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Beverly Hills artSHOW Features Special Construction Exhibits Outdoor Fair Showcases 250 Artists, Special Exhibits and Festivities for Art Lovers and the Whole Family



Beverly Hills, Calif. - The City of Beverly Hills will hold its fall BH artSHOW on Saturday and Sunday, October 15th and 16th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Beverly Gardens Park, along four blocks of Santa Monica Boulevard, from Rodeo Drive to Rexford Drive. The Beverly Hills artSHOW, now in its 44th year, is a free event and 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 showcase and sell their work in the heart of Beverly Hills.

A special show feature will highlight artists whose work illustrates the subject of *Construction*. Painters, printmakers, and other featured renderers include notable artists, many new to the show. David Tanych is a sculptor who was selected for the Mayor's Purchase Award. His large bronze ball and jacks set, The Big Game, greets visitors at the entrance to Beverly Hills community dog park. Jean-Christoph Dick is a photographer and pilot who takes aerial photos of vast, idealized urban landscapes. Steve Larson creates mysterious paintings of towns affected by apocalyptic events. Gail Rodgers creates massive silkscreen pieces of colorful, crowded, pop Los Angeles locales. Fortune Sitole, through work with different textures, creates shanty towns of makeshift construction in South Africa. The unflagging photographer, Zale Richard Rubins has recently trekked through nearly all of urban L.A., documenting construction and destruction of cityscapes both beautiful and unsightly. Classically-trained veteran painter Donald Archer has long painted the transformation of coastal Southern California via construction projects, while newcomer mixed-media artist Ryan Graeff rejoices but provokes with his densely-packed images of already established urban centers, from Venice to El Segundo to Inglewood. Ryan taps into "the collective unconscious of Los Angeles" according to KCET.

In addition to great art, guests can enjoy live entertainment, children and family art projects, popular food fare and 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, Longshot Espresso, Bolthouse 1910, 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 October 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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