

# Photo Contest Exhibit Prospectus

## “4th Fridays” Art Event at The Starline Factory

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Submission DEADLINE : **Sun, OCT 15** Midnight

Reception : **October 27 2017** | 6:00-9:00 | \$10 cover  
The Starline Factory | 300 W Front St Entrance | Harvard IL 60033

We are excited to announce an OPEN THEMED juried photography competition as a separate exhibit in our **October 27 2017** “4th Fridays” at The Starline Gallery! Photographers are invited to submit work to the jury for possible inclusion. The accepted photographs will be on exhibit during the reception night of “4th Fridays” on Friday, **October 27 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00**. Please read carefully through this prospectus for conditions and requirements to participate in this competition.

A different jury team is requisitioned from outside the event team each month to choose the accepted artwork. Accepted artwork will be on exhibit during the reception night of “4th Fridays” on **October 27 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00**.

Please read carefully all the way through this prospectus for conditions and requirements to participate in this competition.

### AWARDS :

**Nancy Merkling Choice Award** – ribbon, \$50 and a seat in a Simply Learn Photography group workshop.

**Downtown Pro Photo** – ribbon and 16x20 framed print through Downtown Pro Photo.

**4th Fridays Core Team Choice** - ribbon, \$50 & a complimentary submission.

**Kim Holz Award** – ribbon and a \$50 gift certificate to Camera Craft in Rockford.

**Honorable Mentions [up to 5]** – ribbon, \$50 & a complimentary submission.

**People’s Choice Award** – ribbon, \$50 & a complimentary submission.

## Please Read the Submission Process Carefully

**Improper submissions will not be accepted.**

**Submission Deadline** : Online Entries Only : SUNDAY | **OCTOBER 15** | MIDNIGHT  
**Non-refundable Submission Fees**: up to 5 pieces - \$35

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS ONLY:[www.NancyMerkling.com](http://www.NancyMerkling.com) [TYPE this link in your browser search box] \*Please note work drop off time listed below. If you are unable to drop work during this window [and are unable to find someone to drop it for you], we ask that you kindly wait until a future month to submit.

Formatting your Image files:

1. jpps in standard format, with the LONGEST SIDE AT EXACTLY 2100 px
2. 2. JPGS MUST BE LABELED: yourlastname firstname art title.jpg [add a number at the end of the jpg IF you are submitting more than one “Untitled” piece
3. 3d work allowed up to 3 files to represent ea piece. 2d work allowed 1 file per.

Acceptance Notification: E-mail notification of accepted or declined works sent no later than midnight, **OCT 19**.

Accepted WORK DROP OFF

Nancy Merkling’s Studio at The Starline Factory, 400 door, upstairs

SAT | **OCT 21** - 12:30 – 01:15 pm

MON | **OCT 23** - 04:00 – 06:15 pm

Work Pick Up

Unsold work is taken home at 9 pm event night or picked up **Sat, OCT 28 AT 10:00 AM**

## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST FRAMING SPECS

All photos must be presented in an 11x14 simple black frame with a white OR off white mat. Your photo can be any size within the mat. Work must be wired to hang [no saw tooth hangers] with a label affixed to the back with the artist's name, title of work and sale price. Artwork must be professionally presented. "4th Fridays" and the curator reserve the right to reject any artwork that is deemed unsuitable including but not exclusive of work not ready to hang, unprofessional presentation, concern for the condition of the piece.

Recommended local printer:

Jim Pierce at Downtown Pro Photo, [downtownprophoto@sbcglobal.net](mailto:downtownprophoto@sbcglobal.net); 150 S Virginia Rd # 3, Crystal Lake, IL 60014; (815) 788-9100

### Eligibility and Conditions

Original works executed by the artist which have not been previously displayed in a "4th Fridays" exhibition are eligible. ACCEPTANCE IN TO THE EXHIBIT IS NOT GUARANTEED. Incomplete entries will not be considered nor fees refunded. Entry fee is non-refundable or transferable. Accepted works must be hand delivered. No shipments will be received.

### Artist Guidelines

- Artwork must be wired to hang [no saw tooth].
- A label must be affixed to the back with the artist's name, work title, and sale price.
- Artwork must be professionally presented.
- "4th Fridays" and the curator reserve the right to reject any artwork that is deemed unsuitable including but not exclusive of work not ready to hang, unprofessional presentation, concern for condition of the piece, representation too different from jpg to actual print or space availability.
- Substitutions of artwork are not allowed.
- All accepted work must be for sale and will be subject to a 30% commission if sold. Checks to the artists will be issued from our accounting department within 3 weeks of the sale.
- Although "4th Fridays" will make every reasonable effort to protect your work while it is in our possession, we are not legally responsible for it. Therefore, consider insuring your work while it is in our possession.
- Submitted artwork may be used for exhibition purposes and publicity.
- Work must remain hanging throughout the duration of the "4th Friday" show.
- At 9:00 p.m., please take any unsold artwork home through the 400 door check-out process or return between 1:00 and 4:00 on Sunday to collect work.
- If you are unable to pick up your work during the above times, other arrangements must be made in advance. An additional fee may be incurred.
- All work not picked up within 7 days of the pick-up deadline becomes the property of "4th Fridays".

**Your Moral Compass** : If potential buyers approach you during the event wanting to cut a deal after the event to save them the 30% commission, not cool, right? And if a buyer should connect with you within 3 weeks after the event because they saw your work AT the event, we ask that you direct the handling of the sale through the event as it would not have happened without our promoting the work.

"4th Fridays" at The Starline acts as an agent for the artists to submit, exhibit and sell artwork. Sales tax is collected and paid on each sale. Artists are responsible for compliance with their own income taxes on the sale of their artwork.

**COPYRIGHTS** : Artists are responsible for understanding and following any copyright laws and international trade laws that may apply to their work. "4th Fridays" assumes no responsibility for checking copyright permission. We reserve the right to modify these guidelines as circumstances arise