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## **Salt Lake City Resident, Blackham, Wins Best of Show at the October 2016 BH artSHOW**



*Blackman shown here with  
Beverly Hills Recreation & Parks  
Commissioner Chair Francis  
Bilak.*

*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 Brian Blackham from Salt Lake City, Utah placed Best of Show at the Beverly Hills artSHOW this past weekend. Blackham received his Master's Degree in Fine Arts from Arizona State University and his Bachelor of Fine Arts from University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Blackham's work has been exhibited in galleries all over the Western U.S. and he has won numerous awards. Blackham says, "My paintings are an exploration of the phenomena of light. The light that exists within the environment and the light that falls over the objects. I

am continually amazed with the value and the intensity of color in its relationship to space. How colors look when they are close to you or far away. To slowly build the illusion of an object in space, using one piece of information at a time, can become a dance that feels like it's the most important thing on earth. The placement of the objects in the painting is incredibly important. The balance achieved within the illusion of space is my interaction with feng shui in two dimensions. The objective is to create paintings that are satisfying visually and resonate with you mentally."

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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 Doeringer 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](http://www.beverlyhills.org/artshow) or call 310.285.6836.

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