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43rd Annual Beverly Hills artSHOW Attracts an Estimated 60,000 Visitors
Mayor Recognizes Award Recipients, Including Mayor's Purchase Award for Sculpture Dedicated to the Beverly Hills Community Dog Park



Pictured are Beverly Hills artSHOW winners.

Upper Row l to r: Bannon Fu, Marc Gordon, Jean-christophe Dick, Dariusz Labuzek, Elsie Sims, James Randle, and David Han.

Front Row l to r: Nicholas Coroneos, , Alla Tsank, Andrea Haffner, Sean Harris, Barry and Rosalind Hage, Jan Lord, Wolfgang Vaatz, and Theodore Gall.

Beverly Hills, Calif. -- The Beverly Hills artSHOW, held on May 21 and 22 brought in a record number of art and festival lovers to the city. An estimated 60,000 attendees enjoyed art work from over 250 artists that showcased their pieces in the open outdoors along four blocks of Beverly Gardens Park on Santa Monica Boulevard. The ideal weather certainly gave attendees a good reason to come out and appreciate art while strolling through the park and indulging in gourmet fare from gastro-worthy food trucks or enjoying the wine and beer gardens. Kids appreciated the event and enjoyed creating their own art. The Healing Art Reaching Kids (H.A.R.K.) of Children's Hospital Los Angeles, the art show's charitable partner, provided kid-friendly art projects and music at their booth.

Beverly Hills Mayor, John Mirisch walked the show to select 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 Mayor's Purchase Award was established to affirm the City's support of the arts and its commitment to the cultural community. Mayor Mirisch selected a sculpture by artist David Tanych whose bronze "Ball & Jacks" piece will be home to the soon-to-be Beverly Hills Community Dog Park coming late summer on Foothill Road and Alden Drive.

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Mayor John Mirisch says, “It’s a favorite pastime to come to the Beverly Hills artSHOW and meander through Beverly Gardens Park appreciating the vision of creative minds. Now in its 43rd year, it continues to draw thousands of visitors who find joy in being part of a community event. As the Mayor, I was charged with selecting a piece of art for the City, known as the Mayor’s Purchase Award. It was my intention to find something for our first community dog park which will open at the end of the summer. When I came across David Tanych’s bronze “Ball & Jacks” sculpture, it felt suitably playful for the venue. The playfulness of the sculpture reminded me of dogs running free in the park.”

Karen McLean, artSHOW Director, says “The long-time support of the Beverly Hills community, extensive publicity on new show features, (like an installation piece from the Los Angeles Art Association, as well as our “Gender In Art” artists), and gorgeous, slightly cooler-than-average weather, contributed to a great turnout for a magical event.”

Artists are encouraged to apply in June for a juried spot in the upcoming fall Beverly Hills artSHOW, which will be held October 15 and 16, 2016. For more information, go to www.beverlyhills.org/artshow or call 310.285.6836.

The 2016 artSHOW sponsors and media partners include: David Frank Design, Engel & Volkers, the LA Weekly, the Los Angeles Art Association, Fabrik Magazine, LA Art Party, Yelp, Whole Foods Market, Paley Center for Media, and the Beverly Hills Conference and Visitor’s Bureau. Food and Beverage support come from Whole Foods Market, 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 15 and October 16 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.

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