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THEME: THE SHAPE OF A FATHER

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Founder L.A. Photo Curator 11+ years, named one of the "10 Incredible Women Photographers to Follow" (2026) and with recent sales at Duncan Miller Gallery.

DEADLINE: July 26, 2026

-----For the next L.A. Photo Curator competition, The Shape of a Father, I invite photographers to explore the many forms fatherhood can take.

When reviewing submissions, I will be looking for photographs that move beyond traditional portraits and familiar narratives. A father may be a source of love, protection, guidance, expectation, distance, loss, mystery, or memory. He may be present or absent. He may be a biological parent, stepfather, grandfather, mentor, teacher, or someone who shaped a life in unexpected ways.

I am interested in work that explores the complexity of fatherhood and its lasting impact. Images may be documentary, conceptual, autobiographical, archival, or symbolic. A father does not need to appear in the photograph. Consider what fathers leave behind: stories, habits, objects, landscapes, traditions, beliefs, dreams, wounds, or gifts. What traces remain? How does a father continue to influence who we become?

I welcome diverse interpretations of this theme and encourage photographers to approach it with honesty, imagination, and personal vision.

All submissions are automatically considered for L.A. Photo Curator's Top 40 Images of the Year and Photographer of the Year.

The winning photographer OF THIS CALL will receive a solo online exhibition.

What You Receive Consideration for Top 40 Images of the Year Opportunity to be named Photographer of the Year Solo online exhibition for the First Place winner All entrants included in the online group exhibition (with artist statement, bio, and website) Selected works may be shared on L.A. Photo Curator platforms

Additional Recognition First Place winner featured in an online article including a Q&A with juror responses First Place image featured on the L.A. Photo Curator splash page for one month 5% of artist fees donated to a charity of the winner's choice

Fee Waiver

A limited number of fee waivers are available.

To request, email: laphotocurator@yahoo.com

5% of artist entry fees goes to the No Kid Hungry.

<https://www.nokidhungry.org/> Another 5% will go to the first place winner's choice of charity.

-----How to Apply:

Hit BUY NOW button to check out using paypal as well as credit cards. Cost of submission is \$25 for 3 OR 6 images.

Send your paypal transaction ID # with your images to
laphotocurator@yahoo.com

(You won't get an acknowledgement email from us until you send all your work. It is imperative that you include the name of the person paying on the paypal account when you submit your work. We have had many problems trying to figure out who paid for what.)

Enter in the email Subject box: Your name + The Shape of a Father

Enter in the body of the email:

1- The title of the competition and your name

Write it like this:

Personal Narrative & Your Name

2- *Artist Statement & Bio only (you can insert your career highlights in your bio. CV's are no longer accepted.*

(No word docs or pdfs accepted)

ADD YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA AT THE END OF YOUR SUBMISSION AFTER 'IMAGES FOR SALE' (if for sale).

Make sure to write out your website like this-

www.lauriefreitag.com

(Links you send don't translate across all media)

Make sure to write out your instagram like this -

www.instagram.com/lauriefreitagphotography

(Writing instagram like this @lauriefreitagphotography doesn't translate across all media)

If you don't have a website just add your email address so viewers will know how to contact you.

HOW TO SET UP FILES:

1- Titling images-

Write it out like this example. Don't use all lower or all upper caps.

Your First Name_Your Last Name_Name_of_Image.jpg

2- Size your images-

Jpg files, 1024 pixels on the longest side at 72 DPI, not to exceed 1 MB.

3- Send your images in a zip file.

4- BEFORE YOU SEND YOUR IMAGES PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU HAVE EITHER 3 OR 6

IMAGES, NOT 4 OR 5. ALSO PLEASE CHECK THE SPELLING ON YOUR IMAGES, THE FONT AND MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE JPG. THANKS!

IMAGES FOR SALE. This is up to you. If you don't want to list images for sale just say so. All proceeds go to the artist. Make sure to list contact info so viewers can contact you.

List your images like this.

IMAGES FOR SALE-

Boy in Boat- 11"H x 14" W
Archival paper
\$350 unframed
Limited edition of 15
Signed on back
Contact: Your Name and email address

Please only list your contact info once- at the end of the last image.

Please check and recheck how many images you are sending in. It should be EITHER 3 OR 6 IMAGES. I'm receiving many submissions with 5 images.

All information requested must be sent before the contest deadline to be eligible for contest. Non-payment disqualifies an entrant unless they have made arrangements for the entry fee waiver.

Eligibility: The exhibition is open to all photographers world wide, both amateur and professional.

Please do not contact the curator under any circumstances. If you want to get a message to them email us at laphotocurator@yahoo.com and we will get a message to them. Thanks.

By submitting your work to our competitions, you agree to the Terms and Conditions below.

Terms and Conditions for L.A. Photo Curator (LA Photo Curator)

All sales are conducted solely between the artist and the buyer.

L.A. Photo Curator does not handle any part of sales or commissions.

By entering, entrants automatically accept the conditions of the competition; they grant L.A. Photo Curator nonexclusive rights to use and reproduce submitted photographs for promotional (e.g.: website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and competition advertising purposes. No royalties or compensation will be paid for these purposes. We also use your image and info to promote your work at random times on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.

All copyright rights to the photographs remain with the photographer.

Work and entry fee must be submitted by the prospectus deadline date or otherwise not be eligible to participate in competition. There are no refunds.

L.A. Photo Curator reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify and remove any photograph that does not comply with the following requirements, even after the photograph appears on the website. You warrant, in respect of the photographs submitted by you, as follows:

- 1- You are the sole copyright owner and creator of the photographs
- 2- You have the right to enter your photographs in this competition.
- 3- To the best of your knowledge, the photographs do not contain any infringing, threatening, false, misleading, abusive, harassing, libelous, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, scandalous, inflammatory, pornographic or profane content.
- 4- To the best of your knowledge, the photographs do not contain any material that could constitute or encourage conduct which would be considered a criminal offense, give rise to civil liability, or otherwise violate any law.
- 5- The photograph does not infringe upon the copyrights, trademarks, contract rights, or any other intellectual property rights of any third person or entity, or violate any person's rights of privacy or publicity, and your photograph does not include: trademarks owned by third parties, copyrighted materials owned by third parties, entries in which you have purchased or secured the rights to use stock images.
- 6- Due to the limitations of this webhost Icompendium, your images in our online competitions may appear in Google Image Search without your credit. Sometimes Google Image Search will link information to associate images to search results, and other times it will be ignored. Your image will appear in google and may list the source of the image only; the source being the competition that your image is viewable in.

You agree to fully indemnify L.A. Photo Curator in respect of all royalties, fees and any other monies owing to any person by reason of your breaching any of the foregoing.

You indemnify L.A. Photo Curator from and against all claims, suits, demands, actions, liabilities, costs and expenses (including legal costs and expenses on a full indemnity basis) resulting from your participation in this competition.

In no event will L.A. Photo Curator be liable for any loss, damage, cost or expense including legal costs and expenses (whether direct or indirect) incurred by you in connection with this competition.

By submitting to this competition you understand and agree to the terms & conditions stated above.

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