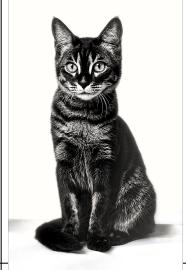
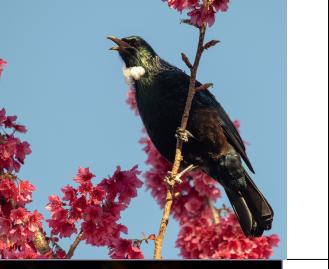
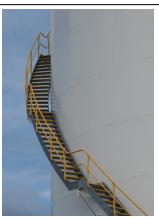
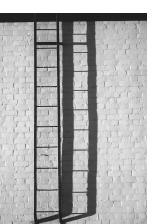


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A	A LITTLE RUFOUS WHISTLER	A little rufous whistler is delicate and well-balanced. The bird's plumage is vivid and sharply rendered, and the diagonal branch adds compositional strength. Background blur is effective, though a touch more contrast could help the subject pop. A graceful nature portrait — intimate and well-executed. HONOURS WITH 17 PTS	17	
A	KAKA	Kea is a strong portrait of a native species. The kākā's plumage is beautifully rendered, with excellent detail and color separation. The blurred background isolates the subject well, though a slight crop from the bottom could tighten composition. A culturally and ecologically rich image — continue refining light and framing to elevate impact. HONOURS WITH 17 PTS	17	
A	MISSY	Missy is clean and symmetrical. The cat's alert posture and striking fur pattern are well captured. The white background enhances contrast, though a touch more shadow detail could add depth. Consider experimenting with eye-level framing to increase engagement. A technically sound image — poised and elegant. Highly commended with 16 pts	16	
A	O-ICM-TREES	O-ICM Trees is painterly and abstract. The vertical motion blur transforms the forest into a study of color and form. The palette is harmonious, and the light filtering through adds depth. A subtle vignette could help anchor the composition. A bold creative choice — well-executed and emotionally resonant. HONOURS WITH 18 PTS	18	
A	PARADISE	Paradise is bold and graphic. The juxtaposition of vibrant foliage against minimalist architecture creates strong visual tension. Excellent use of color harmony and negative space. A slight vignette could help anchor the composition. A standout in design and concept — refined, modern, and visually compelling. HONOURS WITH 18 PTS	18	
A	STREET A MODERN MAN	A modern man is dynamic and narrative-rich. The motion blur adds energy, while the subject remains clear and well-placed. The urban backdrop offers context without overwhelming the rider. Consider softening highlights on the pavement to balance exposure. A strong street moment — well-timed and thoughtfully framed. Honours with 17 pts	17	
A	SUNRISE AT LAGO DI BRAIES	Sunrise at lago di braies is breathtaking and serene. The reflection is crystal-clear, and the boathouse adds scale and narrative. Excellent control of light and color. The floating barriers are slightly distracting — consider cropping or retouching for purity. A masterful landscape — emotionally resonant and technically refined. Honours with 19 pts	19	

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A	WHERE DAY BOWS TO NIGHT	Where the day bows to night is poetic and contemplative. The solitary tree and its reflection create a quiet symmetry, while the gradient sky adds emotional depth. Foreground elements like the driftwood enrich the scene. A slight tonal lift in the shadows could enhance texture. A beautifully composed image — evocative and timeless. Honours with 18 pts	18	
B	FEEDING TIME	Feeding time is tender and narrative-rich. The interaction between adult and juvenile is well timed and emotionally resonant. Background blur is effective, though a tighter crop could heighten intimacy. A lovely wildlife moment — refine framing to focus the viewer's attention on the bond. Highly commended with 16 pts	16	
B	HIGHER GROUND	On higher ground is atmospheric and well-composed. The placement of the sheep near the crest adds tension and scale, while the dramatic sky enhances mood. Consider lifting shadows slightly to reveal more texture in the foreground. A strong rural moment — continue refining tonal balance to deepen emotional impact. Highly commended with 15 pts	15	
B	TUI IN BLOSSOM	Tui in blossoms is vibrant and celebratory. The tui's iridescent plumage contrasts beautifully with the pink blossoms and blue sky. Excellent timing with the open beak adds life. Watch for slight overexposure in the highlights — a gentle tonal adjustment could unify the scene. A joyful nature portrait — well seen and well timed. Highly commended with 16 pts	16	
B	WATERLILY BURSTING FROM THE DARK	The waterlily is elegant and detailed. The dark background isolates the flower beautifully, and the symmetry of the petals is well captured. Consider softening the highlights in the yellow center to avoid visual dominance. A strong botanical study — continue exploring how light reveals texture and form. Highly commended with 15 pts	15	
C	BALANCING ACT	Balancing act is cultural and expressive. The vibrant clothing and balanced basket tell a story of tradition and daily life. Excellent use of color. The overexposed background slightly distracts — try adjusting highlights to retain more detail. A strong portrait — keep refining light control to support narrative. Highly commended with 13 points	13	
C	CAGE AUX FOLLES	Cage aux folles is creative and visually engaging. The suspended birdcages create a whimsical contrast against the rigid architecture. Great choice of subject — consider experimenting with angles or cropping to reduce visual clutter and guide the viewer's eye upward. You've captured a unique installation — keep exploring how framing can enhance storytelling. Commended with 12 pts	12	

