

## RPS Themed Portfolio Competition 2019

The Themed Portfolio competition for 2019 will be Digital only.

Refer to section 4.15 in the RPS Competition Rules on how to enter this competition. A guide for this competition can also be found on page 11.

As this is the first time RPS have held a Digital portfolio competition, following are some additional pointers on how to approach your portfolio.

1. Have a very clear idea in mind, and follow it.
2. When hunting and gathering the images for your portfolio, take more shots than what you think you will need, and in both horizontal and vertical mode.
3. A Digital portfolio must flow.
4. A successful portfolio will start strongly and take the viewer on a journey to a memorable conclusion.
5. One image can lead to another via 'links' of shape, colour, texture, subject matter, etc.
6. Consistent quality is essential. No one image should stand out as being either below or above the standard of the others. One very strong image can be as problematic as a very weak one.
  - ➡ "The Whole is Greater than the Sum of its Parts"
7. Avoid sharp changes of colour or intensity that prevent one image leading naturally to the next.
8. Further to Point 7, it would be unusual to have a mixture of colour and black and white images. Although as an example, your flow could gradually decrease in saturation and end in black and white.
9. Take care with the placing of horizontal and vertical formats from the viewpoint of flow (which is why we have Point 2 above)
10. If you have portraits in your set, consider the direction they are facing and that they look into the presentation, not away. The last image would look back.

Remember: for the Competition you need to put your six entries in to a Composite format. Following are some links that may help you, or search on How to Create Contact Sheets for Photos

[In Photoshop](#) using layers

[In Photoshop](#) using an automated Contact Sheet

[In Lightroom](#) using the Print module, setting up a Contact sheet, and printing to JPG