



BEST COVER CONTEST 2024

CALL FOR ENTRIES

ENTRY DEADLINE: **JANUARY 16**



COVER OF THE YEAR 2023

See the 2023 ASME Best Cover Contest Finalists and Winners at asme.media



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Deadline for Entry: 9:00 p.m. EST on January 16, 2024

The ASME 2024 Best Cover Contest honors the best print and digital magazine covers of 2023. Established in 2006, the Best Cover Contest is sponsored and administered by the American Society of Magazine Editors. ASME members choose finalists and winners in 10 categories. The ASME Board of Directors chooses the Cover of the Year. Covers are also posted on social media, where media consumers choose the winners of the ASME Readers' Choice Awards. Finalists receive certificates of recognition. Each winner receives an award displaying the winning image.

Magazines and websites edited and published in the United States are eligible to enter the ASME Best Cover Contest. Covers from magazine special-interest and newsstand-only publications may be entered. Other creators and publishers of magazine-like content, including newspapers and newsletters, are also eligible. Marketing and promotional magazines and websites are not eligible.

No image may be entered without the approval of the magazine or website that published it. The contest administrators reserve the right to determine if a publication qualifies for entry.

Entry fees for ASME members are \$95 per entry. Entry fees for nonmembers are \$195. Late entries are subject to an additional \$45 fee per entry. Editors who join ASME before January 16, 2024, are entitled to pay ASME-member entry fees for the 2024 ASME Best Cover Contest. To apply for ASME membership, visit asme.media/membership.

Entry fees will be refunded for entries withdrawn before January 16, 2024, but no entry fees will be refunded after that date.

ASME BEST COVER CONTEST AND READERS' CHOICE AWARDS CATEGORIES

Five finalists, including a winner, will be chosen in each of the 10 Best Cover Contest categories. The 2024 categories are:

- **Best News and Politics Cover**
- **Best Entertainment and Celebrity Cover**
- **Best Business and Technology Cover**
- **Best Sports and Adventure Cover**
- **Best Fashion, Beauty and Style Cover**
- **Best Food, Travel and Design Cover**
- **Best Local Magazine Cover**
- **Best Conceptual Cover**
Entries in Best Conceptual Cover may include photographs or illustration
- **Best Illustrated Cover**
- **Best Digital Cover**
Entries in Best Digital Cover may include landing pages

Category names are intended to describe cover subjects, not magazine genres. Print or digital content may be entered in any category. Any magazine or website can enter any category, subject to the approval of the contest administrators.

TO ENTER, GO TO asmeBESTCOVERcontest.org

UNCERTAIN ABOUT WHICH CATEGORY TO ENTER?

Email asme@asme.media or call 212.872.3737

Entries are subject to the following conditions:

- Print entries must be dated 2023 (entries dated December 2023/January 2024 or an equivalent, such as Fall 2023/Winter 2024, are eligible; entries dated December 2022/January 2023 or an equivalent are not).
- Digital entries must have been largely produced in 2023. Screenshots may be requested to verify publication dates.
- An entry consists of one print or digital image, including GIFs. Print and digital versions of the same cover may also be submitted as one entry.
- Split covers may be entered but, for the purposes of the contest, will be considered as one cover. An additional fee will be charged for entries consisting of split covers.
- The same image, in original or adapted form, cannot be submitted in more than one category.
- Publications can submit no more than four entries in any category.
- The nomination of any publication more than once in any category is subject to the approval of the ASME Board of Directors.
- Each entry must include a statement no longer than 100 words explaining why the entry merits recognition. Entries must include the name of the chief editor, the art director, the photography editor if applicable and the photographer or illustrator.

How the Winners of the ASME Best Cover Contest Are Chosen

Judging groups composed of leading editors, art directors and photo editors choose five finalists, including a winner, in each category. A list of the judges is published when the winners of the awards are announced. The ASME Board of Directors chooses the ASME Cover of the Year from the winners in the 10 contest categories. Awards may be withheld in any category in which the entries fall below the standard of excellence set by the ASME Board of Directors or in which the number of entries is deemed insufficient by the administrators.

How the Winners of the ASME Readers' Choice Awards Are Chosen

All ASME Best Cover Contest entries are posted on social media. The cover receiving the most likes is deemed the winner of the ASME Readers' Choice Award. Winners are also recognized in each of the 10 categories. In 2024, covers will be posted on social media from Friday, March 1, to Monday, April 1.

For more information, email asme@asme.media or call 212.872.3737

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HOW TO ENTER

- All entries must be submitted online at asmebestcovercontest.org.
- Images must be formatted as high-resolution JPEGs or GIFs. Links to the image in context may also be required.
- Barcodes should be removed from print covers.
- Entrants are advised to visit the website before preparing submissions.

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**Deadline for Entry: 9:00 p.m. EST,
Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

Late entries will be accepted until 9:00 p.m. EST on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, subject to an additional \$45 fee per entry. Entries received after that date may be accepted at the discretion of the administrators of the awards but will be subject to a \$95 late fee.

2024 AWARDS TIMELINE

- JAN. 16** Deadline for Entry 9:00 p.m. EST
JAN. 23 Late-Entry Deadline 9:00 p.m. EST
MAR. 1 Readers' Choice Awards Voting Begins
APR. 1 Readers' Choice Awards Voting Ends
APR. 18 Finalists and Winners Announced

Questions or Concerns?

Email asme@asme.media or call 212.872.3737

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About ASME The American Society of Magazine Editors is the principal organization in the United States for the editorial leaders of magazines and websites. Founded in 1963, ASME strives to defend the First Amendment, support the development of journalism and promote the editorial integrity of print and digital publications. ASME sponsors the National Magazine Awards in association with the Columbia Journalism School.



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