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C	LETS STICK TOGETHER	Lets stick together is peaceful and symbolic. The vibrant birds perched on a lifeless tree offer a lovely contrast of life and decay. The muted background supports the scene well. Try adjusting exposure to bring out more detail in the birds' feathers. A thoughtful composition — keep practicing how to balance color and mood. This is commended with 11 points	11	
C	NEW LIFE	New life is bright and natural. The red flowers pop nicely against the green field, and the fence adds a sense of place. Consider using a wider aperture to soften the background and isolate the plant more clearly. You've captured a cheerful moment — keep exploring how depth of field can shape focus. This is commended with 10 points	10	

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A	A LONG WAY UP	a long way up Architecturally elegant and well-framed. The curve of the staircase against the cylindrical silo creates strong visual rhythm. The yellow railings add contrast and guide the eye upward. Consider refining tonal balance in the sky to avoid slight overexposure and deepen the silo's texture. A clean, sculptural composition with excellent structural clarity. Highly commended with 16 pts	16	
A	AREA CLOSED	Area Closed — Gritty and timeless, this monochrome urban stairwell speaks of history and forgotten corners. Strong verticals and diagonals create architectural tension, while the texture-rich surfaces evoke decay and resilience. The chain barrier adds a quiet narrative touch, suggesting restriction or abandonment. A deeper black point could enhance drama and mood, sharpening the contrast and anchoring the composition in shadow. It's a compelling study in urban memory and form. HONOURS 17 PTS	17	
A	CLIMB THE LADDER TO SUCCESS	Climb the Ladder to Success — Minimalist and conceptual, this image distills ambition into form and shadow. The ladder leans with quiet intent against a pristine white wall, while its elongated shadow becomes a second subject — echoing the theme of ascent and duality. Light and repetition are used with precision, creating a clean, contemplative composition. Cropping tighter to remove excess wall space could heighten abstraction and focus, sharpening the metaphor. A beautifully restrained piece with excellent tonal control and subtle depth. HIGHLY COMMENDED WITH 16 PTS.	16	
A	DAM ON THE HAKARIMATA RANGE	Dam on the Hakarimata range Score: 17/20 A serene blend of natural and constructed elements. The long exposure on the waterfall adds softness, contrasting beautifully with the hard edges of the stairs. Framing is strong, though a slight crop from the left could reduce visual weight and focus the viewer's gaze. Excellent tonal control and mood — a thoughtful composition with layered textures. hONOURS WITH 17 PTS	17	
A	ECHOES OF THE PAST	Echoes of the Past — Moody and mysterious, this image draws the viewer into a cinematic stairwell bathed in deep blue. The elegant curve of the staircase and the solitary "G" sign suggest untold stories and quiet transitions. Architectural framing and shadow play are handled with finesse, creating a sense of depth and intrigue. A touch more exposure in the shadows could reveal subtle textures without compromising the atmosphere. It's a contemplative piece that whispers rather than shouts. HONOURS WITH 18 PTS.	18	

