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**Beverly Hills artSHOW This Weekend Features over 240 Artists**  
***FREE Family and Community Event Showcases Incredible Array of Art along Four Blocks***



*Beverly Hills, Calif.* - The Beverly Hills artSHOW, a FREE event for everyone to enjoy, is this weekend, May 20 and 21 – from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. The art show takes place in Beverly Gardens Park along four blocks of Santa Monica Boulevard between Rodeo Drive and Rexford Drive in the heart of Beverly Hills. It features over 240 local, regional and national artists in Painting, Sculpture, Ceramics, Digital Media, Drawing, Printmaking, Glass, two and three-dimensional Mixed-Media, Painting, Photography, Sculpture and Watercolor. Artists will be available at their booths to answer questions; they will have their artwork available for purchase. In addition to exciting art, guests can enjoy live entertainment, children and family art projects, a diverse array of food trucks, the Wine & Dine Garden, and the Beer & Brat Garden at this free, fun event. Convenient, inexpensive parking is located directly across from the show grounds.

The Beverly Hills artSHOW, now in its 44<sup>th</sup> year, attracts people from all over Southern California and beyond to shop, collect and enjoy an art-filled weekend. Beverly Hills Mayor Lili Bosse will present major show awards to winners, including Mayor's Purchase Award, Best of Show and Most Original Work on Sunday, May 21 at approximately 11:30 a.m. near the Lily Pond.

Featured artists include those whose work represents Flight, and in some cases, Flights of Fancy.

- **Jean-christophe Dick**, airplane pilot and aerial photographer, captures soaring visions of urban spaces, as does painter **Bert Esenherz-Hewener**, who paints blueprint-like vistas of a mythical urban city.
- Oil painter **David Palmer** catches hummingbirds in flight, along with a sensationally idealized atmosphere, in both his Hummingbird and Biosphere series. His skies are made of many heavenly shades of blue and aqua.
- **Desarae Lee**, a printmaker from Salt Lake City, whose drawings are slightly reminiscent of Edward Gorey, also portrays animals, people, and people-like animals. Circus performers, along with other mercurial, often airborne creatures, grace her work.

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- Sculptor **Theodore Gall**, recipient of multiple artSHOW awards, works in bronze and other metals, creating detailed, fantastical men replete with animal parts, tree limbs, wings, and other methods of escape.
- **Sondra Wampler**, a mixed media artist from New Mexico, creates large surrealistic landscapes of women and animals in gorgeous, fanciful settings.
- **For a short video click here:** [www.beverlyhills.org/artSHOWflightMay2017](http://www.beverlyhills.org/artSHOWflightMay2017)
- Additionally, Demonstrating plein air artists will include **John Kilduff**, **Carol Steinberg**, and newcomer **Lisa Baldwin**. Other demonstrators will include mixed media artist **Seda Saar** and jeweler **Deidre Greene**, who will both hold discussions of their work.

The 2017 artSHOW sponsors and media partners include: David Frank Design, Engel & Volkers, RPM Mortgage, Longshot Espresso, the LA Weekly, the Los Angeles Art Association, Fabrik Magazine, LA Art Party, Yelp, and the Beverly Hills Conference and Visitor's Bureau. Food and Beverage support come from Premiere Events, Stella Artois, and Hint Water. The show's charitable partner is Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and its sister organization, Healing Art with Kids.

For general information about the May 2017 Beverly Hills artSHOW, visit [www.beverlyhills.org/artshowinfo](http://www.beverlyhills.org/artshowinfo) or call (310) 285-2530. For media inquiries, contact Dana Beesen at [dbeesen@beverlyhills.org](mailto:dbeesen@beverlyhills.org) or call (310) 285-2530.

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