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Beverly Hills artSHOW Features Over 240 New and Returning Artists *Four Block Event Showcases Array of Art from around the Country*



Beverly Hills, Calif. - The Beverly Hills artSHOW will hold its free spring event on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Beverly Gardens Park, along Santa Monica Boulevard, from Rodeo Drive to Rexford Drive. The Beverly Hills artSHOW, now almost 44 years old, brings art enthusiasts together from all over Southern California and beyond. Artists come from Los Angeles, the Southwest, and the rest of the United States to introduce and sell their work in the garden heart of Beverly Hills.

A special show feature will highlight artists whose work illustrates the subject of *Men and Women: Gender in Art*. Painters, Printmakers, and other featured renderers include notable artists, many new to the show. Bruce Burr, Minas Halaj, Ron Klotzman, Dariusz Labuzek, Rene Porter, Karen Robey, Jamie Walker, and Robin Walker address the many shades of male and female in contemporary life. Typically at this event, there are a number of participants who possess masterful drawing skills, and this roster of figurative artists is indeed typical.

In the related field of portraiture, returning artist Carol Steinberg, along with newcomers Shelley Cassidy and Julie Arnoff, will be demonstrating their painting and drawing techniques with live models at the show.

Category awards and major show awards, including the Mayor's Purchase Award, Best of Show and Most Original Work, will be announced in a Sunday afternoon ceremony, at the show's center, in front of the Lily Pond.

In addition to great art, guests can enjoy live entertainment, children and family art projects, a diverse array of food trucks, a wine and dine garden, and a beer and brat garden at this free, fun event. Convenient, inexpensive parking is located directly across from the show grounds.

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.

For general information about the May 2016 Beverly Hills artSHOW, visit www.beverlyhills.org/artshow or call (310) 285-6830. For media inquiries, contact Dana Beesen at dbeesen@beverlyhills.org or call (310) 285-2530.

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