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## WORLD'S BEST CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS NAMED BY AMERICA'S 25 BEST GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS: THE ANNUAL 2019 AMERICAN ART AWARDS RESULTS

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The three cash prize winners of arguably the biggest online art competition in the world were announced today.

Globally celebrated realist painter, Canadian BRUCE K. LAWES, won Best Of Show scoring the most gallery votes for one image in one category for his stunning 24x36" oil on linen of leopards in a tree, "In The Shadow Of Greatness."

Highly respected SHU YU of China took the Masterpiece for the one image winning in most categories for "A Million Possibilities," a 180x120cm digital painting.

Peeking her 35 year art career, 73 year-old American LINDA STEELE's fanciful acrylic impressionistic works received the Most Wins prize for 14 placements among the 50 categories.

This is the 11th 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 new artists. In 2019, painters, photographers, sculptors and digital artists from 63 countries submitted online images to be scored, in hopes of winning career launch, cash prizes and/or 1st to 6th Place in 50 categories via the popular award site: <https://www.AmericanArtAwards.com>.

AAA is headed by Thom Bierdz known worldwide since 1986 as Phillip Chancellor III on *The Young & The Restless*, also a fine artist and 10x author. Bierdz and actress Emily Brooke Hands will co-host 50 upcoming videos revealing the 50 categories of 2019 winning artworks.

Over approximately the next 50 days, the hundreds of other winning art pieces will be uploaded onto the award site after they are systematically revealed to the public one category at a time in news via Medium and Highlight Hollywood.

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

BEST IN ARKANSAS - Fort Smith Regional Art Museum

BEST IN CALIFORNIA - Exclusive Collections

BEST IN COLORADO - Mirada Fine Art

BEST IN HAWAII - Sunshine Arts

BEST IN ILLINOIS - Trickster Art Gallery

BEST IN INDIANA - Haan Mansion Museum Of Indiana Art

BEST IN IOWA - Moberg Gallery

BEST IN KANSAS - Eva Reynolds Fine Arts

BEST IN KENTUCKY - E&S Gallery

BEST IN LOUISIANA - Newcomb Art Museum

BEST IN MARYLAND - Annapolis Marine Art

BEST IN MINNESOTA - Modern Artifact

BEST IN MISSOURI - Hilliard Gallery

BEST IN NEVADA - The Metropolitan Gallery of Las Vegas Art Museum

BEST IN NEW MEXICO - Pippin Contemporary

BEST IN NEW JERSEY - Evalyn Dunn

BEST IN OHIO - Lee Hayden Gallery

BEST IN OREGON - Bronze Coast Gallery

BEST IN SOUTH CAROLINA - Mary Martin Gallery Of Fine Art

BEST IN SOUTH DAKOTA - South Dakota Art Museum

BEST IN TEXAS - Ao5

BEST IN WASHINGTON DC - LIK Fine Art Washington DC

BEST IN UTAH - Southam Gallery

BEST IN WEST VIRGINIA - West Virginia State Museum

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