



2 Perspectives: a Photography Challenge and Exchange

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What is it?

A springtime photo challenge for all levels of photographers living in the metropolitan area of sister cities of Boston and Strasbourg. The theme is ***2 Perspectives*** and participants are invited to submit two photos taken in their respective city that capture this theme according to their own interpretation. Ten winners from each city will be selected by an independent panel of judges from both cities.

Who are we?

We have fostered the relationship between the sister cities of Boston, Massachusetts, USA, and Strasbourg, Alsace, France for over 60 years! Boston and Strasbourg began their association in 1960 thanks to the inspiration of Strasbourg native, Charles Munch, then conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

We have entertained Boston and Strasbourg mayors, sponsored numerous student exchanges, sent Bostonians to the European Parliament, scientists to French and American laboratories, business students on internships, and enabled bakers, firemen, community gardeners, artists, quilters, marathon runners, and musicians to visit their sister city. Now for the first time we are creating an exchange opportunity for photographers from both sister cities to share their work.

We welcome all people who are interested in fostering this relationship to become members of one of our organizations. Please click here to learn more:



Note that membership in these associations is not a pre-requisite to participate in the photography challenge.

The winners receive:

- Your work as part of exhibitions in both Boston and Strasbourg in 2026
- Printing and framing costs for the two exhibitions covered by the association
- Promotion of your work through our online and social media channels
- Opportunity to network and make new friends in the photography world

Who can apply?

The challenge is open to photographers who are either residents of the Greater Boston or Strasbourg areas.

There is no age limitation and we strongly encourage photographers from all skill levels, including students.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for a creative interpretation of the theme *Two Perspectives*, captured in two shots. Photos may be landscape or portrait, black and white or color, and the only real requirement is that your images capture the essence or spirit of your city. That could be architecture, street, portrait, or abstract. It's really up to you and your imagination.

We ask that you include a title and blurb about your submission. The blurb is limited to 350 words total. The blurb can be narrative, poetic, or a simple explanation of the idea behind your photo submission. What we're looking for is a bit of "story" about what inspired you to take those two shots. Explain how your submission captures the spirit of your city that you would want to share with your counterparts in either Boston or Strasbourg.

How to apply

Application is through an online form – click here to open it.

<https://forms.gle/8M6MsVGkKvKLStvd8>

You will be asked for basic information about yourself and how to reach you in case you're among the winners. You will upload your two photos through this online platform and images are limited to 5MB each for a maximum total of 10MB for the two. Note that you will be required to use a Gmail account or create one to access the Google form submission.

Submission deadline:

The challenge opens on April 19, 2025 and runs through May 4, 2025. Final edited submissions are due by 11pm.

FAQs:

Applications will be anonymized before being considered by judges. Therefore, please do not include your name or signature on the images.

The filename should be your name, followed by the numbers 1 and 2, in the format SurnameFirstname1.jpg and SurnameFirstname2.jpg. For example: Smithjohn1 and Smithjohn2.

The copyright for all images created through this challenge remains with the photographer. However, Boston Strasbourg Sister City Association and Alsace Etats-Unis will retain the right

to use, publish and display images resulting from the challenge, credited to the winners, in promotional material and on social media channels.

The sale of these works is optional for the photographers and proceeds would be shared with the organization at a percentage rate of 25%.

Judging will take place in May. Ten winners from each city will be announced during the summer and exhibitions of the winning entries will be on display in January-February, 2026.

Note that final photos chosen for the exhibition will be in frames of 30 x 40 cm (16 x 12 inches) and that we will be using standard black frames (can be positioned in landscape or portrait) and that white passe-partouts/matting will be included. Photographers can request that a passe-partout/matting not be used or they may supply their own if a non-standard size or color is preferred.

For the exhibition, winners will print two copies each of their two photos, which will be collected by the respective sister city committee. Winners will be reimbursed up to \$20 USD or 20€ euros per print after supplying a receipt for costs. Overseas mailing will be the responsibility of the association.

*The reason we ask photographers to print their own photos is to eliminate any color or tone discrepancies between printers and monitor calibration problems. Many photographers often prefer to do this themselves. Some photo clubs offer the option of printing at a reduced cost. We will offer suggestions to the winners when the time comes at printing options.

For technical problems ONLY, please contact us at bostonstrasbourg67@gmail.com. Note that due to the large number of submissions expected, we are unable to answer content questions. Only technical problems with your submission will be addressed.