



**AMERICAN ART AWARDS Names The World’s Best Contemporary Artists In 50 Categories**

(Probably going to 600 news outlets on October 27, 2023.) Los Angeles.

Artists from 72 countries competed in the 2023 AMERICAN ART AWARDS where 20 of the most revered galleries in the USA were sent online images to score in drawing, painting, sculpture, digital and photography. The 300+ winning works, 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Place (and ties) in all 50 categories, will be featured in an upcoming movie and 75 articles.

The six cash prizes of arguably the most prestigious online art competition in the world go to fine artists in USA, Spain, Canada and Nigeria, winning in oil, acrylic, graphite, digital and sculpture.

“American Art Awards levels the playing field, so all artists have an equal opportunity,” explains Thom Bierdz, president of American Art Awards, World Art Awards, Art Collectors Choice Awards, 12x author, fine artist and TV actor. “This is why we only send the voting galleries the artwork images, titles, sizes and mediums used. No photos of the artists or bios are allowed. It’s all about initial impact. However, if a gallery is so enamored with a piece, they are free to click on the artist’s web site link and contact them for representation.”

Winners of the 6 cash prizes are:

MOST WINS – 12 WINS - goes to Canada's CHER PRUYS, a master at acrylic realism, who has won about 400 art awards in her stunning career thus far.

The MASTERPIECE cash prize goes to USA's MAXWELL G. MILLER for a small Renaissance-style oil self-portrait titled "The Journeyman" which won in 4 categories.

BEST OF SHOW / Highest Score goes to USA's DAN PYLE for "Frida (Kahlo)," a 27 inch charcoal and pastel on illustration board.

2nd HIGHEST SCORE IN CONTEST goes to RAMÓN RIVAS of Spain for "Strategic Gameboard For Peace." The timely 77 inch checkerboard tribute to John Lennon was created with his own trademark mixed media-Rivismo on canvas.

3rd HIGHEST SCORE IN CONTEST goes to NWITE EJIKE STANLEY of Nigeria for "Cry Of A Merman." The large realistic graphite and charcoal on canvas depicts an epic marine melodrama, both contemporary and ethereal.

4th HIGHEST SCORE IN CONTEST goes to American TESA MICHAELS for her 54 inch "Golden Elegance," a nonrepresentational sculpture comprised of semi-precious stones and other media on panel.

Top galleries voted hundreds more works as the best in the world in 50 categories of painting, sculpture, photography and digital. Art collectors can now acquire these masterpieces in oil, acrylic, watercolor, charcoal, pastel, realism, impressionism, naïve, abstract, expressionism, human figure, animal, landscape, fantasy, surrealism, pop, portrait, self-portrait, political, erotic, cubism, floral, humor, spiritual, etc..

Art collectors can see the hundreds of winning images - and corresponding contact info to the best contemporary artists in the world here: <https://americanartawards.com/2023-winning-artists-american-art-awards/>

In 2023, AMERICAN ART AWARDS had submissions from these 72 countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Columbia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Switzerland, Tobago, Trinidad, Turkey, UK, Ukraine, USA, Viet Nam, Wales, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

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