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The Beverly Hills Art Show Features 150 Artists at May Show

Established and emerging award-winning artists will feature artworks in a variety of mediums.

Beverly Hills, Calif. – Now in its 49th year, the City of Beverly Hills will hold its bi-annual spring Beverly Hills Art Show on Saturday & Sunday, May 21 & 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.in Beverly Gardens Park, along three blocks of Santa Monica Boulevard, from Canon Drive to Rexford Drive. The Beverly Hills Art Show is a free event that brings 150 artists from all over Southern California, the Southwest and across the nation showcasing, artworks in eleven mediums which include ceramics, digital media, drawing & printmaking, glass, jewelry, mixed-media, painting, photography, sculpture and watercolor. All participating artists will exhibit and sell their work, giving attendees a special opportunity to acquire one-of-a-kind originals, limited editions, and newly released pieces.

Several artists who placed first in last year's Art Show will return this May, as well as 37 new artists to the Show and a wide array of established and emerging artists showcasing artworks from the traditional to the very contemporary.

Returning is artist and California native, <u>Christen Austin</u>, First Place in Painting, October 2020. As a Black female artist living in America, Austin feels, "it is important to provide imagery that represents the Black community in a way that encompasses positivity and relatability."

Also returning is Joe <u>Polthakorn Vilaiwan</u> of Vilaiwan Fine Jewelry, who is a second-generation jeweler, where in his native Thailand, learned to develop an instinct for identifying quality stones and metals. At the young age of 14, Joe began designing avant-garde jewelry that today is featured in magazines, on runways and in film, and appeals to a list of celebrity clients.

Another favorite of the Art Show is photographer <u>Ira Meyer</u>, whose work is collected worldwide and has been published in am array of magazines and newspapers such as <u>National Geographic</u>, <u>Outdoor Photographer</u> and the <u>Los Angeles Times</u>, as well as on the cover of books, greeting cards and calendars. Meyer's work captures astonishing photographs from all over the world.

New to the Show is sculptor, <u>Danette Landry</u>. Landry calls for a constant reconstruction and materialization of one's self. This force is represented in her bronze totems. Individually, each carries a variety of wounds analogous to those found in humanity. Altogether, the patinated bronze sculptures exude a driving force to survive. With these works, Landry expresses her individual will to resist and reconstruct life's trials and hardship into new forms and new expressions of the human spirit.

In addition to exceptional art, guests can enjoy food and beverages for purchase from these popular Southern California food trucks: Cousins Maine Lobster, Pie 'n Burger, The Deli Doctor, Paradise Truck and Thai Mex Cocina. Convenient, inexpensive parking is located directly across from the show grounds.

The Beverly Hills Art Show is produced by the City's <u>Community Services Department</u>. Follow @CommunityLifeBH on social media to find out the latest about Community Services events, programs, classes and activities. For the Beverly Hills Art Show, tag your Art Show photos #bhartshow and #bhartsandculture. The 2022 Art Show partners are the Los Angeles Art Association and the Beverly Hills Conference and Visitor's Bureau.

For general information and more about all the artists and the map locations of each artist in the May 2022 Beverly Hills Art Show, visit <u>www.beverlyhills.org/artshow</u> or call (310) 285-6830. For media inquiries, contact Dana Beesen at dbeesen@beverlyhills.org or call (310) 285-2530.

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