

Photons.

May 2022 photo contest, Reflections

Judge: Darrell Tangen

**GRAY FOX REFLECTIONS: 7.8/10**

This is a beautiful reflection of the fox and the pose is perfect. The water is smooth enough to give clarity but not so smooth that you can't tell it's water and a reflection. The problem I have with this is twofold, one the subject/fox is too centered and doesn't work with the thirds rule, and the other is that the fox is so small in the image and the very complicated scene with bright colors is too distracting.

**HONORABLE REFLECTION: 7/10**

A good example of a reflection and the yellow tower in the reflection is a good focal point to the image. The engravings are sharp and that appears to be the most important part to me the viewer. The focal point is a bit too centered for my taste and I would like it offset up or down. Perhaps a bit closer to the wall would give the names more interest and impact.

**BLACK-CAPPED AVOCET: 8/10**

A good reflection of the bird and nicely placed within the frame, not too centered. And there is a touch more room in front of the bird than behind. The exposure is well handled for a black and white bird as well. Only improvement I would like to see, is a slightly lower angle so we weren't looking so down on the bird.

**CHURCH BY THE LAKE: 8.5/10**

A beautiful scene with the reflection with a tint of cyan adds to the interest of the landscape. It is unfortunate that the construction equipment and cars take away from the peacefulness but that's not something you have control over. The church is off center, adding to the interest. It also has a nice background. Be careful not to cut the steeple off in the reflection, and a lower camera position would help with that.

**ITALIAN DOLOMITES: 10/10**

Lots of symmetry in this shot, and I like how the reflection is emphasized by having a bit more of the reflection in the frame than the actual mountains. The heavy sides add a framing element which keeps the eye in the middle. The detail in the reflection and lake bottom is amazing and I even like the overall coolness in the color as it adds to the peacefulness of the scene. I appreciate the horizon not being in dead center.