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Fall Beverly Hills artSHOW Winners Announced *Local, Regional, and National Artists Recognized with First Place Honors*



Award winners at the Beverly Hills Art Show (l to r): Chris Otcasek, Chris Efstratis, Mayuel Ward, Kaye Freeman, Fortune Sitole, Councilmember Lester Friedman, Liz Sabol, Mayor Julian A. Gold, Sofia Kim, Jon Seeman, Andre Mirzaian, Kina Crow, David Tanych

Beverly Hills, Calif. -- The Beverly Hills artSHOW held this past weekend in Beverly Gardens Park brought an estimated 30,000 visitors to Beverly Hills where 250 artists exhibited their work in the open outdoors along four blocks of Santa Monica Boulevard from Rodeo Drive to Rexford Drive. As always, the artists were selected by a panel of independent fine art professionals.

Art lovers enjoyed work in ceramics, digital art, drawing & printmaking, furnishings, glass, jewelry, photography, two-dimensional and three-dimensional mixed media, painting, sculpture and watercolor. Eight of the fourteen top awards were presented to artists in Southern California. The category winners are:

SPECIAL CATEGORY WINNERS

- Best of Show and First Place in 3-D Mixed Media (clay and other mixed media) - Kina Crow, Allison Park, Pennsylvania
- Award for Originality and First Place in 2-D Mixed Media (Portraits using recycled materials) – Fortune Sitole, Oakland, California
- Best Art Display (Metal Sculpture) – David Tanych, Venice, California

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FIRST PLACE WINNERS

- Ceramics – Chris Efstratis, Sacramento, California
- Digital Art – Joe Hoynik, Los Angeles, California
- Drawing and Printmaking – Andre Mirzaian, Sherman Oaks, California
- Glass – Mayauel Ward, Manhattan Beach, California
- Jewelry – Liz Sabol, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Mixed Media-Two Dimensional – Fortune Sitole, Oakland, California
- Mixed Media-Three Dimensional – Kina Crow, Allison Park, Pennsylvania
- Painting – Kaye Freeman, Los Angeles, California
- Photography – Chris Otcasek, Woodland Hills, California
- Sculpture – Jon Seeman, Laguna Beach, California
- Watercolor – Sofia Kim, Los Angeles, California

Beverly Hills Mayor Julian Gold attended the art show and presented the award winners with their ribbons. 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 70 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.”

The art show is a community event that appeals to locals as well as visitors from all over Southern California and beyond. Besides the creative displays of beautiful artwork, show-goers noshed on delicious fare from gourmet food trucks. The beer and wine garden offered a select choice of gourmet salads and sandwiches curated by Salt. Art demonstrations and special projects provided by Healing Art Reaching Kids of Children’s Hospital Los Angeles entertained adults and children alike.

Artists can go online to get more information for a juried spot in the spring Beverly Hills artSHOW, which will be held May 18th and 19th, 2019. For more information, go to www.beverlyhills.org/artshowapp or email artshow@beverlyhills.org.

The 2018 artSHOW sponsors and media partners include: Engel & Volkers, 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 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 Community Services Department and is a bi-annual event. The next Beverly Hills artSHOW is May 18th and 19th, 10 a.m. to 6 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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