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Los Angeles Artist, Palladino, Wins Frist Place in Painting at the October 2016 BH artSHOW



Beverly Hills, Calif. -- The Beverly Hills artSHOW, held on October 15 and 16 brought art and festival lovers from all over, who enjoyed the work of 250 artists in categories including Ceramics, Digital Media, Drawing and Printmaking, Glass, Jewelry, Mixed Media, Painting, Photography, Sculpture and Watercolor. Festival goers had a wide variety of beverages and food to choose from with a Beer & Brat Garden, Wine & Dine Garden, two coffee trucks, four dessert trucks and fifteen gourmet food trucks. And for the children, activities were provided by the show's charitable partner, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and its sister organization, Healing Art with Kids.

Artist Stephen Palladino from Los Angeles placed First in Painting at the Beverly Hills artSHOW this past weekend. Although Palladino has studios and areas of residence in different parts of the U.S., he spends most of his time in Los Angeles. His murals are located in Terroni's Restaurant, Culver Studios and on Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica.

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Palladino creates work that combines loose, raw, and expressive mark making with tight and clean line work. Jumping between two predominantly linear styles, the painter can create a portrait with one single line or carefully craft a character made up of precise detail work, either style being very recognizable of the artist at just a glance. This style stems from Stephen's childhood obsession with cartoons and graffiti which shows clearly in his present work. Palladino's characters personify slick, gritty, vintage, gangster-esque gentleman as well as wild, weird, dark, demented, and lowbrow mash-ups with hidden layers of popular imagery and clever dialogue.

Formally trained in grade school, Palladino eventually dropped out of high school to work and continue painting. He began working full time doing commercial artwork until gaining success for his personal work in 2011.

He has been commissioned by Lady Gaga, Absolut Vodka, The Culver Studios, The Miami Ad School, Tres Carnes, Clear Channel, Fox, Reebok, Hilton, and privately throughout the World. In recent years, Palladino has showed works in group exhibitions and had his first solo show in Los Angeles, where he currently resides.

Entire list of October 2016 art show winners are: Best of Show (Painting), Brian Blackham of **Salt Lake City, Utah**; Gil Borgos Award for Originality (Sculpture), Nancy Cervenka of **Mountainair, New Mexico**; Best Display of Art, Karchi Perlmann (Photography) and David Greenhalgh (Mixed media 3D), both from **Los Angeles, California**; First Place Winners - Ceramics, Nancy Creech from **San Diego, California**; Drawing and Printmaking, Varuzhan Hovakimyan from **Burbank, California**; Jewelry, Adam Neeley from **Laguna Beach, California**; Mixed Media - Three-Dimensional, Kenna Doering from **Sacramento, California**; Mixed Media Two-Dimensional, Minas Halaj from **Glendale, California**; Photography - Michael Gordon from **Long Beach, California**; Watercolor, Bannon Fu from **Gardena, California**; Digital Media, Tanya Dobova from **Phoenix, Arizona**; Glass, Paul Harrie from **Hawthorne, California**; Painting, Stephen Palladino from **Los Angeles, California**; Sculpture, Theodore Gall from **Ojai, California**.

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.

The spring Beverly Hills artSHOW will be held May 20 and 21, 2017 at Beverly Gardens Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission to both days is always free. Artists are encouraged to apply for a juried spot when application process opens November 15, 2016. For more information, go to www.beverlyhills.org/artshow or call 310.285.6836.