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45th Annual Beverly Hills artSHOW Announces Winners *Best of Show Awarded to Pasadena Artist; Many Local Artists Place First*



Pictured are Beverly Hills artSHOW winners.

Upper Row l to r: Richard Lee, Clovis Blackwell, Brendan Fuller, Sheko Kirby

Front Row l to r: Brian Blackham, Kelly Clause, Prince Duncan-Williams, Mark Stephenson, Mayor Julian Gold, David Palmer, Helen Allois, Michael Panetta.

Beverly Hills, Calif. -- The Beverly Hills artSHOW, held this past weekend, May 19th and 20th, brought an estimated 35,000 visitors to Beverly Gardens Park where over 250 artists exhibited their work in the open outdoors along four blocks of Santa Monica Boulevard from Rodeo Drive to Rexford Drive. Attendees enjoyed artwork in the ceramics, digital art, drawing & printmaking, furnishings, glass, jewelry, photography, mixed media, painting, sculpture and watercolor categories. Clovis Blackwell of Pasadena, California won Best of Show & First Place in Drawing and Printmaking. Blackwell's images are eye-popping, colorful art that he says are a result of his fascination with apocalyptic sci-fi as a child. "Images of cave entrances, flowers, and nuclear weapons tests (in the form of mushroom clouds), aim to generate multiple associations, opening up the appealing possibilities of the creation in destruction," says Blackwell.

In addition, seven first place or special category winners are from California; others include artists from New York, Nevada, Washington and Utah. All winners are listed below.

The art show is a community event that appeals to locals as well as visitors from abroad. Besides the beautiful art, showgoers can indulge in delicious fare and beverages from gastro-worthy food trucks, juice and coffee trucks, or leisurely converse with their friends at the beer and wine gardens. Art demonstrations entertained adults and children alike. Family-fun activities and entertainment were provided by Healing Art Reaching Kids (H.A.R.K.) of Children's Hospital Los Angeles, the art show's charitable partner. Beverly Hills Mayor Julian Gold attended the art show and walked its entirety in search of the perfect piece of art work to represent the Mayor's Choice Award. Three pieces of artwork are being considered and the winner will be announced once specifications are confirmed.

The Mayor's Choice Award is given to the artist from whom the Mayor selects art for installation at one of the City's public facilities. This will add to over 60 pieces of Public Art now on display throughout the City. The Mayor's Choice Award was established to affirm the City's support of the arts and its commitment to the cultural community.

Mayor Gold says, "The City of Beverly Hills is committed to arts and culture. You will see this in the parks and in the City's public facilities, as Beverly Hills has over 60 pieces of public art on display throughout the city. Cultural events like this, enhances the quality of life for persons who live, work or visit the city. Art provides a source for cultural and artistic experiences for residents and visitors alike. We hope events like this engage, educate and inspire all those who attend."

Artist David Falossi, from Yucca Valley, California has been part of the Beverly Hills Art Show for over 30 years, exhibiting his work 61 times at the bi-annual event. Falossi says, "I first came to the Beverly Hills Art Show right out of college and it has allowed me to sell my work independently and at galleries. I look forward to this show every spring and fall."

May 2018 artSHOW First Place and Special Category Winners are:

SPECIAL CATEGORY WINNERS

- Best of Show & First Place in Drawing and Printmaking, Clovis Blackwell, Pasadena California
- Award for Originality – Helen Allois, Malibu, California
- Best Art Display & First Place in Painting – Brian Blackham, Helper, Utah

FIRST PLACE WINNERS

- Ceramics – Brendan Fuller, Redmond, Washington
- Digital Art – David Palmer, Sherman Oaks, California
- Drawing and Printmaking – Clovis Blackwell, Pasadena, California
- Glass – Michael Panetta, Long Beach, California
- Jewelry – Sheko Kirby & Karkis Chouljian, New York, New York
- Mixed Media-Two Dimensional – Prince Duncan-Williams, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Mixed Media-Three Dimensional – Richard Lee, Fontana, California
- Painting – Hans Kegler, Brian Blackham, Helper, Utah
- Photography – Mark Stephenson, Sky Valley, California
- Sculpture – Onyx Crimbil, Berkeley, California
- Watercolor – Kelly Clause, Santa Barbara, California

Artists are encouraged to apply in June for a juried spot in the upcoming fall Beverly Hills artSHOW, which will be held October 20th and 21st, 2018. For more information, go to www.beverlyhills.org/artshowapp or call 310.285.6836.

The 2018 artSHOW sponsors and media partners include: Lincoln, Engel & Volkers, Etco Homes, Blank 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.

The Beverly Hills artSHOW is produced by the City of Beverly Hills and is a bi-annual event. The fall Beverly Hills artSHOW October 21 and 22 show hours are 10:00 a.m. to 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.

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