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BEVERLY HILLS ARTSHOW ANNOUNCE THE SPECIAL FEATURES AT MAY 16 AND 17 EVENT

Over 240 Artists Exhibit their Artwork

The Beverly Hills artSHOW, which will be held on May 16th and May 17th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Beverly Gardens on Santa Monica Boulevard between Rodeo and Rexford Drive, announce the special features for the May show, **Still Life and Object Painting**, **Animazya** (composed of exhibits spread throughout the show by artists who portray animals) and the innovative work of Los Angeles Art Association artists.

The **Still Life and Object Painting** genre, which has always attracted strong painters to this show, includes work by **Brian Blackham**, **Raymond Logan**, and **Bradford Salamon**, each a master of composition and oil painting technique who make everyday objects gleam. Fellow object painter **David Palmer**'s Pop Art objects and **Eul Hurley**'s complex, modern still lifes will also be back. Traditional still life artists will include Alice Hernandez-Gaona and Catherine Dzialo-Haller. The accomplished still life and landscape artist **Carol Steinberg** will be demonstrating her technique on the "Rodeo Block" of the art show. Beverly Hills resident **Michael Harnish**, another contemporary representational painter, who received the Best of Show Award in the fall of 2014, will bring a variety of work: still life, abstracted floral, and figurative paintings.

Animazya highlights photographers, painters, printmakers and sculptors who portray animals, a subject which has increased in popularity throughout all levels of the art world. These artists include photographers Jesse Frieden (dog photography!), Fred Petermann (wild horses) and Shawn Harris (award for most unique artist at the previous show). Painters, printmakers, and even a scratchboard artist include Sergey Bagramayan, Sylvia Gonzales, Desarae Lee, Silvia Gallini, and Heather Lara (awesomely detailed scratchboard animal portraits). Time McClendon (first place in sculpture at the last show) will display his fun and blingy creatures!

The **Los Angeles Art Association**, will present artist Tom Lamb's large, dizzying aerial photographs and James Peterson's glowing, space-ship like installation at the center of the show, near the iconic Beverly Hills Sign. The LAAA is a non-profit organization and owner of Gallery 825; its mission is to promote contemporary, emerging artists in Los Angeles who operate independently from the traditional gallery scene.

The show will present several Beverly Hills resident artists, one a well-known show veteran, and two new young artists. One of these residents received the Best of Show award in October of 2014 from a panel of well-known Los Angeles jurors!

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The show, which is FREE and open to the public, will feature 240 local, regional and national artists, in eleven fine art and craft categories. The booths fan out along four leafy blocks of Beverly Gardens in the center of Beverly Hills, on Santa Monica Boulevard from Rodeo to Rexford Drive. Convenient, inexpensive parking is available directly across from the show grounds.

As always, in addition to art, guests can enjoy wine and beer gardens, food trucks, live entertainment, and family activities. All show artists will be on site to talk with visitors. All art is for sale, and patrons come from Southern California and beyond to shop, collect and savor this art-filled weekend. A Sunday afternoon ceremony will feature announcements by Mayor Julian Gold, M.D., including major show awards like the Mayor's Purchase Award, the Best of Show and Most Original Work at the show's centrally located Lily Pond.

The 2015 artSHOW's sponsor and media partners include: David Frank Design luxury swings, 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 Premiere Events, Beck's Beer and Urth Caffé. 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 2015 Beverly Hills artSHOW, visit www.beverlyhills.org/artshow or call (310) 285-6830. For media inquiries, please contact Dana Beesen - dbeesen@beverlyhills.org or call (310) 285-6830.

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