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[Improve Your Photography
at State Museum Workshop](#)

Columbia, S.C. --- You've just gotten that new digital camera you wanted as a holiday gift, but you want to learn to go beyond merely snapping pictures to making better photographs—especially those that involve action and sports.

Help is on the way.

The South Carolina State Museum will present a photography seminar as part of the final week of Winter Fest, its annual holiday tradition, to help budding photographers achieve better results.

On Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 1:30 p.m., Five Star Canon Master Photographer Manuel Gaetan will lead a photo seminar on sports and action photography. Gaetan will explore what makes a good action shot as well as the best camera settings to achieve the desired result. He will encourage digital SLR owners to take their cameras off “automatic” mode and explore all the options available at the twist of a dial. The many clear examples offered will make it easier to get the most out of your digital camera.

Gaetan, president and CEO of MGR Enterprises, LLC, has more than 40 years experience in photography, both as a professional with his own studio, and as a photojournalist. His award-winning images have appeared in a number of local publications as well as national magazines such as Sports Illustrated.

Currently he teaches digital photography at Midlands Technical College in Columbia and in the Visual Communications Department of the University of South

Carolina's College of Journalism & Mass Communications. He also offers private tutoring in photography.

“Although I earned a doctorate in engineering, my first love has always been photography,” said Gaetan. “I came to Columbia in 1970 as editor of Bobbin Publications and stayed until I retired 28 years later as publisher and president emeritus. During those 28 years I never left the ‘photojournalist’ label behind, and my cameras accompanied me all over the world, capturing images.”

The seminar is free with membership or admission. No registration or camera is required for the event.

Winter Fest continues through Sunday, Jan. 1. For more information and a full schedule of events, call (803) 898-4952 or visit www.southcarolinastatemuseum.org.

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