

# 2011 Take Your Best Shot!

## The Exchange District BIZ Photography Contest

Sponsored by: Bill Thiessen, The Urban Agent,

REMAX Performance



**ENTRY DEADLINE OCTOBER 7, 2011**

### THE CONTEST

This contest is open to all photographers; novice, amateur and/or experienced. Photographs will be assessed for artistic merit, design strength and quality of representation of the Exchange District National Historic Site.

### GENERAL RULES

- 1) The theme for the Exchange District BIZ (the BIZ) Photography Contest is "Streets of the Exchange." The theme is open to individual interpretation but entries must include an aspect of the Exchange District. You might choose to photograph the Exchange District streetscape (which includes sidewalks and buildings), landscapes or events.
- 2) Entries must be taken in the Exchange District in Winnipeg, Manitoba, during the months of July, August and September 2011. (please see map for Exchange District boundaries)
- 3) Prior to submission, entrants must not have offered any of their entries for sale, been paid for any publication of any of their entries, or won or been a runner up in any other photographic competition with any of their entries.
- 4) Entrants will retain copyright in the photographs that they submit to the BIZ. By entering the competition all entrants grant to the BIZ and the competition sponsor; Bill Thiessen, The Urban Agent REMAX Performance the right to publish and exhibit their photographs on each of the organizations website, print related materials and all publicity and promotional materials. No fees will be payable for any of the above uses. Entrants whose photographs are one of the Finalists also agree to take part in post-competition publicity. While we make every effort to credit photographers, including any print reproductions of their work, we cannot guarantee that every use of the photographs will include the photographers' names.
- 6) Each entry should be numbered (i.e 1 of 4), marked with name, address, contact telephone number (both daytime and evening) of the photographer and where the photo was taken. Your name must not appear on the front of the photograph, mount or border.
- 7) Each submission must include a completed entry form; to be found on page two of this document.



- 8) All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photographs entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries or their parents/guardians if children under 16 are featured. Further, entrants must not have breached any laws when taking their photographs.
- 9) The judges' decisions are final. By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules and the BIZ reserves the right to exclude any entry from the competition at any time and in its absolute discretion if the BIZ has reason to believe that an entrant has breached these rules.
- 9) The BIZ reserves the right to cancel this competition or alter any of the rules at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, and if circumstances arise outside of its control.
- 10) If the winner is unable to be contacted after reasonable attempts have been made; the BIZ reserves the right to either offer the prize to a runner up, or to re-offer the prize in any future competition.

## PRINT RULES

- 1) The photographic prints may be colour or black and white.
- 2) Images may be digitally enhanced to remove spots or scratches, but not manipulated. Entrants can enhance the picture to make it brighter, clearer etc, but not manipulate the content.
- 3) Prints may be mounted on hard board or foam core type material not to exceed 3/16" thickness, or may be submitted unmounted.
- 3) Prints in a frame with or without glass, or mounted on a stretcher frame will not be accepted.
- 5) Minimum print size is 8" x 10" (20cm x 25cm) excluding mount. Maximum print size is 16" x 20" (40cm x 50cm) including mount. Oversized images will not be judged.

## DIGITAL RULES

Digital images will be accepted via the internet and must be in jpeg format accompanied by the photographer's name, address, phone number and e-mail address. The file size should not exceed 2MB.

E-mail images to: [Stephanie.Scherbain@exchangedistrict.org](mailto:Stephanie.Scherbain@exchangedistrict.org)

## PRIZES

Winner will receive an honourarium of \$350.00  
Runner-up will receive an honourarium of \$150.00

## JUDGING

All entries will be judged by a panel of judges. Winners will be chosen based on the judges opinion of which photograph best illustrates the theme of the competition. The judges will consider a range of factors including composition, technical ability, originality, interpretation of the theme and the commercial appeal of the photographs. The jury will be composed of:

- Ursula Garlicki
- John Giavedoni
- Joe Kerr
- Brian Timmerman

## APPLICATION TRANSIT AND RECEIPT

- 1) All materials must be submitted by 4:00pm, Friday, October 7, 2011. Incomplete and/or late submissions will not be accepted. Faxed submissions will not be accepted.
- 2) The Exchange District BIZ will not be responsible for submissions lost in transit. While all reasonable care will be taken in handling the materials, the BIZ cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged submissions.
- 3) Application materials will not be returned.
- 4) No entries can be returned and proof of posting is not proof of receipt. The BIZ and Bill Thiessen Realty will accept no responsibility for entries lost, damaged or delayed in the post.
- 5) Entries should be sent to: Exchange District BIZ 2nd Floor-133 Albert Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B1G6

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Photographers wishing to be considered for the contest must submit a complete package as outlined below:

- 1) Must include one completed application form (attached to this document) typed or written in black ink.
- 2) Up to four photos, colour or black and white, on photo paper (with name printed on back of photograph and number of photo submitted i.e. 1 of 4)

## DEADLINE: COMPLETED PACKAGES MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE EXCHANGE DISTRICT BIZ OFFICE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 7, 2011 BY 4:00PM.

(This is not a postmarked deadline)

Special thank you to the Exchange District BIZ Photography Competition sponsor:

**Bill Thiessen, The Urban Agent, REMAX Performance**  
**204-255-4204, [www.billthiessen.com](http://www.billthiessen.com)**



## Consequences of submissions and the acceptance of designs

Interested artists are advised that neither the Exchange District BIZ (BIZ), Bill Thiessen nor the jury is obliged to accept any of the artists' photographs and may reject all photographs. Each artist is advised and by the submission of a photography agrees with the BIZ that the BIZ will not be responsible for any costs, expenses, losses, damages (including damages for loss of anticipated profit) or liabilities incurred by the artist as a result of or arising out of submitting a photograph, or due to the BIZ's acceptance or non-acceptance of their photograph or arising out of any contract award not made in accordance with the expressed or implied terms of the call for photographs. Until a written contract in a form satisfactory to the BIZ is executed by both the BIZ and the artists, no legal rights or responsibility shall be created between the artist and the BIZ. The BIZ reserves the right to choose to not recommend any application, proposal or finalist and terminate or re-advertise any project. The BIZ and Bill Thiessen reclaims the property and rights to use all photographs submitted in future BIZ and Bill Thiessen projects, publications and initiatives.

