



Sultan Qaboos
Cultural Center

RULES

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CONTEST IS NOT SPONSORED, ENDORSED, OR ADMINISTERED BY OR ASSOCIATED WITH INSTAGRAM.

Overview: Beginning on 1 March 2021 at 12:00 am EST and ending on 30 June 2021 at 11:59 pm EST **amateur photographers** are invited to post, on Instagram, an original photo of the Sultanate of Oman's biodiversity with a short description of their photo, including the location the photo was taken, with the hashtag: #SQCCPhotoContest. The photo should positively show the Sultanate of Oman's biodiversity.

Who may enter:

Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center's Instagram Photo contest is open to residents of the fifty (50) United States and the District of Columbia who are at least eighteen (18) years old at the time of entry. The Contest is intended as an amateur photo contest, professional photographers are ineligible to enter and win any prizes. For the purposes of the Contest, a professional photographer is defined as anyone who (i) is or has been employed full time as a photographer or in a like capacity; (ii) has an established photography business with the purpose of earning a majority of their income (iii) currently or previously identified as a professional photographer. Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center will determine winners' eligibility in its sole discretion.

What to enter:

The photo entered should positively show the Sultanate of Oman's biodiversity.

To be eligible a photograph must have been shot by the entrant. By entering the contestant certifies that he/she is the sole creator and copyright owner of the submitted photograph.

Cropped photos are eligible; we do not accept digitally or otherwise enhanced or altered photos. Minor adjustments, including the removal of sensor dust or scratches on scans of negatives, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast, toning, slight color adjustment and conversion to grayscale are acceptable. The addition and subtraction of objects is not permitted. If the judges determine that a photographer has altered his or her photo, they reserve the right to disqualify it.

For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must be prepared to provide a model release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian, to the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center upon request.

If the entrant is unable to provide all required releases, the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center in its sole discretion reserves the right to disqualify the submission, seek to secure the required releases, or permit the submission to remain in the contest.

Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright, are not eligible.

Photos that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content, as determined by the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center in its sole discretion, are ineligible for this contest.

How to Enter:

You may enter Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center's Instagram Photo Contest by posting an image you took in Oman on your Instagram account with the hashtag #SQCCPhotoContest and a short description of your photo, including the location the photo was taken. You may enter up to 3 images for the entire entry period.

By entering the contest, you grant the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center (and those authorized by the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center) a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in

part, in any media now existing or later developed, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotion of its website, exhibition, and commercial products, including but not limited to Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center publications and social media. The Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

Entry deadline:

1 March 2021 at 12:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time and ends on 30 June 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Submissions will not be accepted once the deadline lapses.

Judging

Photo entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, originality, and which photo most positively showed the Sultanate of Oman's biodiversity.

Winners will be revealed online on Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center's website (www.sqcc.org) as well as on its social media accounts including Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn on 14 July 2021.

Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center will notify winners via Instagram Messaging via the Instagram account used to enter the contest; Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center may disqualify anyone who fails to respond to the notification within five business days. Winners must submit proof of residency upon request.

Please do not contact us about the status of entries or judging.

Prizes:

Three prizes will be awarded, as follows:

Grand Prize (1st Place Prize): \$1,000.

2nd Place Prize: \$500.

3rd Place Prize: \$300.

Winners will be responsible for paying any fees or taxes associated with the prize.

Online Features:

Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center may select photos to highlight on its website or social media accounts. Such selections will be made at Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center's sole discretion.

Conditions of Entry:

All entrants hold the Sponsors, Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center, and their respective agents, directors, officers, employees, emeriti, fellows, interns, research associates, and volunteers (the "Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against all claims of any nature arising in connection with entrant's participation in the contest and acceptance or use of a prize. The Indemnified Parties are not liable for any costs, damages, injuries, or other claims incurred as a result of entrants' participation in the contest or winner's acceptance and usage of a prize. The Indemnified Parties are not responsible for incomplete or misdirected entries, technical or network malfunctions or failures, or causes beyond their control. Entrants are solely responsible for their entries. Entrants may not submit materials that introduce any software viruses, worms or other programs designed to damage software, hardware or telecommunications equipment or are off-topic, partisan-political, contain advertising, nudity, personal attacks or expletives, or is otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, sexually explicit, or that infringes on the rights of any third party.

The contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law. Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at its discretion. In the event of a dispute regarding the winners, Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center reserves the right to award or not award the prizes at its sole discretion. Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whose entry or conduct appears in any way to: inhibit the enjoyment of others; tamper with the competition; or act in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner.

Decisions of Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center are final.