



KUFEREK 2026

ORGANIZER

Centre of Culture and Art in Jarosław

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submitting entries: www.theiaap.com/e/kuferek/or www.jaroslaw-kuferek.pl (after click “rules” tab)

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CATEGORY: OPEN (TRAD)

Definition of “Traditional Photo”

A traditional photograph maintains the original single capture image content with minimal adjustments which should not alter the reality of the scene and should appear natural. Rearranging, replacing, adding to or removing any part of the original image except by cropping is strictly forbidden. HDR (High Dynamic Range) and focus-stacking techniques, whether done in camera or post-capture, are strictly forbidden.

THEME: A FAIR (traditional bazaar) – four (4) photographs

DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPETITION THEME

Jarosław is a town located in the south-eastern part of Poland which reaching the period of its greatest prosperity in the 16th and 17th century. At the time crossed here a few trade routes. The meetings of merchants in Jarosław took place four times a year. The longest lasted throughout August and was a famous and important event in contemporary Europe. Fairs attracted crowds of merchants and street musicians, the potters and craftsmen traded their products. The stalls were bending under the weight of the goods among which could be found: salt, wheat, spices, excellent fabrics, leather, jewelry or amber. The products were transported by caravans in various panniers, yokes, pouches and were also transported by rivers. We want to inspire the participants of International Salon of Photography "Kuferek 2026" with the mercantile tradition present in Jarosław and in the world, the image of colorful stalls, as well as the imagine of bustling streets full of aromas and smells.

NOTE: As organizers, we encourage submitted photographs not to be merely a form of documentation, but to present the author's artistic, original concept of showing the local wealth of tradition, unique folklore, celebration of village or urban life, the role of farm animals, artistic crafts, unusual means of transport, trade, art, nightlife of fairs on all continents of the world.

Please avoid drastic depictions, e.g. animal slaughter, images full of blood, stalls with raw meat, work of butchers. We believe that the beautiful tradition of historical fairs can correspond with the sensitivity of contemporary photographers and carry many creative interpretations and values.

FEES

The fee is obligatory for all participants and amounts 10 € payable only through PayPal:

fotokuferek@jokis.jaroslaw.pl or to a bank account.

Details of bank transfer

Jarosławski Ośrodek Kultury i Sztuki

pl. Adama Mickiewicza 6, 37-500 Jarosław

Number of bank account: PL 61 1240 2571 1111 0010 8808 9956 (PEKAO S.A.)

Title of the transfer: number of ID (e.g. ID:94)

CALENDAR

(DD.MM.YYYY)

Opening: 2.03.2026

Closing date: 11.05.2026

All judging completed by: 23.05.2026

Notifications sent by: 01.06.2026

Awards sent by: 31.12.2026

Catalogs posted by: 19.08.2026

Exhibition in Jarosław: 19.08.2026

JURY

Vladimir Jovanovski (North Macedonia) – Chairman of jury; MPSA, GPU HERMES, RISF5, representative of M IAAP, M PSA, GPU CR3, GPU HERMES, RISF5 PSA, GPU and ISF for the Republic of North Macedonia and the current president of IAAP.

Ryszard Lomnicki (Ireland) – Certified Judge IAAP | GRAND MASTER Recognition (GM IAAP) | Official Ambassador of the International Association of Art Photographers (IAAP) | Hall of Fame IAAP | Published Author & Exhibiting Artist | Official Co-Photographer Haida Filter | Official Leofoto Ambassador | Official Shimoda Ambassador | Internationally Acclaimed Landscape Photographer | Member of FIAP, IAAP, GPU, PSA.

Marcin Fiń (Poland) – AFIAP, AFRP.

Each juror has at his disposal a screen of at least 15 inches and during the general projection of at least 42 inches. An entrant's images will not be presented to the judges consecutively.

Photographs will be distributed throughout rounds of judging in “A FAIR” section.

AWARDS

FIAP Blue Badge for the best author who have scored the most points in “A FAIR” section.

Gold medals from FIAP, IAAP, Fotoklub RP

Silver medals from FIAP, IAAP, Fotoklub RP

Bronze medals from FIAP, IAAP, Fotoklub RP

6 ribbons from FIAP

6 diplomas from IAAP

Results: Will be announced as soon as possible after completion of judging and published on the organizer's website: www.jaroslaw-kuferek.pl and <https://theiaap.com/e/kuferek/>.

Notifications will be sent before 1.06.2026 r.

CATALOG

The catalog in PDF format will be available to download from the organizer's website on 19.08.2026. On the same day, the awards will be presented to the authors at the opening of the post-contest exhibition in Jarosław.

EXHIBITION

The organizer will print out the awarded photographs on his own by 19.08.2026 (date of exhibition).

The awards will be presented to the authors during the opening of the post competition exhibition on 19.08.2026.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATIONS

The contest is open to all photographers: amateurs and professionals in all age and from all over the world. The participant may be rejected if the organizer or his representative decides that the application is not in accordance with the rules of the competition. By sending an application, the participant confirms that the photographs are his own works and the organizer is not responsible for any abuse of copyright. All participants must respect the regulations of FIAP, FRP and IAAP. All parts of the image must be photographed by the author who holds the copyright to all submitted works. The photographs submitted to contest must be taken by the participant on a photosensitive emulsion or in digital technology (the photos must be taken by using a technique of image recording with the use of light-sensitive elements).

