



2005 Still Picture Contest

Mike Levy from The Plain Dealer has been chosen Ohio Photographer of the Year for 2005 by the Ohio News Photographers Association. Finishing second was Cleveland-based freelance photographer Greg Ruffing and third was Gus Chan from The Plain Dealer. Dale Omori from The Plain Dealer received an Award of Excellence for his work over the past year.

One hundred twenty four photographers from across the state submitted 1,937 entries in the 56th annual news photography contest judged Feb. 11 at Kent State University. Judging the competition were: Brian Peterson, photo coach and staff photographer at the Minneapolis Star Tribune; Cliff Schiappa, Associated Press Regional Photo Editor for the Midwest Region, based in Kansas City, Mo.; and Jeanie Adams-Smith, assistant professor at Western Kentucky University.

News Photographer of Year

1st - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer
2nd - Greg Ruffing, Freelance
3rd - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer
AE - Dale Omori, The Plain Dealer

Student Photographer of the Year

1st - Katie Falkenberg, Ohio University
2nd - Emily Rasinski, Kent State University
3rd - Michael P. King, Ohio University
AE - Sung H. Jun, Ohio University

James R. Gordon Ohio Understanding Award

1st - Gary Harwood, Kent State University Press, "Life of a Migrant Community"
2nd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Ford"

Best of Show

Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Fallen Soldier"

Picture Usage (Under 100,000 circulation)

1st - The News Herald
2nd - Springfield News-Sun

Picture Usage (Over 100,000 circulation)

1st - The Plain Dealer
2nd - The Columbus Dispatch
3rd - Akron Beacon Journal
AE - Dayton Daily News

Photography Staff of Year (Under 100,000 circulation)

1st - The Repository
2nd - Springfield News-Sun
3rd - The Medina Gazette

Photography Staff of Year (Over 100,000 circulation)

1st - The Plain Dealer
2nd - The Columbus Dispatch
3rd - Dayton Daily News

Assigned Feature Picture

1st - Lisa Powell, Dayton Daily News, "Portable Beauty"
2nd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Missing Lloyd"
3rd - Kiichiro Sato, The Associated Press, "XBOX 360"
AE - Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch, "Hurricane Christmas"
AE - Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal, "Legs"
AE - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Burn Victim"
AE - Michael P. King, Ohio University, "Fish and Chips"
AE - Tim Harrison, Freelance, "Visions of Mary"

Enterprise Feature Picture

1st - Neal Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Frostfree"
2nd - Thomas Ondrey, The Plain Dealer, "O' Christmas Tree"
3rd - Craig Ruttler, The Cincinnati Enquirer, "Shadow of Labor"
AE - Katie Falkenberg, Ohio University, "Family Gathering"
AE - Tim Harrison, Freelance, "Day at the Finca"

Feature Picture Story

1st - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Living Testament"
2nd - Karen Schiely, Akron Beacon Journal, "Majid"
3rd - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "A Family Matter"
AE - David I. Andersen, The Plain Dealer, "Heidi's Struggle"
AE - Emily Rasinski, Kent State University, "Interfaith Hospitality"
AE - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Emergency Room"

General News

1st - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Fallen Soldier"
2nd - Scott Heckel, The Repository, "Saying Good-bye"
3rd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Welcome Home"
AE - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Final Farewell"
AE - Ernest Coleman, The Cincinnati Enquirer, "Family Support"
AE - Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Word Spreads"
AE - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "War Hits Home"
AE - Jeff Forman, The News Herald, "Hickey Sentencing"
AE - Katie Falkenberg, Ohio University, "Keep Schiavo Alive"
AE - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Fire Vigil"

Issue Illustration

1st - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Do It Yourself Finance"
2nd - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Methamphetamine: A Burning Epidemic"
3rd - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Hot Mama of Invention"
AE - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "The Nutritional Landscape"
AE - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Stop Worrying!"

