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**The Sheldon Art Galleries and the St. Louis Beacon Announce Citywide Photo Contest and Exhibition  
in Celebration of St. Louis's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014**

ST. LOUIS - The Sheldon Art Galleries and the St. Louis Beacon announce *The City at 250*, a citywide photography contest organized in celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. Louis.

“We are excited to partner with the *St. Louis Beacon*, the city’s online newspaper, to sponsor this citywide photo contest” says Sheldon Art Galleries director, Olivia Lahs-Gonzales. “This contest will enable the residents of the greater St. Louis metropolitan region to celebrate today’s vibrant city, its people, neighborhoods and architecture.”

**Entries must be received by February 23, 2014, and must be electronically submitted at [stlbeacon.org/TheCityat250](http://stlbeacon.org/TheCityat250).**

Entry categories including **People, Places and Neighborhoods**, and **Architecture**. Photographs entered should speak to the diversity and dynamism of today’s St. Louis. Creativity and unique views of the city and its inhabitants are encouraged.

The contest is open to all ages and three entry levels: **Youth** (up to age 18); **Amateur** (anyone who does not earn a living from photography) and **Professional** (anyone who earns a living from photography or graphic design).

The top 100 winners will be shown in an exhibit at the Sheldon Art Galleries from June 6 – August 30, 2014. A total of up to 250 of the top photographs will be shown online in a slide show, and in projected form in the exhibition.

**Prizes:** One Grand Prize winner will receive \$1,000. The First Place winner in each category will each receive \$500, and his/her winning photograph will be exhibited in an exhibition at the Sheldon Art Galleries. Second place winners in all adult categories receive \$250, and third place winners in all adult categories receive \$100. Prizes in the Children’s categories are: First Place: \$100, Second Place: \$50 and third place: \$25.

**Judges:** Robert Duffy, Associate Editor, *The St. Louis Beacon*; Olivia Lahs-Gonzales, Director, the Sheldon Art Galleries; Eric Lutz, Assistant Curator of Prints, Drawings and Photographs, The Saint Louis Art Museum and John Nagel, Director, International Photography Hall of Fame.

For complete contest rules and eligibility, visit [stlbeacon.org/TheCityat250](http://stlbeacon.org/TheCityat250).

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