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A	GOING UP	<p>Going Up — Poetic and narrative-rich, this image captures a moment of ascent that feels deeply personal and symbolic. The lone figure climbing the outdoor staircase evokes themes of pilgrimage, effort, and introspection. Strong leading lines and a clear vanishing point guide the viewer's eye upward, while the contrast between human presence and lush natural surroundings adds emotional depth. A slight tonal lift in the midtones could enhance foliage texture without compromising the contemplative mood. A standout image that resonates both visually and emotionally.</p> <p>HONOURS WITH 19 PTS</p>	19	
A	GOING DOWN AND OUT	<p>Going Down and Out — Monumental and sculptural, this image transforms industrial architecture into visual poetry. The spiral staircase wraps elegantly around the silo, softening its mass and introducing graceful movement. Diagonal tension and texture contrast between metal and sky lend dynamism, while the weathered surface adds character. A subtle vignette or tonal tweak could guide the viewer's eye more decisively toward the apex of the spiral, enhancing the sense of descent and design.</p> <p>HIGHLY COMMENDED WITH 16 PTS.</p>	16	
A	GOLDEN STAIRS	<p>Golden Stairs — Serene and painterly, this nighttime canal scene in Venice captures architectural grace and quiet solitude. The ornate bridge and ascending staircase are beautifully framed, leading the eye through layers of reflection and soft illumination. The calm water mirrors the buildings and lights, adding depth and tranquility. The composition balances elegance with stillness, and the gentle lighting enhances the romantic atmosphere.</p> <p>A subtle dodge on the lamp area could refine exposure and guide the viewer's gaze more intentionally.</p> <p>HONOURS WITH 18 PTS</p>	18	
A	MOVING STAIRS	<p>Moving Stairs — This image captures modern symmetry with a structured composition centered around an ascending escalator. The monochrome palette enhances the geometric rhythm of tiled flooring and signage, creating a clean, urban aesthetic. The central alignment is precise, offering a sense of order and flow. While the signage contributes to the narrative of commercial movement, a slight dodge could improve its legibility and bring more clarity to the scene. Tonal adjustments might also deepen the visual texture of the floor.</p> <p>HIGHLY COMMENDED WITH 15 PTS.</p>	15	

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A	ON THE STEPS	on the steps Striking and contemplative. The interplay of light and shadow creates a powerful geometric rhythm, while the lone figure adds emotional weight and scale. Excellent use of monochrome to emphasize structure and mood. A masterful composition — every element feels intentional. A standout image in the set. HONOURS WITH 19 POINTS	19	
A	QUEENS ARCHADE	Queen's Arcade — Immersive and whimsical, this image invites the viewer into a layered visual realm where architecture, art, and nature converge. The ornate staircase wraps around a lush garden, while expansive murals stretch the space into narrative dimensions — evoking coastal scenes and architectural fantasy. The composition is rich with depth and contrast, offering a feast for the eye. A slight desaturation of greens could help balance the mural vibrancy, allowing the storytelling elements to shine even more clearly. A masterful and imaginative piece. HONOURS WITH 19 PTS.	19	
A	RED DOOR	Red Door — Whimsical and inviting, this image charms with its moss-covered steps and twisted green handrail set against a weathered red door. The patina and age lend character, while the strong color contrast and thoughtful framing create visual impact. The textures are tactile and engaging, drawing the viewer into a scene that feels both nostalgic and alive. A subtle clarity boost could enhance the metalwork detail without compromising the softness that gives the image its warmth. HONOURS WITH 17 PTS.	17	
A	SHADOWPLAY	shadowplay. Curved Staircase with Brass and Wood — This image exudes timeless sophistication, with its graceful arc and interplay of polished brass, rich wood, and wrought iron. The composition is elegant and well-balanced, showcasing excellent tonal control and subtle shadow play that enhances depth and texture. The materials speak of heritage and care, inviting the viewer into a space of quiet refinement. A warmer white balance could further enrich the wood tones, deepening the sense of warmth and craftsmanship. HONOURS WITH 18 PTS	18	
A	SILO	silo Graphic and architectural. The staircase shadow adds a second layer of form, enhancing the visual tension. The diagonal ascent is well-placed, and the clean sky provides contrast. Consider deepening blacks slightly to heighten drama. A precise and visually compelling image — strong technical and compositional control. HONOURS WITH 18 PTS	18	