By submitting an entry for the competition, the participant allows the organizers to reproduce all or part of photographs for free of charge in the advertising materials, in the post-contest catalog, on the website and/or in other media related to the competition.

Pictures created by artificial intelligence are not allowed in this salon! All parts of the image have to be photographed by the author who is holding the copyright of all works submitted. Offenders will be sanctioned for life!

APPLICATION FORM

The photograph submitted for the contest must be in digital form: in JPG format image size and can not exceed 1920 pixels in width and 1080 pixels in height. In the photograph must be no signature or identifier, the photo must be in the RGB profile (no CMYK). The photo file must not exceed 2MB.

Photographs should be submitted by registering on the competition website:

<https://theiaap.com/e/kuferek/> or www.jaroslaw-kuferek.pl, and by clicking on “rules” tab. Each participant after registration and uploading the photo which must be titled in app under the preview of photograph (title of the photo file must be the same), receives confirmation email. Each of the qualified participants will receive email with a card which will contain a percentage result and the link with a list of awarded participants. The results of the contest will also be published on the website: www.jaroslaw-kuferek.pl.

JUDGING METHOD

The organizer planned remote judging. An entrant's images will not be presented to the judges consecutively. Four photographs will be distributed throughout four rounds of judging in “A FAIR” section. Distribution of images will be in the same order as submitted by the entrant. A judge will not be able at no stage to view all the entrant's images together. Judges will use color calibrated monitors. The monitors will be capable of displaying images at 100% of their resolution and images will be displayed at exactly 100% of their resolution (the images will not be enlarged beyond their native resolution).

BREACHES OF RULES

FIAP:

Each entrant to FIAP salons must observe the rules of FIAP and conform to the regulations of the current FIAP Patronage Regulations document and document 048/2025I herebyI.

Any entrant, whose image shows anything suspicious in regard to compliance with FIAP regulations or definitions, can be asked by the organiser or by FIAP, to submit the original capture file (file containing the data recorded by the sensor; ie: the RAW or the original unretouched JPEG files) plus the file of the images immediately before and immediately following the questionable image. If the entrant fails to provide what is required, he/she can be sanctioned.

The names of sanctioned entrants will be put on a list, known as the FIAP Red List, which will be available to the organisers of FIAP salons via the salon's profile page on the myfiap.net platform. A sanctioned person's participation in any event of FIAP will be restricted or banned depending on the case. In addition, they cannot be appointed as a judge in a salon under FIAP patronage, organise a salon with FIAP patronage, nor apply for FIAP distinctions and they lose the right to use any FIAP distinctions they have formerly received.

IMPORTANT: Concerning entries that originated as digital photographs, authors must preserve intact with no alteration, the original metadata of images. In case of dispute relating to compliance with FIAP regulations, the fact of FIAP not being able to access this important data could result in the author being sanctioned.

Any person who is found guilty of using photographic material that was not captured in camera by that person will be excluded for life from FIAP activities.

Salon chairmen, persons closely involved in the organisation of the salon and persons in charge of the handling of the salon software are not allowed to participate in the salon.

FIAP NOTICE

"I hereby expressly agree to FIAP document 048/2025 « Conditions and regulations for FIAP Patronage » and FIAP document 038/2023 « Sanctions for breaching FIAP regulations and the red list ». I am particularly aware of chapter II « Regulations for International photographic events under FIAP patronage » of FIAP document 048/2025, dealing under Section II.2 and II.3 with the FIAP participation rules, the sanctions for breaching FIAP regulations and the red list."

Failure to agree will mean that the application will not proceed.

NOTICE FROM ORGANIZER

The salon will be conducted in accordance to the requirements and practices of FIAP, FRP, IAAP.

In order to popularize the event, the organizer reserves the right to reproduce the photos free of charge in the catalogue, press, television (and media patrons of the competition), on the organizer's website and on the organizer's Facebook fanpage, on Instagram and TikTok. The participant as the author of the

photo transfers free of charge copyrights to the work sent for the contest to the Organizer – Jarosławski Ośrodek Kultury i Sztuki (Centre of Culture and Art in Jarosław) as well as dependent rights in the following fields of exploitation:

- a) distribution, adaptation and publication of the photo and its reproduction by any method and for any purpose;
 - b) public display of the photo and its use in the mass media by the Organizer/press, internet, television, publishing houses etc.;
 - c) use of the submitted photo in the above-mentioned range by entities cooperating with the Organizer.
- The copyrights to the submitted photo and the derivative rights are transferred to the Organizer along with the application for the competition. This consent is not limited by time or territory.

Submitting the works to the competition means acceptance of the terms and conditions of the regulations and consent to publication and processing of personal data for promotional purposes by the organizer – in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data. The participants of contest declare that they have read the content of the information clause.