

Silsoe Photography Competition 2023 - "Friendship" - Interpretation Suggestions



"Friendship" can be interpreted in many ways, and we encourage you to explore different ideas and perspectives. Here are some suggestions on how you might interpret the theme:

Special moments: Capture the moments that make your friendship special. It could be a shared experience, a joke or a significant event.

Emotions of friendship: Try to capture the emotions of friendship - show how friendship can be expressed through different feelings like love, care, happiness, and support.

Different types of friendships: Friendships come in different forms, from childhood friends to work colleagues, to the companionship and support offered by our pets and animals. Show how friendships can form in different settings and how they can be unique.

Use symbolic objects: You can use objects that are associated with friendship, such as a pair of hands holding each other, a friendship bracelet, or a heart-shaped object. You can arrange these objects in an interesting way to create an image that represents friendship.

Play with light and shadows: You can use light and shadows to create a photograph that represents the idea of friendship. For example, you can use two people standing close to each other with one person's shadow overlapping the other person's shadow.

Experiment with colours: Colours can be used to create an abstract photograph that represents friendship. You can use warm and bright colours like yellow, orange, and red to create a feeling of happiness and warmth, or cool colours like blue and green to create a feeling of calmness and relaxation.

Focus on body language: The body language of two people who are close friends can be captured in a photograph. You can capture the way they lean towards each other or the way they hold each other, for example.

Focus on the details: Could you use a close-up shot of details that might go unnoticed in everyday life? Look for small details that represent friendship, such as two leaves that are intertwined or two rocks that are leaning against each other.

Think outside the box: When it comes to representing friendship, the subject doesn't necessarily have to be a person or even something physical. It can be a colour, texture, pattern, or anything that catches your eye. Try to choose a subject that symbolizes friendship to you. For example, if you associate friendship with warmth, you might choose a photograph of a warm-toned sunset.

Abstract compositions: You can experiment with abstract compositions that create a sense of harmony and balance, you might use composition techniques such as symmetry, balance and repetition to create a sense of unity and togetherness. You can use abstract techniques like patterns, shapes, colours, and shadows to convey the theme of friendship. Show how the essence of friendship can be depicted in abstract forms