



2006 Still Picture Contest

John Kuntz from The Plain Dealer has been chosen Photographer of the Year for 2006 by the Ohio News Photographers Association. Finishing second was Chris Russell from The Columbus Dispatch and third was freelance photographer Greg Ruffing. Dale Omori from The Plain Dealer received an Award of Excellence for his work over the past year.

Ninety seven photographers from across the state submitted 1503 entries in the 57th annual news photography contest judged Friday and Saturday at Kent State University.

Judging the competition were: Denny Simmons, staff photographer at the Evansville (IN) Courier & Press, Lara Solt, staff photographer at the Dallas Morning News and Gerry Melendez, staff photographer at The State in Columbia, SC.

News Photographer of Year

- 1st - John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer
- 2nd - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch
- 3rd - Greg Ruffing, Freelance
- AE - Dale Omori, The Plain Dealer

Student Photographer of the Year

- 1st - David Foster, Kent State University
- 2nd - Michael P. King, Ohio University

James R. Gordon Ohio Understanding Award

- 1st - Lynn Ischay, Dale Omori, Thomas Ondrey, Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "The Daily Life"

Best of Show

- Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Save the Last Dance"

Picture Usage (Under 100,000 circulation)

- 1st - The News Herald
- 2nd - The (Medina) Gazette

Picture Usage (Over 100,000 circulation)

- 1st - The Plain Dealer
- 2nd - The Columbus Dispatch
- 3rd - Akron Beacon Journal

Photography Staff of Year (Under 100,000 circulation)

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

Photography Staff of Year (Over 100,000 circulation)

- 1st - The Plain Dealer
- 2nd - The Columbus Dispatch
- 3rd - Akron Beacon Journal

Assigned Feature Picture

- 1st - Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Save the Last Dance"
- 2nd - Michael E. Keating, The Cincinnati Enquirer, "Hugs for Dad"
- 3rd - Michael P. King, Ohio University, "Friends"
- AE - Chris Stephens, The Plain Dealer, "Dance to the Music"
- AE - Greg Ruffing, Freelance, "Miss Rodeo Texas"
- AE - Glenn Hartong, The Cincinnati Enquirer, "Poisoned by Lead"
- AE - Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Box Lunch"

Enterprise Feature Picture

- 1st - Stephanie J. Smith, The Lima News, "Dress-Up"
- 2nd - Lynn Ischay, The Plain Dealer, "Last Day"
- 3rd - Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Ballet"
- AE - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Candy"
- AE - Greg Ruffing, Freelance, "End of Semester"
- AE - John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer, "Out of the Depths"
- AE - Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Browns Wedding"
- AE - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Patriot's Healing Field"

Feature Picture Story

- 1st - John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer, "Dakota Bihn"
- 2nd - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Cancer Warriors"
- 3rd - Chris Russell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Children of War"
- AE - Greg Ruffing, Freelance, "Miss Texas Rodeo"

General News

- 1st - Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch, "Welcome Home"
- 2nd - Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer, "M.I.A. Farewell"
- 3rd - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch, "28 Years To Life"
- AE - Chris Stephens, The Plain Dealer, "Mother's Plea"
- AE - Ron Alvey, Dayton Daily News, "Slaveship"
- AE - Ron Alvey, Dayton Daily News, "Time is Precious"
- AE - Thomas Ondrey, The Plain Dealer, "Convicted Killer Offers Apology"

Issue Illustration

- 1st - Michael Weiss, The Repository, "Memory of Rape"
- 2nd - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Ohio Football Machine"
- 3rd - Michael Weiss, The Repository, "Debating Prisoner Rights"
- AE - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Nasty Habit"
- AE - Andrea Levy, The Plain Dealer, "Searching For a Mother's Love"

Product Illustration

- 1st - Chris Stephens, The Plain Dealer, "Walleye"
- 2nd - Jim Witmer, Dayton Daily News, "Pub Glasses"
- 3rd - Scott Shaw, The Plain Dealer, "Traveling By Air"

