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Extraordinary Exposures 2012 Photography Contest, \$1000 Grand Prize - Presented by Aperture Academy Fine Art Photo Gallery and Digital Photography School

Aperture Academy in Campbell, CA, is hosting-sponsoring their third annual photography contest with four prize levels, great sponsor gifts, and \$1000 cash grand prize.

Campbell, CA—February 7, 2012—Aperture Academy founder and master photographer, Stephen Oachs, announced Aperture Academy's third annual photography competition, Extraordinary Exposures, for 2012. This year, there are again three theme categories for entry: Natural Landscapes, Wildlife, and Urban Landscapes.

Submissions will be accepted until midnight on December 31, 2012. Grand prize is \$1,000 cash, awarded by Aperture Academy, along with prizes by ThinkTank, BayPhoto.com, and Zenfolio. Along with the grand prize of cash and a BayPhoto.com print package, there will also be valuable product awards for first, second and third places.

The contest rules, submission form and list of prizes and sponsors can be found at Aperture Academy's website, ApertureAcademy.com. Along with the Extraordinary Exposures contest, their website is also offering a World of Winter! contest. You can also find articles to help improve your photography skills; 72dpi, a free online photo gallery and social networking community; classes; workshops; and a virtual tour of the Campbell, CA gallery.

To learn more about the Extraordinary Exposures 2012 Contest, and submit your entries, go online to <http://www.apertureacademy.com/photography-contest-2012.php>. For more about Aperture Academy, see course schedules, or to inquire about reserving the gallery for your function, visit <http://www.ApertureAcademy.com> or call 408-369-8585.

About Aperture Academy

Founded by award-winning photographer and entrepreneur, Stephen W. Oachs, the Aperture Academy is a unique combination of fine art photography gallery and state-of-the-art teaching facility featuring classroom and in-field workshop instruction. Established in 2009 by Stephen Oachs, the Academy is located in Campbell, California, in the Pruneyard Shopping Center. The Academy offers a fun, interactive environment for learning everything related to digital photography, providing the best hands-on instruction in the industry. The state-of-the-art facility has individual student workstations outfitted with the latest software and hardware for Mac and PC platforms. Professional, award-winning instructors guide students of any skill level from learning to shoot in the field to techniques for digital post-processing, in a relaxed, personalized environment. Also an event venue, the 4,000 square foot facility's open floor plan makes it perfectly suited for social receptions, business and fund-raising events, camera club meetings and much more. Visit <http://www.ApertureAcademy.com> or call (408) 369-8585 to learn more about the school, reserve the gallery, or to register for classes.

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