



ARTS CENTER LAKE PLACID



High School Photography Showcase: A Photographic Interpretation of Life in the Adirondacks

Give us your best shot! Arts Center Lake Placid invites high school students in the Adirondack Park and beyond to participate in the annual photography exhibition, capturing a visual interpretation of their surroundings.

GUIDELINES

- **Eligibility:** Students who reside and/or attend school in the Greater Adirondack Park/northern New York region during the 2026-2027 school year are eligible. Applicants must be enrolled in Grades 9-12 (including public, private, or homeschool students).
- Color or Black & White photos must be taken in northern New York and offer a glimpse into everyday life in the region. Selected images will be arranged chronologically to create a year-long portrait of life in the Adirondacks and surrounding communities.
- Each student may submit up to two photographs.
- Each submission must be accompanied by a brief (50-100 word) essay describing the photographer's vision, inspiration, and/or story behind the image.
- All entries must include the following information:
 - *Student's name*
 - *School*
 - *Grade*
 - *Supervising teacher's name and email address*
 - *Title of photo*
 - *Date the photo was taken*
 - *Location of the photo*
 - *Type of camera used*
 - *(Optional 50-100 word) "About the Artist" Bio*
- All images must be suitable for reproduction at 8" x 10" and composed or cropped to a 4:5 aspect ratio.
- All images must have a minimum resolution 1000 x 1000 pixels to ensure clarity for juror review and potential reproduction.
- Digital editing is permitted; however, images *must* be original photographs captured by the student. AI-generated or AI-manipulated imagery is not permitted. Program organizers reserve the right to request original source files (RAW or equivalent) to verify authorship.

Submissions that do not meet these requirements will not be accepted.

Submit at tinyurl.com/Photography2627

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, February 8, 2027

The 2026-2027 contest will be juried by photographer Jonathan Zaharek.



Jonathan Zaharek is a highly recognized professional landscape photographer and artist specializing in the extreme and diverse environments of the Adirondack High Peaks. Jonathan has also traveled to over 30 countries in his pursuits of exploration and photography. What began as a passion for visual storytelling in high school quickly became a full-time pursuit, and for over a decade, Jonathan has dedicated his career to capturing the raw beauty and untamed wilderness of the Adirondacks. His work is showcased exclusively through Arts Center Lake Placid, and his striking imagery has earned him numerous awards, features in major publications, and a loyal following among outdoor enthusiasts and collectors alike. As an author, Jonathan continues to share his deep knowledge of the region, blending adventure, conservation, and artistry in his work to inspire others to appreciate and explore the natural world.

SELECTED PHOTOS

- Three photos will be selected as 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall winners, receiving cash prizes.
- Photos will also be selected for Honorable Mention and/or Juror's Choice.
- Selected photos will be prepared for exhibition and displayed in the Annex Gallery at Arts Center Lake Placid during the Middle/High School Juried Art Show:

March 19 - April 9, 2027

OPENING CELEBRATION: Friday, March 19, 4-6 pm

- All photographers whose work is selected for exhibition will receive a book of the selected photographs.

Please feel free to distribute this information to other colleagues who may be interested in the contest.

If you have any questions, please contact Arts Center Gallery Manager Anya Villeneuve at anya@lakeplacidarts.org.

We look forward to receiving this year's student photography!



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