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Fotoherbst Pforzheim

PFotoherbst (formerly Schömberger Fotoherbst) Serial Travel and Reportage Photography

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The PFotoherbst will take place from September 25th to October 24th, 2026.

The biennial photo competition, formerly organised by the municipality of Schömberg, offers travel and reportage photographers — professionals and amateurs — a forum to present their work.

CONDITIONS IN DETAIL

Theme

Travel and reportage photography.

The photographs must have a clear thematic context, be recognisable as a coherent series, and demonstrate an artistically compelling concept in their presentation.

Number of Pictures

A minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 photographs per series, in colour or black and white.

Only one series per participant is permitted.

Image Formats

For presentation reasons, all prints must not be smaller than 18 × 24 cm and not larger than 30 × 40 cm.

Images printed on A3 must be cropped for technical reasons.

Participants are free to choose the paper quality.

The photographs must not be mounted and must not have passe-partouts.

Technique

Analogue or digital photography; this must be indicated in the entry form.



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Submission

- 1. Registration for the competition must be submitted by email to 2026@pfotoherbst.net.**
- 2. The registration form (available on the website) may be attached to the email and/or enclosed with the printed photographs.**
- 3. The photographs must be carefully packaged and sent by post to the address indicated below. The image files must additionally be provided on a storage device or transferred via SwissTransfer to 2026@pfotoherbst.net.**
- 4. The participation fee must be transferred to the bank account indicated in the reply email.**

Labelling

The following information must be written on the top right-hand side of the back of each print: Name, Address, Title of the series, Image title and image number
(No text is permitted within the images themselves.)

Judging

Up to 25 photo series per category will be selected for exhibition by a preliminary jury. These series will be evaluated and awarded prizes by the main jury during the festival.

Award Ceremony

The award ceremony for the winning series will take place on Saturday, Oktober 24th, 2026, during the finissage at the Altes Schlachthaus Pforzheim, Kleiststraße 2, 75177 Pforzheim.

Prizes

First Prize of the Jury €1,500
Second Prize of the Jury €1,000
Third Prize of the Jury €500

The jury reserves the right to award a special prize for participants under the age of 21: €300

Presentation

The selected photo series will be publicly exhibited at the Altes Schlachthaus Pforzheim. The vernissage will take place on Friday, September 25th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., in the foyer of the Altes Schlachthaus Pforzheim.



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Catalogue

A catalogue will probably be published for the PFotoherbst, featuring the exhibited photo series and the photographers' details (name and location).

Image Rights

Copyright remains with the photographers. However, participation in the competition authorises the PFotoherbst to use all submitted images free of charge, with full credit to the photographers, for publications related to the PFotoherbst, including press, social media, and the exhibition catalogue.

Participation Fee

The participation fee is €29 and will be invoiced after registration. Payment must be made via bank transfer. Please do not pay in cash.

Return of Works

After the PFotoherbst, the photo series will be returned to participants upon request. Return postage will be covered by the PFotoherbst.

Deadline

June 28th, 2026 (date of postmark).

Legal Recourse

The jury will make its decisions based on professional criteria. The decisions of the jury are final; legal recourse is excluded.

Address

The photo series, together with the completed and signed entry form, should be addressed as follows:

**PFotoherbst
c/o Frau Birgit Hinz
Burgweg 19
75328 Schoenberg
Germany**