

Wex Student Photography Award

FOR THE LOVE OF MUSIC

The brief

Wex Photo Video announces the call for entries into the inaugural Wex Student Photographer Awards (WSPA). This photography competition, solely for degree, SQA and BTEC or equivalent photography students in the UK, has been developed with lecturer Lei Cox from Napier University and Wex Photo Video with support from Sony.

Music has always had an intrinsic and unbreakable link with photography. As early as the 1860's sheet music was often illustrated with a photograph of contemporary performers and photographs adorned concert programmes, that were then viewed as collectable souvenirs.

The Wex Student Photography brief is to create a photographic vision of what constitutes music. This is entirely an open brief and could take experimental or practical forms. It could be a beautiful still-life work of an instrument, an experimental photographic interpretation of music itself, visualising the passion of a saxophonist mid-solo, an album cover shot,

your mates' local band or if you're bold enough depicting a legendary music artist. You can enter your image into the Art or the Commercial Photography category or indeed both. You can also enter a different image into both categories. The only stipulation is one entry per category, per person.

Prizes are awarded for the two categories, Arts Photography and Commercial Photography, including a grand prize for the overall winning image of the competition. Prizes for students and the winning college are detailed below. Each student who wins a prize or is commended will also receive a certificate.

In mid-June 2020 a prize giving ceremony will take place at the London Wex Photo Video store in Whitechapel. Winners and commended students will be invited to attend to receive their prizes. Their images will be displayed in the gallery for one month and there is potential for the images to tour other Wex Photo Video stores and venues around the country.

Image criteria

Images must be the photographers own and be a **high resolution TIFF file** (300DPI).

To enter you must have Internet access.

Entries must be made via upload on the following link: wex.co.uk/wspa.

All entries must be received by **11.59pm** on the **31st March 2020**.



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Prizes

The Phil Smith Award:

The late Phil Smith from Wex Photo Video was a much loved and respected member of the Wex Business Team at Wex Photo Video. To honour his life and dedication to Wex Photo Video, and to highlight his love of music this award will go to the most exceptional image submitted to this competition. A member of Phil Smith's family will present the award to the winning student and the college award to the students university or college.

- Sony A7 III Body with Sony FE 24-105mm f4 G OSS and Sony 70-300mm f4.5-5.6 G SSM II lens worth £3,678

- £2,500 Wex voucher

University/College Prize:

The university/college of the winning student will also receive £2,500 Wex voucher to go towards purchasing equipment for their photography courses.

Arts Photography Category Prizes:

1st Prize:

- Sony A6100 Body with 16-50mm Power Zoom lens worth £749
- £1,000 Wex voucher

2nd Prize:

- Sony Cyber-Shot RX100 IV Digital Camera worth £599
- £750 Wex voucher

3rd Prize:

- Sony Cyber-Shot RX100 Digital Camera worth £269
- £500 Wex voucher

Commercial Photography Category Prizes:

1st Prize:

- Sony A6100 Body with 16-50mm Power Zoom lens worth £749
- £1,000 Wex voucher

2nd Prize:

- Sony Cyber-Shot RX100 IV Digital Camera worth £599
- £750 Wex voucher

3rd Prize:

- Sony Cyber-Shot RX100 Digital Camera worth £269
- £500 Wex voucher

Commendations:

23 commendations will be awarded, each commended student will receive a certificate.

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Terms and conditions

1. The Promoter: Wex Photo Video. Wex Photo Video is a trading name of Calumet Photographic Limited (Company Registration no. 00425579) and Warehouse Express Limited (Company Registration no. 03366976). Registered office: 13 Frensham Road, Norwich. NR3 2BT.

2. The competition is open to degree, SQA and BTEC or equivalent photography course students from colleges and universities in the UK only; exceptions of entry are employees of Wex Photo Video, and anyone connected with the competition.

3. Details of your current degree, SQA and BTEC or equivalent photography course will be required.

4. The winning and commended images will also be professionally printed and hung in the gallery space at the London Wex Photo Video store for one month. There will be an opportunity for the exhibition to tour further Wex Photo Video stores and other venues.

5. The competition closes at 11:59pm on 31st March 2020. Entries received after this point will not be entered into the competition.

6. No purchase necessary to enter.

7. Entrance to the competition must be via www.wex.co.uk/wspa.

8. Any entry that is defaced, made fraudulently or is illegible will not be accepted into the competition.

9. Shortlisted entrants will be notified in early June 2020. The winners and commended images will be notified at the award ceremony on the 18th June 2020.

10. The prize values are correct at time of going to press. The prizes to be awarded are: The Phil Smith Student Photographic Award – Overall winning image: Sony A7 III Body with Sony FE 24-105mm f4

G OSS and Sony 70-300mm f4.5-5.6 G SSM II lens worth £3,678 and a £2,500 Wex voucher. The Phil Smith Student Photographic Award – Overall winning image students University/College: £2,500 Wex voucher. Category Prizes: 1st Prize: Sony A6100 Body with 16-50mm Power Zoom lens worth £749 and a £1,000 Wex voucher. 2nd Prize: Sony Cyber-Shot RX100 IV Digital Camera worth £599 and a £750 Wex voucher. 3rd Prize: Sony Cyber-Shot RX100 Digital Camera worth £269 and a £500 Wex voucher. Commendations: 23 will be awarded, each will receive a certificate of commendation.

11. The prizes cannot be exchanged for cash, nor an alternative offered, unless there are circumstances beyond our control, in which case a prize of equal value will be offered.

12. By submitting images to the Student Photography Award competition, you confirm that you are the copyright holder of the images and that they are your original work. Anyone found to be entering imagery belonging to others will be immediately disqualified.

13. Submitted images must be a high resolution TIFF file at 300DPI. Any other file formats will not be accepted.

14. Entrants retain all copyright over any images submitted, although by entering you agree for your images to be used by Wex Photo Video for the purpose of promoting the competition and for use at any future events and exhibitions regarding the competition.

15. Wex Photo Video is not responsible for the licensing of any images, models or locations submitted by entrants and will co-operate with authorities, should any copyright infringements arise.

16. The winning and commended images will be selected according to merit. Judges include university and college lecturers and professional photographers.

17. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

18. By entering the competition you agree to participate in any reasonable promotional activity or press material regarding the competition when required by Wex Photo Video; and you agree that Wex has the right to print and hang your images across its estate of stores and other venues.

19. When entering the competition, you will not be added to any email marketing lists unless you specifically give us permission to do so.

20. Any personal data required is collected and processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679. We do not disclose data to any third parties unless disclosure is necessary for the fulfilment of a service or prize; you have specifically given consent for a particular service or prize; or we have a legitimate interest in disclosing data. For more information about the kind of personal data we collect, read our full Privacy and Personal Data Policy: www.wex.co.uk/privacy.

21. Any entrant found to have submitted content deemed inappropriate by Wex Photo Video will be disqualified immediately. Wex Photo Video reserves the right to contact authorities regarding any submission that is considered unlawful. The views and opinions expressed via all Wex Student Photography Award entries do not necessarily reflect those held by Wex Photo Video.

22. All standard T&Cs and the Wex Photo Video privacy policy apply. For more information, visit: www.wex.co.uk/terms.

23. Wex Photo Video reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions at any time if circumstances are beyond our control.