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The Cherry Creek Arts Festival Announces 2015 Artist Award Winners

WHAT: On Friday, July 3, the [Cherry Creek Arts Festival](#) held its annual Artist Awards Dinner, where exhibiting artists came together to celebrate the 25th Anniversary Arts Festival and honor 2015 Artist Award Winners. The following 11 artists are the only exhibiting artists who are automatically invited to return for the 2016 Arts Festival.

WHO: A group of independent jurors determined the following artists to be the 2015 award winners.

Best of Show: Chia Haruta, printmaking, booth 256

2nd Place: Kaiser Suidan, ceramics, booth 148

3rd Place: Richard Hall, painting, booth 246

Merit Awards: Shadow May, sculpture, booth 253; Dolan Geiman, mixed media, booth 149; John Mascoll, wood, booth 160; Paveen Chunhaswasdikul, ceramics, booth 153; Jennifer McCurdy, ceramics, booth 172

Juror's Award: Pamela Blaies, painting, booth 175

Juror's Award: Patty Roberts, glass, booth 212

Juror's Award: Jerry Brem, painting, booth 88

ARTIST SELECTION: The 260 exhibiting artists were selected through a blind-jury process from over 2,000 applicants, based on artistic excellence in original, handcrafted work, making the Festival one of the most competitive art shows in the nation. Contributing to the extremely competitive nature of the jury and the high levels of art excellence are actual artist sales and consistently high national festival rankings. High sales are attributed to the event's setting in the heart of Denver's unique, beautiful and affluent district of Cherry Creek North, an educated art-buying audience of 350,000 annually, and a multi-media marketing campaign valued at \$900,000+.

[About The Cherry Creek Arts Festival](#)

The Cherry Creek Arts Festival is a three-day, world-class and award-winning celebration of the visual, culinary, and performing arts and enjoys an annual attendance of 350,000 visitors. Special exhibits, art and culinary demonstrations, and interactive family activities on Artivity Avenue complement the Festival experience. The 2015 event will take place on July 3, 4 and 5. Janus presents the 2015 Cherry Creek Arts Festival sponsored by Arrow Electronics and Your Hometown Toyota Stores. Associate sponsors are Blue Moon Brewing Company, Cherry Creek North, Cherry Creek Shopping Center, Frame de Art, Hendrick's Gin, JW Marriott Denver, the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District, Woody Creek Distillers and Xfinity. They are joined by Associate Media Sponsors, 9NEWS, Colorado Homes & Lifestyles, Mountain Living, The Denver Post Community, Alice 105.9, Studio 1430 KEZW AM, KOSI 101 and 99.5 The Mountain. Supporting Sponsors include Blake Communications, Crafhouse Cocktails, Finished Basement Company, REthinkREmodel, Francis Ford Coppola Winery, Happy Llama Inc. and Pepsi. Contributing Sponsors include American Art Collector, Colorado Business Bank, Colorado Lottery, Creative Law Network, Kaiser Permanente, King Soopers and MDC Foundation. Along with the annual civic event, the Cherry Creek Arts Festival's 501(c)(3) non-profit mission provides art education and outreach programs in local area schools. For more information, visit www.CherryArts.org; or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat (cherryarts) or Periscope (cherryarts). Celebrate imagination using the hashtag #CherryArts

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