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A	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN	<p>Stairway to Heaven — This industrial composition celebrates functional beauty through a hypnotic zigzag pattern of blue metal stairs. The repetition and negative space create a rhythmic visual cadence, while the rust and signage lend character and authenticity. Well-framed and geometrically engaging, the image balances structure with subtle imperfection. Cropping slightly tighter from the bottom could heighten the sense of verticality and reduce visual clutter, sharpening the architectural impact. HIGHLY COMMENDED WITH 16 PTS.</p>	16	
A	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN 2	<p>Stairway to Heaven 2 — This stately and serene composition captures a graceful ascent toward heritage, framed by lush greenery and Gothic architecture. The pathway and staircase guide the viewer with quiet purpose, while the clock tower and flag introduce symbolic weight — evoking themes of knowledge, tradition, and civic pride. Balanced symmetry and depth lend compositional strength, and the natural framing enhances the architectural elegance. A touch more contrast in the sky could dramatize the silhouette and elevate the visual impact. HONOURS WITH 17 PTS.</p>	17	
A	STEP CHALLENGE	<p>Step Challenge — This minimalist industrial study presents a tall vertical pole punctuated by climbing pegs, evoking latent human interaction and utilitarian design. The strong vertical emphasis and cloudy backdrop lend mood and structure, though the composition remains somewhat static. A lower angle or tighter crop could have exaggerated scale and added drama. Tonal range is solid, yet lifting the midtones might reveal more surface texture and nuance. Overall, it's a stark and contemplative image with quiet narrative strength. HIGHLY COMMENDED WITH 15 PTS.</p>	15	
A	T STEP TO BAGEND	<p>T Steps to Bagend Whimsical and richly detailed. The stone path and flowering plants lead beautifully to the round door, evoking narrative and charm. Color harmony is excellent, though a slight tonal lift in the shadows could reveal more texture in the greenery. A delightful composition — imaginative and well-balanced. HONOURS WITH 17 PTS</p>	17	
A	UP WE GO	<p>Up we go Atmospheric and experimental. The motion blur adds a sense of movement and mystery, though the composition could benefit from stronger anchoring elements. Consider adjusting contrast to clarify the staircase structure. A creative approach — continue refining how abstraction supports narrative. Highly commended with 16 pts</p>	16	

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B	DOPPELGANGER STAIRS	Stylish and contemporary. The undulating glass wall introduces dynamic texture and pairs gracefully with the staircase's clean lines. The color palette is cohesive and thoughtfully balanced. Be mindful of reflective glare, which can compete with the wall's pattern. A subtle crop from the left could refine the framing and enhance visual flow. A thoughtfully observed architectural moment — continue experimenting with how light interacts with surface and structure. Highly commended with 15 pts	15	
B	FLOWING STEPS	Peaceful and thoughtfully composed. The cascading stone basins flow gracefully through the landscape, with moss and ferns enhancing the sense of natural rhythm. The wooden staircase introduces gentle movement and human presence, guiding the viewer's eye upward. A slight lift in shadow detail could enrich the textures in the stonework and deepen the mood. This is a serene and well-balanced image — a quiet celebration of harmony between design and environment. Highly Commended with 16 pts	16	
B	LEAVING	Leaving is Peaceful and pastoral. The view from the porch offers depth and a sense of retreat. The bird statue adds charm, though the composition could benefit from stronger leading lines. Try adjusting contrast to separate foreground from background more clearly. A gentle scene — refine framing and tonal balance to enhance storytelling. Higly commended with 13 pts	13	
B	MIND YOUR STEP	Mind your step Organic and evocative. The exposed roots form a rugged staircase that feels both functional and symbolic. The reddish pine needle carpet adds warmth, though the image could benefit from stronger contrast to separate foreground from background. A compelling study in natural form — explore how light can guide the viewer's journey. Highly commended with 14 pts	14	
B	ONE STEP AT THE TIME	one step at a time Dynamic and scenic. The zigzag shadows and vibrant railings create strong visual rhythm, while the child adds scale and narrative warmth. Consider adjusting white balance to unify tones across foliage and stairs. A tighter crop might reduce distractions and emphasize the descent. A lively image with good compositional energy. highly commended with 14 pts	14	
B	STAIRCASE	Staircase A visually engaging scene with strong architectural interest. The spiral staircase adds sculptural rhythm, and the gritty alleyway offers urban texture. Consider simplifying the frame by cropping distractions like crates or signage to focus viewer attention. A slight tonal lift could help separate foreground elements from background clutter. Good eye for structure — refine framing to elevate impact. highly commended with 13 points	13	

