

# USINT Photography Contest "Memories of Summer" RULES

## **Rules & Guidelines:**

The Photography Contest is open to all Cubans currently resident in Cuba and aged 18 years and over. The Contest is organized by the Public Affairs Office of the United States Interests Section (USINT); as such US Interests Section (USINT) personnel and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.

Each Contestant may submit up three (3) images that respond to the contest theme of "Memories of Summer". Contestants should send their images to [havanaprensaycultura@gmail.com](mailto:havanaprensaycultura@gmail.com); all images received will be displayed in an album on the USINT facebook page, located at [www.facebook.com/havana.usint](http://www.facebook.com/havana.usint). Images should be submitted as digital files no larger than 1Mb/300dpi and must be accompanied by the image title, contestant's full name, date of birth, address, email, and contact telephone number. If all information requested is not submitted with the images, USINT will contact the contestant using the contact email or telephone provided to request the additional information.

The Contest runs from June 13 through 7 August, 2011. Images received after 12:00 midnight on August 7, 2010 will not be accepted for participation.

All images will be displayed on the USINT facebook page, located at [www.facebook.com/havana.usint](http://www.facebook.com/havana.usint). Images will be identified by their title and the name of the contestant.

## **Selection of Winners**

The winners will be selected via a two-step process.

### **Step 1:**

Fifteen (15) finalists will be selected by the USINT facebook community using a system of public voting. (To become a member of the USINT facebook community, visit the USINT facebook page at [www.facebook.com/havana.usint](http://www.facebook.com/havana.usint) and select the "Like" button at the top of the page.)

Members of the community indicate their selections for the 15 finalists by clicking on the "like" button immediately below each image. A member of the community may "like" as many entries as they wish; however each member may "like" each entry only once.

Community members are asked to use the following criteria when selecting the finalists: (i) composition; (ii) quality; (iii) originality; (iv) fit to contest theme

### **Step 2:**

A panel of judges will select the First, Second and Third Place Prize Winners from the 15 finalists. At the judges' discretion two Honorable Mentions may be selected (the judges' selections for Honorable Mentions will not be limited to the finalists).

The judges' decision will be final and will be based on the following criteria:

(i) composition; (ii) quality; (iii) originality; (iv) fit to contest theme; (v) five (5) discretionary points

## **Prizes**

The first prize consists of a video camera and accessories.

The second prize consists of a digital camera and accessories.

The third prize consists of a Flipcam.

Honorable mentions, if selected, will each receive a photography publication.

The 15 finalists will be prominently featured on the USINT Facebook site and other USINT publications. In addition, the 15 images selected as finalists will be exhibited at USINT.

## **Timing:**

June 13 – 7 August, 2011: Submission of images via email to [havanaprensaycultura@gmail.com](mailto:havanaprensaycultura@gmail.com).

June 20 – August 14, 2011: Display of images in an album on USINT facebook site. Selection of fifteen (15) finalists by facebook community using a system of public voting.

August 15 – 24, 2011: Selection of winners by judging panel.

August 29, 2011: Announcement of winners on USINT facebook site.

September 6 – 30, 2011: Exhibition of 15 finalists at USINT.

## **Disclaimers**

This Photography Contest is organized by USINT. USINT reserves the right to use, reproduce, distribute and display any images submitted to the contest. By submitting an image, the contestant affirms that he or she has obtained all necessary rights, licenses, consents and permissions to use that image. USINT will not be responsible for any property rights or other liabilities resulting from use of images. The Contest organizers and panel of judges reserve the right to reject any image that is of a political, sexual or violent nature.

If for any reason the organizers are unable to run the contest as planned, including without limitation, infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Contest, USINT reserves the right, at their sole discretion, to cancel, modify or terminate the Contest.

USINT will undertake the cost of printing and framing the fifteen images selected as finalists for the exhibition at USINT in September 2011.