News Picture Story

- 1st - Andy Morrison, The Blade, "Our Father"
- 2nd - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Lost & Found"
- 3rd - Thomas Ondrey, The Plain Dealer, "Flood Aftermath"
- AE - Tim Revell, The Columbus Dispatch, "Lt. Charles "Buddy" Feucht"



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Pictorial

- 1st - John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer, "Alone"
- 2nd - Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal, "Frosted Leaves"
- 3rd - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Barn"
- AE - Greg Ruffing, Freelance, "Miss Rodeo Texas"
- AE - Glenn Hartong, The Cincinnati Enquirer, "Curves"
- AE - Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Rolling Thunder"
- AE - Rami Daud, Kent State University, "Trucks"

Portrait/Personality

- 1st - Rami Daud, Kent State University, "Jeff Deluca"
- 2nd - Greg Ruffing, Freelance, "Polka"
- 3rd - Tom Dodge, The Columbus Dispatch, "Colo"
- AE - David Foster, Kent State University, "Walter Carkauff"
- AE - Dale Omori, The Plain Dealer, "King"
- AE - Eric Albrecht, The Columbus Dispatch, "Sheep Wrangler"
- AE - Lynn Ischay, The Plain Dealer, "Dontez"
- AE - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "World War I Veteran"

Sports Action

- 1st - Amy E. Voigt, The Blade, "Biting"
- 2nd - John Kuntz, The Plain Dealer, "Flight"
- 3rd - Neal C. Lauron, The Columbus Dispatch, "Big Hit"
- AE - Aaron Rudolph, The (Lisbon) Morning Journal, "Hurdling"
- AE - Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer, "The Eyes Have It"
- AE - Ed Suba Jr, Akron Beacon Journal, "Face"
- AE - Lindsay Semple, Akron Beacon Journal, "Dent"
- AE - Mark Duncan, Associated Press, "Dive"

Sports Feature

- 1st - Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal, "Solace"
- 2nd - Tony Dejak, Associated Press, "Happy Fan"
- 3rd - Jeff Hinckley, Columbus Dispatch, "Early Training"
- AE - Greg Ruffing, Freelance, "Figure Competition"
- AE - Joy Parker, ThisWeek Newspaper, "Muddy Victory Celebration"
- AE - Jeff Haller, Ohio University, "Camp Out"
- AE - Rami Daud, Kent State University, "Victory"
- AE - Thomas Ondrey, The Plain Dealer, "Floating Cheerleader"
- AE - Andrew Dolph, The (Medina) Gazette, "Foul Call"
- AE - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Track"

Sports Picture Story

- 1st - Jeff Swinger, Cincinnati Enquirer, "A Fighting Spirit"
- 2nd - Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Torino"
- 3rd - Ed Suba Jr, Akron Beacon Journal, "Playoffs"

Spot News (Under 100,000 circulation)

- 1st - Michael Blair, The News Herald, "Flood Victims"
- 2nd - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Gas Leak"
- 3rd - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Raw Emotion"
- AE - Aaron Rudolph, The (Lisbon) Morning Journal, "Solace"
- AE - Duncan Scott, The News Herald, "Fatal Crash"
- AE - Marshall Gorby, Springfield News-Sun, "Hero"
- AE - Michael Balash, The Repository, "PCS Metals Fire"

Spot News (Over 100,000 circulation)

- 1st - Joshua Gunter, The Plain Dealer, "Reunion With Mom"
- 2nd - Glenn Hartong, Cincinnati Enquirer, "Holding On"
- 3rd - James D. DeCamp, The Columbus Dispatch, "Homicide"
- AE - Chuck Crow, The Plain Dealer, "Daughter's Grief"
- AE - David I. Andersen, The Plain Dealer, "Rainbow"
- AE - David I. Andersen, The Plain Dealer, "Rescued"
- AE - Patrick Reddy, Cincinnati Enquirer, "Bad Day"
- AE - Phil Masturzo, Akron Beacon Journal, "Fatal Fire"

Team Picture Story

- 1st - The Plain Dealer, "Summer of Floods"
- 2nd - The Plain Dealer, "Saying Goodbye"