

Pictorial 1 Group AA

1. Abandoned

Excellent use of HDR. Nice capture. You could improve your clouds by overlaying your HDR image over an original and then blending.

2. April in Paris-Pont Neuf in the afternoon

Very nice travel image. You handled the exposure very well and your composition is very good. Nice.

3. Curves

This is beautiful. Exposure is perfect. Just a lovely image.

4. Deep Down

This is a cute image. Your exposure is very good. I can't imagine him getting into his parents car after this. What a mess.

5. Flying Octopile

Amazing shot. Beautiful colors. Sharp. Exposure is right on the money. I have no idea how you got this shot but it is excellent.

6. Hangin' with the guys

Another clever shot. There is some haloing around the birds necks. The eyes of the three birds are very sharp. Nice job.

7. HaystackRock-bw

This is almost a silhouette. Very difficult exposure to handle.

8. Indian Summer Sunset

Beautiful sunset. Great idea with the trees in the foreground. I do find the lighter sticks at the bottom a bit distracting. But overall a nice shot.

9. merced river reflections

I like this shot very much. Gorgeous colors. Your composition is very well handled. Exposure is perfect.

10. mono lake copy

This is an interesting HDR image of Mono Lake. It appears sharp from foreground to background. Your leading line is well placed. Nice.

11. Mont St Michele in the sun

I would like to go here some day. Very good exposure, sharp, well placed. A very nice travel image

12. moss landing sunset

The colors are beautiful. The image is well composed. The soft water is great. Very nice.

13. Mountain village and cherry blossoms in the fog

The image is interesting but I think it would work better as part of a group of images. I think I would get rid of the red leaves in the bottom left and right corners. Maybe if you pumped up the vibrance a little. It is very well done.

14. Owens River

This is a nice HDR of the Owens valley. The lenticular clouds are beautiful but a little burned out near the center. Exposure is good.

15. Paris in the rain

This is an interesting travel image. The lady in red makes the photo. Your exposure is nicely handled. I think it would be great as part of a group of images. I don't know that it can stand on its' own.

16. Pier into the Blue

Well done. I like it. Exposure is good. I even like the centered placement of your pier. I'd like to go here also.

17. Pristine Reef

Your exposure is handled very well. It is a beautiful scene but I keep looking for a point of focus.

18. Red Hat Ladies

This is a cute shot. Exposure is perfect. Depth of field is very good. It just makes you chuckle. Looks like fun. Your cropping is excellent. Nice job.

19. Reflection

At first I thought the image was upside down. A very interesting shot. I wish the right hand side of the tree was in the frame, however.

20. Sawtooth Mountains

Now that is a leading line. I think you have a little banding in your sky but the image is beautiful. The shadow coming in from the right bothers me a bit but overall a nice image.

21. Sea Worthy

This would probably be better in a grouping. Your exposure is good. The blue rope tends to pull my eye out of the frame.

22. Sunset at Ubehebe crater death valley CA

Excellent. Your sky makes the image. I like this very much.

23. Sunset on pond

This was a good idea but I feel it is a bit too dark and I don't have much of a point of focus.

24. The Golden Temple of Kyoto

A beautiful temple and very nice travel image. It is nice and sharp and the exposure is good. However, I think your vignette is too strong. It is for my tastes anyway. Also your vignette is round it really should be oval.

25. Time to call it a day

Another beautiful sunset. That is just a beautiful sky. I like it very much.

26. Walt Disney Concert Hall

I don't know how you got rid of all the people but this is an excellent image of the Concert hall. My only issue is with the blown out part in the right hand side. An HDR would have worked very well here or even just multiple exposures and then blended.

27. Watermark

I think this is a reflection. The weed right in the middle does put me off a bit. But your exposure is good and the idea is good.

28. Weston Beach

Your composition is very nice. I think your HDR is a bit grungy for my tastes. I don't know about the person in the upper left. If I cover them up the image seems more interesting to me because it keeps drawing my eye and the beautiful rock formation in the foreground should be your point of interest.

Awards: This was extremely difficult for me as there were many excellent images in this group. You folks are very good.

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2nd April in Paris-Pont Neuf in the afternoon

1st Curves