

PRESS RELEASE

Chinese Painters Dominate 2020 American Art Awards / Dramatic Trump, COVID And Breonna Taylor Portraits Also Winners

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Five Chinese and two Canadian painters won the seven cash prizes in the biggest online art competition in the world, the 2020 AMERICAN ART AWARDS, scored by America's 25 Best Galleries & Museums.

A six foot hyper-realistic charcoal of Trump's face by a Nigerian, another not so flattering of hot sauce pouring on Trump by an American, a six inch oil of Breonna Taylor by an American and three paintings of nurses with COVID masks were some stand-outs among the nearly 2,000 online art submissions from 62 countries. See those described here: <https://www.americanartawards.com/2020-winning-art/>

\$ 1,000 BEST OF SHOW went to watercolorist CHANGSHENG XU and was donated by American Art Awards biggest winning artist to date, Canadian realist Bruce K. Lawes, who decided between the 3 highest gallery-scored pieces. Taking 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th highest votes and also winning cash were Chinese realism artists, HUI ZHOU (graphite), YUNSHENG LIU (watercolor), SHUAI HAN (acrylic) and FEI GAO (oil).

\$ 1,000 MOST WINS went to Canadian acrylic realist CHER PRUYS for 11 wins. \$ 1,000 MASTERPIECE went to another Canadian, LINDA IRWIN for her acrylic "Bedouin Elder" portrait which placed in 4 categories.

This is the 12th 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. 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 is set to host 50 upcoming videos revealing all 50 categories of 2020's best contemporary art (300+ pieces).

Over approximately the next 50 days, the hundreds of other winning art pieces will be revealed to the public one category at a time in Medium news releases.

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 - CODA GALLERY

BEST IN COLORADO - CLYFFORD STILL MUSEUM

BEST IN DELAWARE - THE DELAWARE CONTEMPORARY

BEST IN FLORIDA - MAC ART GALLERIES

BEST IN GEORGIA - WESTOBOU GALLERY

BEST IN ILLINOIS - FR. MICHAEL E. KOMECHAK, O. S. B. ART GALLERY

BEST IN KANSAS - EVA REYNOLDS FINE ARTS

BEST IN LOUISIANA - ARTHUR ROGER GALLERY

BEST IN MAINE - PORTLAND MUSEUM OF ART

BEST IN MASSACHUSETTS - QUIDLEY & COMPANY

BEST IN MISSOURI - KEMPER MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

BEST IN NEBRASKA - KIECHEL FINE ART

BEST IN NEW HAMPSHIRE - ROCHESTER MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

BEST IN NEW JERSEY - EVALYN DUNN GALLERY

BEST IN NEW MEXICO - ANDERSON MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

BEST IN OHIO - DAYTON ART SOLUTIONS

BEST IN OREGON - ROGER YOST BAY STREET GALLERY

BEST IN PENNSYLVANIA - PHILAMOCA

BEST IN SOUTH CAROLINA - MARY MARTIN GALLERIES OF FINE ART

BEST IN SOUTH DAKOTA - SOUTH DAKOTA ART MUSEUM

BEST IN UTAH - LOGAN FINE ART GALLERY

BEST IN VIRGINIA - LAZARE GALLERY

BEST IN WEST VIRGINIA - PARKERSBURG ART CENTER

BEST IN WISCONSIN – MMoCA - THE MADISON MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

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