

DIVERSITY WINS AS AMERICA'S BEST GALLERIES DECIDE WORLD'S BEST ARTISTS: 2021 AMERICAN ART AWARDS

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Not only are this year's 300+ AMERICAN ART AWARDS winning artists from 59 countries, spanning every race and gender, but the six monetary prizes are awarded today to artists of many races, genders and ages.

The six cash prizes of the biggest online art competition in the world go to Zambia, Canada, Philippines, China (2), and USA. Their awarded (oil, acrylic, watercolor or graphite) portrait subjects are Zambian, African-American, Chinese, Caucasian, Latin, European and others impressionistic enough to be any remaining nationality.

"We sent nearly 2,000 online images to be scored by the 25 best galleries and museums in USA and they voted independently and anonymously. In other words, they could not orchestrate the winning works to deliberately show such a wide variety of races, it just happened, but it fits nicely with our American Art Awards theme because we have always believed every artist is equal and their art images deserve equal attention from the best galleries in America," explains president of American Art Awards, Thom Bierdz, TV actor, 12x author and portrait artist, "...This is why we only send the voting galleries and museums the artwork images and a few words of description. No photos of the artists or bios are allowed."

Bierdz co-hosts the 50 minute movie showing ALL 50 categories of winning artworks:

<https://youtu.be/GtcDwZNK-Hs>

The 6 cash prizes for 2021 go to:

BEST OF SHOW: Teddy Bechman, Zambia, for "Innocence," a large bright hyperrealist charcoal of a youth, glasses tucked in hair.

MOST WINS (9): Cher Pruys, Canada, an acrylic realist ranging from exuberant children to cowboys to automotive still-life.

MASTERPIECE: Romulo Galicano, Philippines, for "The Sleeping Model," a large shadowy oil comparable to any Renaissance museum painting.

2ND HIGHEST SCORE: Liu Haotian, China, for "Sunset In The Afternoon," a tall and timeless oil celebrating the aging working man.

3RD HIGHEST SCORE: Ziyi Chen, China, for "The Temperature Of Memory," a complicated, whimsical watercolor.

4TH HIGHEST SCORE: Dan Simoneau, USA, for "Time Traveler," a warm, realistic, mainly brown and black acrylic of a striking male.

Artworks from 59 countries won among the 50 categories (paintings, drawings, photography, digital and sculpture). Americans won more because Americans entered more since the competition is better known here.

Number of winners per country: Argentina 1, Australia 12, Belarus 2, Belgium 2, Brazil 3, Bulgaria 2, Canada 30, China 85, Croatia 2, Cyprus 1, Denmark 2, England 2, Finland 1, France 7, Georgia 3, Germany 18, Ghana 1, Greece 3, Hungary 2, Japan 1, India 10, Iran 1, Ireland 1, Israel 1, Italy 14, Kazakhstan 1, Kuwait 2, Latvia 6, Lithuania 27, Macedonia 5, Malaysia 2, Mexico 2, Moldova 1, Morocco 1, Netherlands 3, New Zealand 1, Nigeria 8, Norway 1, Oman 1, Pakistan 1, Philippines 5, Poland 8, Republic Of Korea 12, Romania 2, Russia 45, Serbia 1, South Africa 8, Spain 11, Sweden 3, Taiwan 7, Thailand 1, Turkey 3, Uganda 1, UK 10, Ukraine 5, USA 264, Uzbekistan 1, Zambia 1, Zimbabwe 2.

For art collectors, all winning images and corresponding contact info of all the artists will soon be uploaded to this page:

<https://www.americanartawards.com/the-best-artists-in-the-world-2/2021-winning-artists/>

In upcoming weeks, 50+ articles featuring all awarded work will be released.

This is the 13th anniversary for the American Art Awards organization which selects the 25 Best Galleries and Museums in America each May, then in late summer these revered art institutions vote on online art to decide the world's best contemporary artists.

This year's 25 Best Galleries & Museums asked to vote on art were:

BEST IN ARIZONA: Exposures International Gallery of Fine Art

BEST IN CALIFORNIA: Revolver Gallery

BEST IN COLORADO: Mirada Fine Art

BEST IN FLORIDA: Art Fusion Galleries

BEST IN HAWAII: Sunshine Arts

BEST IN ILLINOIS: Trickster Cultural Center

BEST IN IOWA: Moberg Gallery

BEST IN KANSAS: Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery

BEST IN KENTUCKY: E&S Gallery

BEST IN LOUISIANA: Jonathan Ferrara Gallery

BEST IN MASSACHUSETTS: Boston Sculptors Gallery

BEST IN MISSOURI: Hilliard Gallery

BEST IN MONTANA: Dana Gallery

BEST IN NEBRASKA: Kiechel Fine Art

BEST IN NEVADA: Metropolitan Gallery Las Vegas Art Museum

BEST IN NEW JERSEY: Evalyn Dunn Gallery

BEST IN NEW YORK: LIK SOHO

BEST IN NEW MEXICO: GF Contemporary

BEST IN NORTH CAROLINA: The Arts Council of Fayetteville| Cumberland County

BEST IN SOUTH CAROLINA: Mary Martin Galleries Of Fine Art

BEST IN SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota Art Museum

BEST IN TENNESSEE: Stanford Fine Art

BEST IN TEXAS: Ao5

BEST IN WASHINGTON: Maryhill Museum of Art

BEST IN WEST VIRGINIA: Parkersburg Art Center

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