

International Wedding Photographer Of The Year 2025

Category: [Photography](#)

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Website: graphiccompetitions.com



The International Wedding Photographer of the Year Awards (IW POTY) is a prestigious annual competition dedicated to recognizing the finest artistic and technical achievements in wedding and elopement photography. Celebrated worldwide, the awards bring together talented professional and amateur photographers who demonstrate exceptional creativity, originality, and storytelling through their photographic work. By participating, entrants have a unique opportunity to showcase their photographic artistry on a global stage, gaining extensive exposure across online galleries, social media, international publications, and through featured promotional events.

Each year, photographers from around the globe submit compelling, emotive, and visually stunning imagery across diverse categories such as classic portraits, black-and-white compositions, candid moments, destination weddings, and adventurous elopements. The competition's judging panel comprises internationally renowned industry experts, ensuring an impartial and rigorous evaluation process based on creativity, technique, emotional impact, and originality. This approach guarantees recognition for the most authentic and innovative talents, while celebrating the power of photography to capture memorable life moments in ways that inspire both couples and fellow photographers alike.

By consistently attracting entries from talented creatives worldwide, IW POTY has established itself as one of the most influential and respected international awards in wedding photography. Winners and finalists gain credibility, prestige, and significant opportunities for career advancement through enhanced visibility, exclusive features, networking prospects, and significant media coverage. Ultimately, IW POTY serves not only to honor remarkable photographic achievements but also to elevate industry standards, inspire photographers globally, and promote artistic excellence in wedding photography.

During the early-bird period (up to 14 August, UTC -11) the fee is US \$20 per entry for non-members (\$15 for members) or \$10 for entries in the "Break the Rules" category; final-deadline entries cost US \$30 for non-members (still \$15 for members).

Eligibility

Open to all photographers, professional and amateur, specializing in wedding or elopement photography.

Prize

With a prize pool exceeding USD 20,000, awards include a Grand Winner title, category winners, runner-ups and sponsor prizes. The Grand Winner receives cash and prizes totalling over US \$5,000 in value, including US \$1,000 in cash. and winners gain worldwide exposure via the IW POTY platform, features in their online galleries and publications. Category winners receive prizes valued at over US \$500, and additional sponsor prizes may apply; all winners also retain copyright and receive recognition through promotional media and exhibitions.
