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ASSA Astrophotography Awards for 2022

There are four categories of astrophotography entries:

- **Deep Sky:** Telescopic or camera image of any deep sky astronomical object (non-Solar System), not incorporating a foreground land or seascape.
- **Solar System:** Image of any Solar System object, including the Sun, Moon, planets, natural satellites, and comets.
- **Nightscape:** Widefield image, incorporating foreground land or seascapes, of astronomical objects such as aurora, lunar or planetary conjunction, comet, constellation, or the Milky Way.
- **Timelapse Video:** A video or timelapse (animated) sequence of images of any celestial scene or event.

The best entry in each of these categories will receive a specific award.

From the above four categories of entry, the following three additional awards will be made:

- **The Craig Richardson Memorial Award** – offered by the Richardson Family and selected from the Nightscape and Timelapse Video entries received involving a land or seascape foreground.

Craig Richardson was a keen and active member of the ASSA from the late 1980's until 2001 and best known for his enthusiastic approach to the observation and photography of the Aurora Australis, or Southern Lights.

- **The ASSA Junior Astrophotography Award** – to an entrant 18 years or younger at the time of submission, selected from all eligible entries received.
- **The Overall Best Astrophotography Award** – selected from among the four category winners.

All entries in the four categories above will be assessed by independent Judging.

Each of the seven astrophotography awards will be comprised of a voucher or a cash prize, and a framed certificate.

At the discretion of the judging panel, Honorable Mentions will be awarded for images of high quality that were close to the best for each category.

Please note : some entry criteria such as image size and number of entries allowable has changed. Please carefully read the following Conditions of Entry.



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Conditions of entry

1. Entries will be accepted only from current members of the Astronomical Society of South Australia and must be submitted in digital form.
2. Each image must be submitted with its own completed Entry Form via the email address below.
3. There is a limit of 3 entries per category per photographer.
4. The ASSA Junior Award is for photographers 18 years old or younger at the time of submission of the entry. Images and processing must be solely the work of the junior member.
5. Entries that combine images from professional sources, for purposes other than creating the entry in question, will be disqualified.
6. To preserve anonymity, the submitted image files should not contain identifying metadata.
7. Electronic images must be submitted as JPG files with the longest side having a dimension no greater than 3000 pixels and should not exceed Adobe 1998 RGB colour space. Use of plain sRGB or monochrome is also permitted if the imager prefers this format.
8. Animated sequences can be submitted up to full HD resolution (1920x1080) in MP4 file format and must not exceed one minute in length. As video files will be too large to email, please instead email a link to your own personal Dropbox, Google Drive or other file share location. Please set permission to allow access by "awards@assa.org.au" so that ASSA's Awards administrators can download a copy of your video file.
9. The majority of the data used to construct the images must have been taken since 1 May 2021, and no re-entries from previous ASSA competitions will be accepted.
10. Image copyright rests with the entrant(s). However a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free worldwide license is granted to the Society to reproduce the image in its publications and social media channels.
11. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

All astrophotography entries must be submitted with an entry form for each image or video, to awards@assa.org.au no later than **24:00 (ACST) on 30 April 2022**

All winners are encouraged to attend the presentation of the awards at the ASSA Annual Awards Dinner on the 16th July 2022.



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ENTRY FORM

Select entry category Deep Sky Nightscape
 Solar System Timelapse Video

Name(s) _____ Membership Number _____

I am 18 years old or younger at the time of submission.

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Image Title _____

Image file names should be either the subject + date, or same as image title. Please do not use your name.

Please provide brief details as requested below. These details may be referenced for judging purposes, and may also appear in the public domain if your image is used by ASSA.

Date(s) /time(s) / location of image capture _____

Exposure Details : Number _____ Duration(s) _____ Total Time _____

Other exposure details if applicable (eg video) _____

Optics : Telescope or Camera lens, corrector, reducer etc (net focal length or diameter, f ratio) _____

Camera (and filters used) _____

Mount (including guiding if applicable) _____

Image capture software (brief list: eg SharpCap , SGP) _____

Image processing software (brief list : eg Registax, Pixinsight, Photoshop) _____

I have read and understood the entry conditions