

June 2023 Marville Challenge - Any & All Portraits ScoreSheet - Bertie

CAT	SEQ	STAR	Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	Award	Comment
MC	1	1S	Amber Eye	wynand	lens	11	Gold	Nice close up / full frame image and the eye is sharp. Although your ISO was only 250 , lots of noise can be seen in the darker areas and background.
MC	2	1S	Desert Princess	Marisan	Victor	12	Gold	Great composition and focus. Exposure is a tad too bright with some of the models right shoulder blown out. Consider lowering levels and fixing up a few minor skin blemishes.
MC	3	1S	The Forest Child	Marisan	Victor	12	Gold	Good composition - nice catchlight in the eyes. Background focus has been well handled. Some sharpening needed to make the eyes sparkle.
MC	4	1S	Wise stare	wynand	lens	9	Silver	I like the full frame and the cenral composition works in this case, but the focus is just too soft overall.
MC	5	2S	Dreaming of You	Mags	Vosloo	10	Gold	Exposure and focus are good but the angle of this shot worries me. It just looks un-natural.
MC	6	2S	Lucky	Jan	Lens	11	Gold	Great timeless image. Black and white conversion is good. Image is a bit too central for me. Consider cropping 1/4 off the left.
MC	7	2S	Sia	Jan	Lens	10	Gold	Another good b&w conversion. The subject is too central however and the angle of the subjects face seems awkward.
MC	8	2S	Who is gonna fetch my Helmet	Mags	Vosloo	10	Gold	Nice full frame image and the exposure is good. Focus is rather soft overall.
MC	9	3S	Among the Crowd	Andrew	van den Berg	11	Gold	The main subject has been very well captured. Im still tying to decide if the surrounding birds help frame the the main point of interest or are a bit of a distraction.
MC	10	3S	Dan Boy - DB	Diane	Backhouse	9	Silver	Great composition and lighting is good but your focus has let you down.
MC	11	3S	Hush little baby	Magda	Bezuidenhout	14	Merit	Wow, a super image that ticks all the boxes. Nicely done !
MC	12	3S	Kurt and Rachel	Meleney	Naik	10	Gold	Nice idea. The background is a bit of a distraction though. Moving your subjects well away and using depth of field to blur this - would have made for a most pleasing image.
MC	13	3S	Little Zulu Warrior	Magda	Bezuidenhout	13	Merit	Another top class image. Brilliant ..
MC	14	3S	Mono Dan - DB	Diane	Backhouse	9	Silver	Nice composition and the b&w conversion is good, but focus on the eyes is soft . Try shooting at F4 or F5.6 rather than 2.8 to give yourself more depth of field to get the ear and eyes in focus.
MC	15	3S	Mother to Be	Meleney	Naik	12	Gold	A good image with sharp focus and great lighting. Background is a little too busy for me.
MC	16	3S	Raptors Gaze	Andrew	van den Berg	13	Merit	Your focus and exposure are spot on. Consider cropping away the negative space to fill the frame for even more impact. The bird also seems to be leaning slightly over to the right.
MC	17	4S	lady in purple	Cornelia	Appel	12	Gold	A most pleasing image presented here. Focus and lighting on the face is excellent The blue patch/sky on the top left draws the eye and could be the retouched and the chopped off hand distracts.
MC	18	4S	Thobeka	Liesl	Couperthwaite	10	Gold	Great close up / full frame image. Lifting the shadows and putting a bit more light into the eyes would improve.
MC	19	5S1	Beautiful Erinn	Heidi	Taylor	12	Gold	Good compostion and focus. Needs a contrast adjustment to make it pop.

MC	20	5S1	Urban cowboy	Heidi	Taylor	13	Merit	Super mono image that works. Great lighting and b&w conversion with catchlight seen in the eyes. Nicely done !
MC	21	5SB	A Rear View Mirror Has Many Uses	Maxi	Holder	12	Gold	Great picture. Focus , exposure and composition all well handled.
MC	22	5SB	Ounooi Se Brak	Maxi	Holder	12	Gold	A good image. Focus and exposure are spot on. A lower angle would improve the composition.
MC	23	5SD	Hare Krishna Monk	Leon	Heyes	12	Gold	A well captured subject. Focus and lighting are spot on.
MC	24	5SD	Licking The Bowl	Leon	Heyes	10	Gold	Another pleasing image. Focus has been well managed with the eyes nice and sharp and the background perfectly blurred.
MC	25	5SP	Mantis with attitude	Rob	Hart	10	Gold	An interesting and colourful image captured. There are lots of hot spots that draw the eye and detract.
MC	26	5SP	Owl eclipses Mikayla	Rob	Hart	12	Gold	Great composition, great story. Focus has been very well handled. Watch the highlights on the top of Mikayla's head.
MC	27	5SS	Brynn	Vicki	Street	13	Merit	A perfect portrait with perfect lighting and focus. Well done ..
MC	28	5SS	Hudson	Ronelle	van den Heever	11	Gold	Nice lighting and composition. Watch out for artifacts in the dark areas.
MC	29	5SS	ProudlyBateleur	Ronelle	van den Heever	13	Merit	Superb image with great detail captured throughout.
MC	30	5SS	The Paper Boy	Vicki	Street	14	Merit	The perfect portrait. All elements well handled.