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## **Beverly Hills artSHOW Stoppers and Highlights**

### ***40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event Features Art from Newcomers, Trendsetters and Crowd-Pleasing Favorites on a Perfect Southern California Weekend***

More than 40,000 people turned out this past weekend in Beverly Hills for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary artSHOW, an event showcasing original artwork from a diverse roster of hundreds of painters, sculptors, photographers, mixed media artists, and ceramic and glass creators.

“This year, Beverly Hills celebrated forty years of fine art, outstanding craft, and fun with artists and visitors from all around L.A. and the country,” commented artSHOW Director Karen McLean. “The beauty of our event is that just about anything goes. The Beverly Hills artSHOW features a diverse mix of artists and genres in a casual, open-air environment. This allows artists to interact with visitors and share the personal stories and ideas behind each creation.”

The May 2014 Beverly Hills artSHOW featured two days of perfect Los Angeles weather, nearly 250 artists along four blocks of Beverly Gardens, family activities, a beer and wine garden, painting demonstrations, and food trucks. Event highlights included a 40<sup>th</sup> year “ruby” theme with professional painters, jewelers, and glass artists contributing creations using the rosy gem in honor of the show’s milestone anniversary. To commemorate the City of Beverly Hills’ Centennial anniversary, painters gathered around the newly-restored, century-old Lily Pond creating water renderings of the lilies surrounding the iconic Beverly Hills signs.

Special awards were also given out to more than 40 participating artists in 15 artist categories. Newcomer Rene Porter, who draws portraits of elegant interiors, or females in serene and seductive settings, took home a first place award in the Drawing and Printmaking category and the Best of Show award. Porter stated she was stunned to receive these awards as a first-time participant in the show.

The Mayor’s Purchase Award, selected by Beverly Hills Mayor Lili Bosse, went to painter Stephen Rowe, whose bold and simple yellow and blue pieces were selected to adorn the contemporary walls of the new Roxbury Community Center, which opens later next month on June 8.

Art Show partners, including Whole Foods Market of Beverly Hills, Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles, and the Whole 9 Gallery & Peace Project created ruby-themed and hippie-70’s family art projects to also celebrate the show’s 40<sup>th</sup> year.

The 2014 Beverly Hills artSHOW sponsors and media partners include: Hornburg Jaguar Los Angeles, Sotheby’s Realty, David Frank Design luxury swings, the Los Angeles Art Association, the LA Weekly, KPCC, The Whole 9 Gallery and Peace Project, Fabrik Magazine, Yelp, Whole Foods Market, Waiakea Hawaiian Volcanic Water, Paley Center for Media, and the Beverly Hills Conference and Visitor’s Bureau. The show’s charitable partner is Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, and its sister organization, Healing Art with Kids.

All artSHOW activities occur at the historic Beverly Gardens and admission to both days is free. Beverly Gardens is located along Santa Monica Blvd., from Rodeo Drive to Rexford Drive. The fall art show will be held October 18 and 19, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the same beautiful, historic location.

For a complete list of winners, see attached. To learn more about the Beverly Hills artSHOW, visit [www.beverlyhills.org/artshow](http://www.beverlyhills.org/artshow) or call (310) 285-6830.

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