Product Illustration

1st - Mary Circelli, The Columbus Dispatch, "Dining"
2nd - Lisa Powell, Dayton Daily News, "Artichoke"
3rd - Bill Kennedy, The Plain Dealer, "Wine of USA"
AE - Jim Witmer, Dayton Daily News, "Artist's Palette"
AE - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Spice"

News Picture Story

1st - Dale Omori, The Plain Dealer, "Katrina"
2nd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Ford closes Lorain Assembly Plant"
3rd - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Lost Boys"
AE - Sung H. Jun, Ohio University, "Home Again"
AE - Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer, "Eviction"
AE - Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Katrina"



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Pictorial

- 1st - Gary Harwood, Kent State University Press, "White Bird"
- 2nd - Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer, "Freedom Run"
- 3rd - Mary Circelli, The Columbus Dispatch, "Poppies"
- AE - Gary Harwood, Kent State University Press, "Machamer Camp"
- AE - Andy Morrison, The Blade, "Fisheye"
- AE - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Cage Bandits"
- AE - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Lake Strike"
- AE - Michael P. King, Ohio University, "Kiss"

Portrait/Personality

- 1st - Emily Rasinski, Kent State University, "Tea Party"
- 2nd - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch, "Fire Inspector"
- 3rd - Lisa Powell, Dayton Daily News, "Water Boy"
- AE - Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Last Smoke"
- AE - Allan Detrich, The Blade, "Page Snyder"
- AE - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "No Help"
- AE - Dale Omori, The Plain Dealer, "Hunter"
- AE - Lonnie Timmon III, The Plain Dealer, "Surgery"
- AE - Greg Ruffing, Freelance, "Unexplained Child Death"

Sports Action

- 1st - John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer, "Loose Ball"
- 2nd - Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal, "Hands"
- 3rd - Scott R. Galvin, Freelance, "Broken Bat"
- AE - Mike Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Home Run"
- AE - Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Kickoff"
- AE - Chris Parker, ThisWeek Newspapers, "Football Splits"
- AE - C.H. Pete Copland, The Plain Dealer, "Follow the Puck"

Sports Feature

- 1st - Tim Harrison, Freelance, "Grandmother's Comfort"
- 2nd - Fred Squillante, The Columbus Dispatch, "Intense"
- 3rd - Andy Wrobel, The Medina Gazette, "Jumping For Joy"
- AE - Mark Duncan, The Associated Press, "Bubbling Over"
- AE - Andy Wrobel, The Medina Gazette, "Goofing Around"

Sports Picture Story

- 1st - Greg Ruffing, Freelance, "Father and Son Competitors at the Arm Wrestling World Championship"
- 2nd - Katie Falkenberg, Ohio University, "Female Boxer"
- 3rd - Abigail Bobrow, Sandusky Register, "Dustin"
- AE - Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal, "Semi-pro"
- AE - Jim Witmer, Dayton Daily News, "Inspiration"

Spot News (Under 100,000 circulation)

- 1st - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Bad Man"
- 2nd - David Distelhorst, The Repository, "Hope Finds Death"
- 3rd - Dave Polcyn, Mansfield News Journal, "Standoff"
- AE - James E. Mahan, Piqua Daily Call, "Truck Trap"
- AE - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Emotions"

Spot News (Over 100,000 circulation)

- 1st - Dale Omori, The Plain Dealer, "Aftermath"
- 2nd - David I. Andersen, The Plain Dealer, "Police Shoot Teen"
- 3rd - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Katrina Victims"
- AE - Allan Detrich, The Blade, "Leg Rescue"
- AE - David I. Andersen, The Plain Dealer, "Triple Three Alarm"
- AE - Lisa Dutton, The Blade, "Train Fatal"
- AE - Marvin Fong, The Plain Dealer, "Reaction"
- AE - Mike Munden, The Columbus Dispatch, "Mr. Clean"

Team Picture Story

- 1st - The Plain Dealer, "Katrina's Wrath"
- 2nd - The Plain Dealer, "War Hits Home"
- 3rd - The Plain Dealer, "Bringing Ryan Back"