said removal.

Entrants agree to use the photographs taken during this contest for private purposes only. For any other use and/or communication a specific request must be made to EPV, which reserves the right to apply its pricing document. Photographs taken by the 1st place winner during the VIP session are also subject to these conditions.

ARTICLE 11 – Force Majeure

In the event of force majeure or if circumstances so require, the organisers reserve the right to modify these rules, postpone or cancel this contest. They are not liable on account of these modifications.

ARTICLE 12 – Liability

Internet is not a secure network. As a result, the organisers cannot be held responsible if the contest entrant's computer system is infected by a computer virus or accessed by a third party and they refuse to accept responsibility for the consequences of entrants connecting to the network via <http://www.flickr.com>. The organisers accept no responsibility in the event of a malfunction of their Internet network, in particular when due to external malicious acts that might disrupt the course of the Contest. The organisers cannot be held liable for any damage caused to participants, their computer equipment and databases, as well as any ensuing consequences on their personal or professional activity. Additionally, they cannot be held liable in the event of delivery problems, lost letters or e-mail. Lastly, the organisers accept no responsibility in incidents that might occur when using the prizes.

The organisers cannot be held liable for prizes that are lost or stolen during shipping. Any inexact or untrue statements or fraud will result in the disqualification of the entrant. No response will be given to telephone or written inquiries regarding the interpretation and application of these rules, the mechanism or terms of the Contest and the list of winners.

ARTICLE 13 – Rules

Entering this contest implies outright acceptance of these rules in their entirety, including any amendments and additional clauses that may be included. Any practical difficulties regarding the interpretation or application of these rules will be resolved by the organisers themselves. The rules may be consulted and downloaded on the Flickr and EPV websites. It can also be consulted at the office of Mr. Eric TRICOU, writ server and associate of SELARL Abrami Tricou Imard 60 rue du Maréchal Foch 78000 VERSAILLES, where these rules were registered.

To obtain a copy of the contest rules free of charge, please send a written request to:
Etablissement public de Versailles-direction de l'information et de la communication-service
des nouveaux medias – RP834 78008 Versailles

ARTICLE 14 – Disputes

This contest is subject to French Law.