

PHOTOGRAPHY

ASTRONOMY PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2024

DEADLINE

05 MAR 2024

ENTRIES CLOSED

POSTED	ENTRY FEE	ONLINE
7 Jan 2024	SEE ARTICLE DETAILS	VISIT ORGANIZER

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SOURCE: GRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

The Astronomy Photographer of the Year competition, now in its 16th iteration for 2024, stands as a testament to the awe-inspiring beauty and complexity of the cosmos. Celebrated for showcasing the world's most spectacular space photography, this competition draws attention to stunning skyscapes, as well as extraordinary images of distant planets and galaxies. Year after year, it continues to captivate audiences with visuals that not only highlight the wonders of astronomy but also demonstrate the remarkable capabilities of astrophotographers from around the globe.

Each iteration of this esteemed competition sees photographers, both amateur and professional, submitting their finest work in hopes of earning the prestigious title of Astronomy Photographer of the Year. This contest is uniquely positioned to demonstrate the confluence of art and science, providing a platform where artistic expression through photography meets the meticulous details of astronomical observation. The entries often include diverse subjects ranging from celestial events, such as solar eclipses and auroras, to deep space objects like nebulae and galaxies, offering glimpses into the vast and mysterious universe that surrounds us.

Notably, the Astronomy Photographer of the Year competition serves as a significant event in the astrophotography community, fostering a sense of unity among those who share a passion for capturing the night sky. It is a celebration of human curiosity and our enduring quest to understand the cosmos. The competition's increasing popularity each year also highlights the growing public interest in astronomy and space exploration. As such, it plays a crucial role in inspiring future generations of astronomers and space enthusiasts, while bringing the beauty of the night sky closer to people around the world.

The entry fee is £10, covering up to ten images per entrant. The Young Competition and Special Prizes are exempt from this fee.

ELIGIBILITY

The Adult competition is open to anyone aged 16 and over, while the Young competition is for those aged 15 and under.

PRIZE

The overall winner of the Adult competition receives £10,000 and the title of Astronomy Photographer of the Year. Category winners in the Adult competition receive £1,500, runners-up get £500, and highly commended entries receive £250. The Young competition offers similar cash prizes for the winner, runner-up, and highly commended entries. Two Special Prizes, the Sir Patrick Moore Prize for Best Newcomer and the Annie Maunder Prize for Image Innovation, come with £750 each. Additionally, all winners have their images displayed at the National Maritime Museum, receive a year's subscription to BBC Sky at Night magazine, and a copy of the Astronomy Photographer of the Year publication.