

PRESS RELEASE



Courtney Miller Wins Grand Prize, and Places 1st, 2nd and 4th in ProPhotoWest Magazine's 2009 College Cover Challenge Print Competition

Courtney Miller, a Brooks Institute of Santa Barbara student, has received special honors in the **Professional Photographers of California (PPC) ProPhotoWest Magazine's First Annual College Cover Challenge Print Competition**. Designed to recognize outstanding talent in the field of student photographers, the judging was held in Thousand Oaks, CA, on February 19, 2009. The winning entries were displayed at the **56th Annual Western States Conference - ProPhotoExpo and Trade Show**, this past weekend, March 20-23, in Pasadena.

Miller's winning print, entitled "Purple Butterfly", earned first place among Brooks Institute student entries, and was deemed the overall grand prize winner in the print competition. Miller competed against registered students from other Californian colleges and photography programs to win the grand prize honor, and to have her entry featured on the July 2009 ProPhotoWest Magazine cover.

Miller's print "Jamie and Bianca" received 2nd place, while her "Clara" image earned 4th place.

2009 was the inaugural year for the ProPhotoWest Cover Challenge. Any subject was deemed acceptable. The criteria for selection included a combination of creativity, story telling, technical excellence, and above all, "wow"-factor.

Five possible awards from each school were available, with the grand prize winner having their entry featured on the July 2009 ProPhotoWest Magazine cover. The winning photographer also received a full scholarship to the 2009 PPC West Coast School, scheduled to be held in San Diego in June of this year.

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