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Love Letters Sculpture to be added to Beverly Hills Public Art Collection
Universal Theme of Love is Mayor's Choice from Beverly Hills artSHOW



Beverly Hills, Calif. – Beverly Hills Mayor Julian Gold selected a sculpture entitled “*Love Letters*” as the Mayor’s Purchase Award from the Beverly Hills artSHOW to be placed outside of the Public Works building on Foothill Drive in Beverly Hills.

The art show, held last weekend, is an artist’s delight as it draws thousands of people who are not only festival-goers, but oftentimes buyers looking for an unique or perfect piece of art for a special space they have in mind. Artist Charles Sherman describes the show as a place where, “serious collectors come to buy art, providing good exposure for the artists.”

The art show, held bi-annually in May and October, exhibits the work of 250 artists in thirteen mediums; artists can win awards in each category. The most prestigious award, according to the artists themselves, is receiving the Mayor’s Purchase Award. The Mayor’s Purchase Award is given to the artist from whom the Mayor selects art for installation at one of the City’s public facilities. The award was established to affirm the City’s support of the arts and its commitment to the cultural community.

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“I’m extremely honored the Mayor of Beverly Hills selected this sculpture to be displayed in the City for the public to see,” says Charles Sherman. “Love Letters is a powerful, iconic symbol, a monumental kiss and hug, that expresses a message everyone immediately understands; it’s the universal theme of love.”

Charles Sherman is a Los Angeles-based jewelry designer and sculptor. His philosophy of life and art are the same: to promote the positive. This is reflected in both his sculpture and symbolic jewelry. Since 2002, he has investigated sculptural forms that express the concept of infinity, especially the three-dimensional Mobius ring. Sherman’s design process begins with a sketchbook drawing or clay maquette based on forms and shapes that he discovers through both conceptual methodologies and spiritual contemplation. He has interpreted the infinity ring form in diverse materials, including bronze, ceramic, glass mosaic, aluminum, Lucite, and stainless steel. Like all of his Infinity Ring sculptures, “Love Letters” evokes ancient Feng Shui principles. The never-ending circular nature of its Infinity ring form promotes infinite peace, love, abundance, healing and serenity.

“It must be love,” says Mayor Julian Gold. “As we walked through the art show, I was impressed by how hard it was to make a decision when surrounded by such terrific art. Then suddenly, this piece was in front of me and I knew that it was the right one. It was an easy decision; it just spoke to me.”

The Beverly Hills artSHOW is produced by the City of Beverly Hills and is a bi-annual event. The fall Beverly Hills artSHOW will be held October 20th and 21st. Show hours are 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. All activities occur at the historic Beverly Gardens Park and admission to both days is—as always—free. For more information, please visit www.beverlyhills.org/artshow.

Artists are encouraged to apply in June for a juried spot in the upcoming fall art show. For more information, call 310.285.6836.

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