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B	STEP UP	Step Up A quiet, natural moment with potential for narrative charm. The yellow leaf adds a focal point, and the plants between planks suggest time and change. Composition feels slightly flat — explore lower angles or tighter crops to enhance intimacy. Watch for tonal consistency across wood surfaces. A gentle image with room to deepen mood and visual storytelling. this is commended with 12 points	12	
B	THE BLUE STAIRS	the blue stairs IS Artistic and well-crafted. The interplay between the ornate railing and vibrant tiles creates visual richness. Excellent use of color and texture. Consider softening highlights on the white wall to reduce glare and unify tones. A strong architectural image — continue exploring how design elements interact. Highly commended with 15 pts	15	
B	THREE STORY TIME	three storey time Detailed and imaginative. The miniature staircase and furnishings are thoughtfully arranged, offering narrative depth and architectural charm. Lighting is soft, though a slight tonal lift could enhance texture in the wood and carpet. A delightful composition — refine exposure to bring out craftsmanship. Highly commended with 14 pts	14	
B	TO SUA OCEAN TRENCH	To Sua Ocean Beach Vibrant and adventurous. The turquoise water and lush greenery create a compelling backdrop, while the staircase adds narrative direction. The figures on the platform introduce scale and human presence. Consider adjusting exposure to balance highlights and shadows especially on the water surface. A strong scene — refine tonal control to heighten atmosphere. highly commended with 14 points	14	
C	BUSHWALK	Bushwalk Natural and inviting. The wooden staircase blends beautifully with the greenery, and the platform adds a sense of arrival. Try adjusting contrast to bring out more texture in the foliage. You've captured a lovely trail moment — keep exploring how to use light and depth to guide the viewer. Highly commended with 13 points	13	
C	FOREST FLOWS	Forest flows is Tranquil and well-balanced. The waterfall and mossy rocks create a soothing scene, and the staircase adds structure. Consider brightening the shadows slightly to reveal more detail in the forest. A strong composition — keep refining how you balance natural elements with built ones. Highly commended with 14 pts	14	

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C	GOING GOING POLYGON	going going polygon Bold and graphic. The diagonal staircase and patterned floor create a dynamic visual contrast. Great use of shapes and lines. Try softening the shadows or adjusting exposure to bring out more detail in the textures. You've got a strong design sense — keep playing with geometry and tone. Highly commended with 13 points	13	
C	STAIRWAY TO SECOND CHANCES	stairway to second chances Gritty and atmospheric. The worn textures and spiral staircase tell a story of age and use. The yellow markings add a pop of contrast. Watch for framing — a slight crop could reduce distractions and focus the viewer's eye. You've captured mood well — keep exploring how light and detail shape emotion. Commended with 12 pts	12	
C	STAIRY CAT	Charming and full of personality. The painted risers add visual interest, and the cat introduces warmth and narrative. Framing is strong, though a slight tonal lift could help balance the shadows near the door. A delightful domestic scene — keep experimenting with how design and life interact. Highly commended with 13 points	13	
C	TWO LANES	Score: 11/20 Natural and textured. The weathered stone and scattered leaves create a grounded, earthy feel. The greenery adds freshness, though the composition could benefit from stronger leading lines. Consider adjusting exposure to highlight the plant detail. A solid image — keep practicing how to guide the viewer's eye. THIS IS COMMENDED WITH 11 PTS	11	
C	YOU CHOOSE	Graphic and structured. The staggered platforms create a strong rhythm, and the black-and-white treatment emphasizes shape and shadow. Try deepening contrast slightly to sharpen the geometry. You've got a good eye for form — keep exploring how light and pattern work together. THIS IS COMMENDED WITH 12 POINTS	12	